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# Great Holland Village Voice



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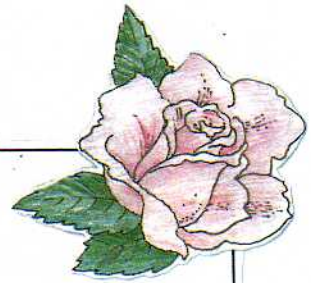
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... to the June/July edition of **Village Voice**.



## Included in this edition...

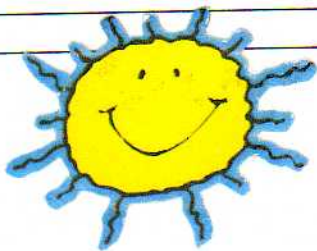
- minutes of the recent AGM of Great Holland Residents Association
- news about plans by All Saints' Church for 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations next year
- a request for help with the 2015 Village & Church Fête
- a plea to local dog walkers

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 August or September 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 20<sup>th</sup> July



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## Village Contacts and Local Information

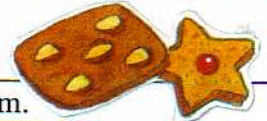
<b>Member of Parliament</b>	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	<b>423112</b>
<b>Residents' Association</b>	Paul Fletcher-Tomenius (Chair)	<b>675268</b>
<b>All Saints' Church Minister</b>	Rev. Mark Holdaway	<b>675997</b>
<b>Methodist Church Minister</b>	Rev. Eva Walker	<b>851179</b>
<b>Great Holland Village Hall Committee</b>	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs C Harris (Bookings)	<b>850317</b> <b>830136</b>
<b>The Ship Inn</b>	Lee	<b>674809</b>
<b>Frinton &amp; Walton Town Council</b> (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs Myrna Liles (Town Clerk)  Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	<b>676666</b>  <b>850067</b>
<b>Tendring District Council</b>	Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE  Cllr. Mr Robert J Bucke Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens	<b>686868</b> (Emergency/out of hours: <b>2220220</b> )  <b>677495</b> <b>861374</b>
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<b>RSPCA</b>	<b>0300 1234 999</b>	
<b>Neighbourhood Watch Administrator</b>	Please call <b>101</b> and ask to speak to Paul Teague.	
<b>Crime Reduction Officer</b>	Please call <b>101</b> and ask to speak to David Gillies.	
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	<b>0800 555111</b>	
<b>Essex Police non emergency</b>	<b>101</b>	
<b>Essex Fire &amp; Rescue non emergency</b>	<b>01376 576000</b>	
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	<b>0844 4770808</b>	
<b>Coastguard Service</b>	<b>01255 675518</b>	
<b>Colchester General</b>	<b>01206 747474</b>	
<b>National Rail Enquiries</b>	<b>08457 484950</b>	
<b>Tendring Dial-a-Ride</b>	<b>01255 436962</b>	
<b>Mobile Library</b>	Calls fortnightly every other Thursday at <b>Rosery Mews</b> only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
<b>Civic Amenity Tip</b> Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken	<b><u>The Civic Amenity Tip is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u></b>  Opening times: <b>Winter</b> (16 <sup>th</sup> October - end of February): 9.00am- 4.00pm  <b>Summer</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> March-15 <sup>th</sup> October): 9.00am-5.00pm Late night opening during summer no longer takes place.	



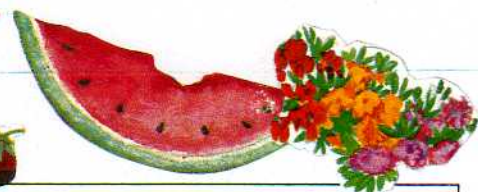
# Dates for your Diary



Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police - Come and meet your PCSOs to discuss any issues/concerns you may wish to raise: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	HOME MADE HOUR WITH LIVE MUSIC: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police : Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cream Tea/Kozy Katz Rescue event: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cream Tea: Great Holland Methodist Church, 2.00-4.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Coach trip from Great Holland for Orwell River Cruise: More details inside magazine.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship: Starts 8.00pm.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Great Holland Folk Club: Church Parish Room (next to All Saints' Church), 7.00-9.30pm.



# SUMMER JULY



Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	HOME MADE HOUR WITH LIVE MUSIC: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship: Starts 8.00pm.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Great Holland Folk Club: Church Parish Room (next to All Saints' Church), 7.00-9.30pm.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Street Meets by Essex Police: Great Holland Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.



Please ring Lee on 674809 for details of forthcoming events at The Ship Inn during June and July.

To include events for August or September in the Diary section of the next edition of Village Voice, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by 12<sup>th</sup> July.

# All Saints' Church

## Rector's article ...

It's all change.

We've heard in the past month about a new political landscape, we're getting a new leader for the Labour party, the Lib Dems and UKIP (although that's not too certain as I write this).

And if you're a cricket fan, things are changing there as well.

But do things really change?

There's a feeling at All Saints' at the moment that things don't necessarily change that much, and for good reason.

Each week we see a board that's up on the wall listing all the Ministers of All Saints'. The list goes back to 1295. It certainly takes me down a peg or two!

Although there has been a church in Great Holland since the 13<sup>th</sup> century it, of course, hasn't always been the same building. The building we have now was built in 1866 and so, at All Saints' we're thinking about what we can do to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the building. We've plans to celebrate this event throughout the year. There'll be news of our plans coming soon.

Not only that, we're looking forward to the Great Holland fête on 1<sup>st</sup> August. That's something that continues to delight year in and year out. I'm not exactly sure how many years it has been running for but it's certainly a good number!

And people giving things and serving the church doesn't change either. On 21<sup>st</sup> June we're particularly inviting all those who've given to and helped out at All Saints' over the past year to a special "Thank you" service. Of course, all are welcome.

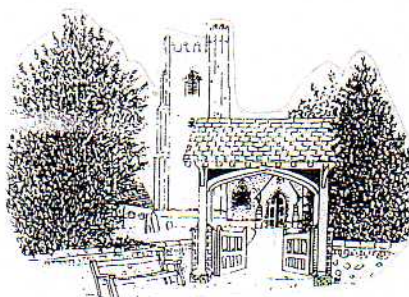
And why all this?

Because of

*"the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all"*

Jesus and the good news he brings hasn't and doesn't change. Whether it's the last 800 years, 150 years, 80 years, pre- or post-election, people are the same and need to know of the peace with God which comes through trusting Jesus who is Lord of all the world.

**Mark**



## From All Saints' Diary – JUNE:

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	PCC meeting in the Parish Room
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 -11.00am	Home Made Hour at the Village Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Joint Holy Communion</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SERVICE OF THANKS (see panel below)</b>
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	TeaPot at the Baker Hall
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer time at the Baker Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>

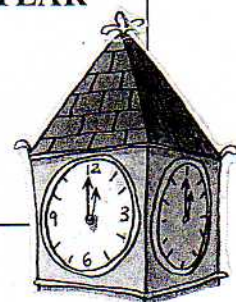


**A SPECIAL SERVICE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED ALL SAINTS' IN SO MANY WAYS DURING THE PAST YEAR**

will be held on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** at 11.00am at All Saints' Church

**ALL INVITED**

Refreshments after



## From All Saints' Diary - JULY:

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10 -11.00am	Home Made Hour at the Village Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Joint Holy Communion</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	TeaPot at the Baker Hall



## **AUGUST:**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

2.00- 5.00pm **GREAT HOLLAND FÊTE**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**FRINTON MISSION**

The opening service of celebration will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 6.00pm

### **Funerals:**

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

**Denis Brown (100)** Read House, Frinton-on-Sea All Saints' and Weeley Crematorium

### **Burial of ashes:**

**Pamela Schaub**

Interred in the grave of her daughter Melanie Schaub

## **Denis Brown**

In the December 2014/January 2015 edition of Village Voice, we reported that Denis Brown had recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Denis had a long association with Great Holland and enjoyed singing with All Saints' Church choir for many years. In 2007, he opened our village fête.

Sadly, Denis passed away on Easter Sunday. His funeral at All Saints' was well attended.

## **WALTON & DISTRICT FOODBANK**

Dear All,

This week's FoodBank shortages are:

- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding
- Toothbrushes
- Washing-up liquid
- Laundry Tablets\*

\*We prefer laundry tablets as opposed to powder or liquid, as we are able to open the packs to distribute the tablets in small quantities.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Dick Bloxsidge, Administrator, Walton & District Community FoodBank  
**07926 015276** (office)

## All Saints' anniversary celebrations planned for 2016

As some of you already know, the original All Saint's Church building (except for the Tower) was demolished in 1865 and then re-built. Demolition works began on 17th June 1865 and the chief stone of the new building was laid on 4th August that year by the then Rector, the Revd. Richard Joynes.

Consecration of the new church took place on Friday 25th May 1866. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) would like the village as a whole to join in a celebration next year, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration, and to suggest ways in which all of us could celebrate. The PCC already has some thoughts, but if anybody has any ideas they will be very welcome, after all the church is part of, and belongs, to Great Holland.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the celebrations, or would like to offer to help in any way, please contact either of the Churchwardens: Judith Little on **813645** or John Beale on **676472**.

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Below are extracts from an article dated Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1866, which appeared in The Essex Standard and Eastern Counties Advertiser, regarding the consecration of the church. Next time, we will include further extracts that give an idea of how the consecration was celebrated at the time.

*'The new church of [Great Holland] parish was consecrated on Friday last by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. It occupies the site of the old structure, but with increased accommodation by the addition of a north aisle. The tower of the old church, built of red brick, and in thoroughly sound condition, has been preserved.*

*The Church is of Early English Gothic designed by Mr Arthur W. Bloomfield, of London, built by Mr Joseph Grimes of Colchester. The walls are of rubble, faced with round flint, and bath-stone dressings. The roof is of plain red tiles surmounted by a crested ridge. There is an entrance porch on the south ... with richly-moulded arch, open timbered-and-tiled roof, and coped gable, surmounted by a foliated cross the gift of Mr Charles Hicks, one of the churchwardens.*

*Among the principal features of the interior is a handsome stone arcade of four arches ... dividing the Nave from the North Aisle ... The Tower, which was formerly blocked off by a gallery, has been cleared and thrown open to the Church, and the space inside the base fitted with sittings for the school children. A portion of the North Aisle is partitioned off for a vestry ... The Church is seated throughout with open benches oak-stained and varnished and those of the Chancel are of the same material, but with carved poppy-head ends. The pulpit, prayer desk and lectern are of pitch pine ... The roofs are open-timbered, of fir, stained in imitation of oak ...*

*The churchyard has a new boundary wall of stone rubble, with moulded brick coping, and a pair of framed deal gates.*

*The cost of the re-erection of the Church amounts to about £2,000, nearly the whole of which, we believe, is borne by the Rector ...*

*The ... works have occupied nearly a year. In the meantime however, the Sunday Services have been regularly held in the School Room ...'*

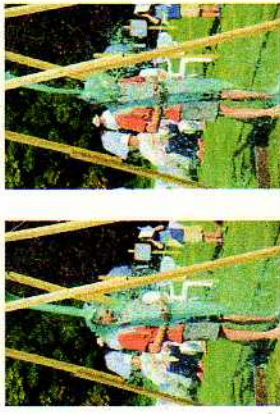
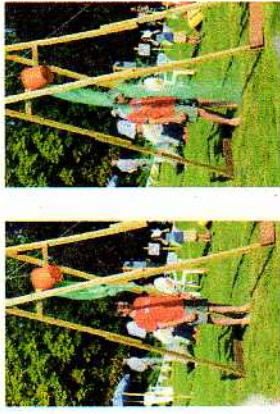




# Great Holland Church & Village Fete

Saturday 1st August 2015

From 2-5pm (gates open at 1.45pm)



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f Great Holland Fete 2015

The Old Rectory, Rectory Road

Great Holland

Adults : £1

Children (under 12) : Free

Free Car Park

## Home Made Hours - now with Live Music too!



Thank you to everyone who supported our April and May Home Made Hours and for the generous donations of home made goods and produce.

Our next Home Made Hours take place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** and **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, the sale of home made cakes, jam, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc, occasional plants/garden produce and live music too. We also have a raffle.



## GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2015

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August: 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open 1.45pm)**

Preparations are under way for this year's fête in the Old Rectory's lovely grounds! We are sure everyone will appreciate that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make this event the success it has become.

**We always need more helpers!** Please can we ask you once again to help again in the following ways?

- Put the date in your diary and plan to be there!

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- Can you provide items for the bric-a-brac stall, White Elephant stall, book stall or Silent Auction, or items that would make good prizes?
- Can you provide items for the produce stall, such as jam, marmalade or home grown fruit and vegetables? As the cake stall is always popular, we would be very grateful for any home made cakes.
- Can you help with preparation on the days leading up to the Fête?
- On the day of the Fête, can you help with the parking, refreshments or on a stall?
- After the event, we always need help with clearing up on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

If you can help in **any** way, have items to be collected or can bring cakes on the day, please contact either:

**Sue Jenkins on 850317 or Nicky Stack on 677984.**

We look forward to seeing you all on **1<sup>st</sup> August!**



## Home Made Hours

Our friendly home made hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events, particularly those who regularly donate home made/home grown produce for us to sell.

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**.

## ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

**RECTOR:** Rev. Mark Holdaway, The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross CO13 0LT, (675997).

**CHURCHWARDENS:** John Beale, 5 Malting Lane, Kirby le Soken CO13 0EH (676472) and Judith Little, Lambourn House, Little Clacton Road, Great Holland, CO13 0EY (813645).

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

**HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC:** Judith Little.

**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).

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

**MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM:** Sandra Mooney and Linda O'Reilly (Joint Editors), Mim Wilson, Irene Lightowler, Michele Frere, Ingrid Harding, Judith Little, Eric Elsworth, Audrey Warren, June Forrest, Charmian Goundry, Iain Bell, Eileen Derrick, Pauline Knight, Christine Oxford and Chris Crispin (Distributors).

### 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). The 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



Greetings my friends,

The best story in history has been unfolded to us, in the story of the Passion of the Christ.

And now we rejoice, because Christ is risen, Christ is alive, Christ is among his world.

As I was reading through some wisdom stories I read the one that I am going to share with you.

It is entitled: 'The Map' and it comes from an unknown source.

Once, a father was looking after his children and trying to keep them entertained, but he wasn't having too much success. It was a wet Saturday, and the children were getting bored. They were starting to get on his nerves, with their restlessness and their constant chattering.

But the man was inventive, and suddenly he had an idea. He took down a magazine from the shelf and opened it up, looking through it until he found a map of the world printed on one page. He tore this page out of the magazine, and proceeded to cut it up with scissors into small pieces. Then he jumbled up all the pieces and placed them in a pile on the floor, like the pieces of a jigsaw.

Then he set his two young sons the task of putting the map together again, thinking that this would keep them quiet for a good long time. He left them with it and went off to make himself a cup of coffee.

Imagine his amazement, therefore, when five minutes later he came back to find the map neatly and accurately put back together again.

'How did you manage to put it back together again so quickly?' he asked them, taken aback by their skill.

'Oh, it was easy,' the younger boy replied. 'You told us it was a map of the world, and when we looked at the pieces, at first we didn't know where to begin to sort it all out. It seemed impossible. But then we realised that there was a picture of a man on the other side, so we just put the man back together again. When we turned it over, the world had come back together again as well!'

'Yes, Dad,' chimed in the other brother. 'It's ever so easy. If you put the man right, the world is OK.'

...I found this story very powerful in two levels....

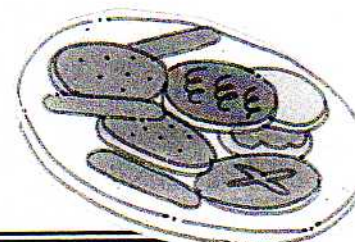
Firstly because it talks of humanity and how this broken world, is broken because of humanity's greed for power, for money, for success. If humanity learnt to love and to share, the world would be different.

But on the other level, the more important one, I thought of the risen Christ who is on the other side of this puzzle, and through what he did for us at Easter, through his broken and risen body, the world can be right again, the world can know unconditional love, the world can learn to love and live in the way of Christ.

Hope this story speaks to you as it spoke to me.

God's blessings,

Rev. Eva Walker



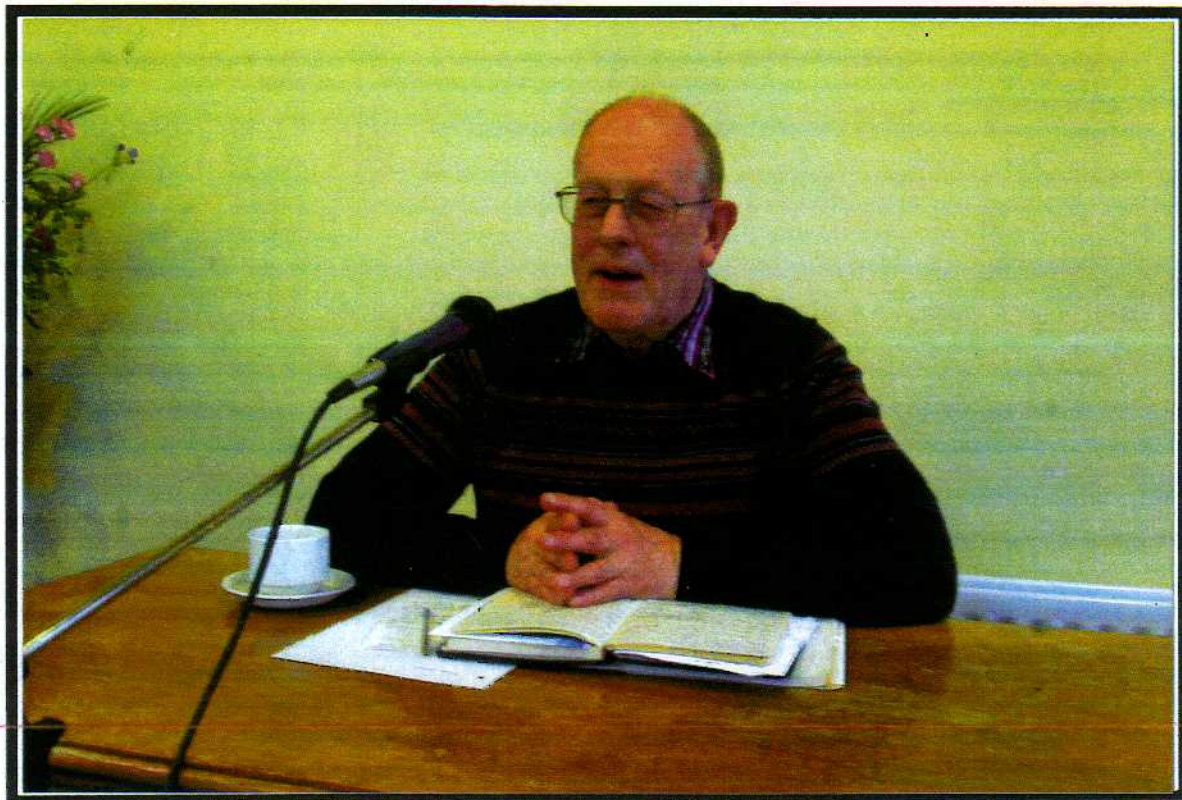
**Are you new to the village? Do you want to meet people and make new friends? ...**

... then why not come along to our friendly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall, every **Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday**. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and conversation. We also have donated goods for sale. You will be made very welcome!

## News from Great Holland Methodist Church

The **Quiz Night** on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May was a very enjoyable and well supported event. The evening started with a delicious fish and chip supper, after which nine teams took part in the quiz. We are grateful to Ivan who was our Quiz master and devised the questions.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this event.



*Ivan keeping us in order!*

### ★ Forthcoming events ★

#### **Cream Tea on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

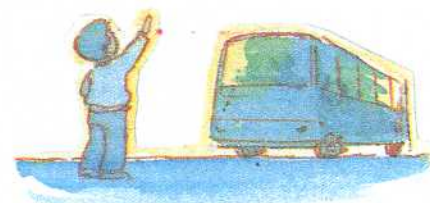
You are invited to join us from 2.00-4.00pm for a Cream Tea in the Church garden, with live music provided by Ray and Amanda. We look forward to seeing you there. In the event of wet weather, we will serve tea in the Church Hall.

#### **Outing to Ipswich Waterfront on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

We will be travelling by coach to Ipswich Waterfront, for an Orwell River Cruise to Harwich. The cruise will be a 3½ hour return trip. There are a few remaining places. The coach will pick us up at Great Holland Methodist Church at 10.00am.

Cost of coach and cruise is £26.

Please telephone Anne on **675065** for more details.





# GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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**Chairman:** Paul Fletcher-Tomenius **Vice-Chairman:** Robert Caines  
**Treasurer:** Denys & Lindy Strich **Secretary:** Louise Goodwin & Hazel Martin:  
**Planning Officers:** John Poulton, Tom Sandy & Eddie Forrest

Dear Friends,

We had the Annual General Meeting last Saturday and, on behalf of the Committee, I wanted to express thanks for two things. First of all, the existing officers were re-elected unopposed, so thank you for the vote of confidence. Secondly, there was a great turnout and a lively, participative discussion. This is the most important thing, a residents association that does actually represent village views and is not merely the mouthpiece of a vocal clique. Please keep up the good attendances, let us know of any issues you want raised and consider standing as an officer yourself in a future year. The existing officers really do not feel proprietary about their positions and new blood is important.

I want to make an appeal regarding two matters. Firstly, the hard-working organisers of the village fete, this year on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, are still looking for volunteers to man stalls on the day and the same hard working people would love some help with the task of clearing up the day afterwards. Please contact Sue Jenkins on 850317 if you can spare an hour or two. It's a great cause that raises money for both the village and the church, as well as being a fun afternoon. I understand unbroken sunshine and sizzling temperatures are guaranteed, as usual.

The second appeal is for greater use of the website. Did you know we had one? [www.greatholland.com](http://www.greatholland.com) or just Google Great Holland. It is a nice site, ably run by Paul Withams, who would welcome contributions and suggestions. He told us they get several thousand hits from all over the world from former residents who have scattered to the winds. Surprising, eh!

We spent quite some time at the AGM talking about the future of The Ship. Punch Inns, the owners, are now marketing the property. Now, PERHAPS it will be sold quickly as a going concern to new owners with the money, interest and skills to refurbish and launch a vibrant business to ensure its long term future. BUT the present dire state of the pub market suggests that is NOT a likely outcome. The meeting expressed the unanimous view that we must try to DO SOMETHING. The Residents Association will therefore organise a meeting soon to give an opportunity to gauge whether there is a will to undertake the task.

In the meantime, we are seeking a meeting with Tendring District Council officers to start the process of registering The Ship as an Asset of Community Value. This is a recent, statutory procedure that would give us a period of grace, six months, to see whether we could organise the purchase ourselves of some appropriate basis. We are not saying that is viable, but it is an option and the AGM wanted us to explore it.

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA



## **GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 10.30am in the Village Hall**

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Judith and Brian Little, Malcolm and Angela Graham, Clint and Sally Strutt, Jeanne and Alan Large, Wendy Drake, Maria and Martin Stockdale, and Derek and Jean Bursey.

#### **2. Election of Officers**

All the current officers were willing to stand for re-election: the current officers are  
Paul Fletcher-Tomenius, Chairman  
Robert Caines, Vice-Chairman  
Denys and Lindi Strich, Treasurers  
Louise Goodwin and Hazel Martin, Secretaries  
John Poulten, Planning Officer

The meeting was asked if there were any further nominations for these positions. There were none and so the current officers were re-elected unopposed.

Members of the Great Holland Residents Association Committee are co-opted onto the Committee by the Officers, and are not required to be elected.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting of January 17<sup>th</sup> 2015**

These had been published in the February/March issue of the Village Voice magazine and were accepted as a true record.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5. PCSO Report**

Michele Diss said that there was little to report other than minor collisions in Little Clacton Road from which no major injuries resulted, and two elderly drivers had been reported for poor driving. There had also been an obstruction in Pork Lane.

Michele had brought some publications regarding crime prevention and how to deal with rogue traders, etc. and a leaflet to complete regarding home security. These were left for residents to take. Michele also mentioned that the Fire Brigade will do a free assessment of homes regarding fire risk, and will fit smoke alarms free of charge.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Denys presented the 2014 Report and Accounts. For the first time in a number of years, the accounts had been audited, thanks to Sylvia Nicholls. Total Income for the year was £457.07, and total expenditure £750.64, an excess of expenditure over income of £293.57. Some Christmas cards had been sold, which added £30 to our funds. There is now a total in the bank of £2,596.06, with £81.51 cash in hand. There were no late presented cheques outstanding.

Membership: there are 407 residential households in Great Holland and of these, 111 were members of GHRA. This equates to only 27% of households. Twenty eight of these households were single occupancy premises. Eighteen new members had joined the Association at the Meeting. Copies of the Report and Accounts were available for members who wished to have them.

## **7. Planning Report**

John Poulten presented the planning report: Gary Guiver is the Council Official responsible for taking forward the Local Plan, which had been shelved by the Council until after the election. Assessment and discussions regarding the Local Plan are likely to restart in July or August, and as any Plan formulated will have to go to the Bristol Planning Inspectorate for approval and a local enquiry has to take place after that, it is likely to be 18 months or so before we have a Local Plan in place. In the absence of a Local Plan, all councils are under pressure from developers – various planning applications for Great Holland have been made over the past 12 months, some of which GHRA has objected to on the basis that the development does not conform to the previous Village Design Statement and Parish Plan. GHRA did not object to the development in Manor Road as this fell within the settlement boundary, but the Council had rejected the application on design grounds. This has now gone to appeal. GHRA has sent in a letter of objection to development of the land adjacent to Mon Rêve to support the Council's refusal of development on this plot. This application, too, has gone to appeal and the last date for the public to submit objections to this application is 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## **8. Ship Inn**

The Ship Inn is down at the heel inside and out, and has had frequent changes of Management. It is owned by Punch Taverns and the present Manager, Lee, has described upstairs as unusable and the red paint of the downstairs interior as like a bordello. Contractors have been there recently but not to refurbish the Ship, only to repair an extractor fan. Lee has tried to arrange a meeting with a representative from Punch Taverns, without success. GHRA decided to contact Punch Taverns to ask their representative to attend the GHRA AGM, and although they did not accept the invitation we were told that recently the decision had been made to market the Ship, and Punch had had it surveyed and will send a copy of the Report and Valuation to GHRA. In fact, it is already being actively marketed. GHRA does not believe that the Ship will be sold as a going concern; the situation is not good for local pubs, with many going out of business and consequently up for grabs by developers, for housing. There are concerns as to what would happen to the Ship – would it be redeveloped as a house or knocked down and more houses built on the site? If this should be proposed for the Ship, GHRA will oppose the change of use.

There is a scheme whereby we could apply to the Council for the Ship to be listed as an Asset of Community Value; if the Council decided to register the Ship in this way, we would have 6 weeks in which to express an interest in purchasing the pub and then 6 months in which to raise the money to do so. The Residents Association cannot apply for this registration as it is not within our Constitution; the matter will need broader publicity and Community support and another meeting set up to take things forward. There are examples of pubs which have been registered as ACVs – in Wivenhoe, the Black Buoy has been saved by a small number of sponsors coming forward with the cash to purchase it; also, the Cross Inn at Great Bromley has been accepted to go on the register. The Chairman referred to The Kings Arms at Shouldham in Norfolk: that has been successfully registered



as an ACV and the Plunkett Foundation has been applied to for financial support. John Poulten pointed out that such pubs are more successful if they take on other uses; the Kings Arms does teas and coffees and does not have full licensing hours. The point was that such a building could be put to many uses. It was noted that the Lion's Den could not obtain change of use until they proved that it was not viable as a Pub. A proposal was put forward to ask Councillor Bucke to set up a meeting with the Council to see whether applying for registration of the Ship as an Asset of Community Value is viable, and that GHRA would leaflet the village and set up another meeting regarding this to gauge local interest (however, as the Village Voice is to be printed on 18<sup>th</sup> May, it was suggested that information on this could be included within the Village Voice). The proposal was carried.

#### **9. Great Holland Nursery**

The Chairman explained that Great Holland Nursery was not the subject of a planning application at present, but there is reliable information that we can expect an application to be submitted soon. GHRA will oppose any application for development as it conflicts with the principles we hold regarding development in Great Holland, in that it is outside the settlement plan, it is back land, i.e. behind the existing building line, and there are other lesser reasons why it would be opposed. Because this anticipated application is felt to be so critical, GHRA feels that we should employ John Newton, who is an expert on planning matters, to help us fight it at the initial stage. Mr Newton was employed by GHRA last year to help with the objection to the then current TDC Draft Local Plan as it affects Great Holland. The costs will be £500 plus VAT, and the Chairman wished to seek the Meeting's approval to employ Mr Newton, with the understanding that local residents most affected by this development in Church Lane will be asked for a contribution to create a fighting fund, in case of further problems. On principle, we would fight any similar application, e.g. at Prospect Park. The proposal was put to the meeting and was carried.

#### **10. Chris Keston – Equipment for Park**

Councillor Chris Keston addressed the meeting regarding the play equipment in the Park at the junction of Pork Lane and the Main Road. Cllr. Keston pointed out that the equipment in the park is in poor condition and is in need of replacement. Some estimates have been received based on taking out the existing equipment and starting afresh: these ranged from £50,000 to £150,000 if a car park was provided on the site. The equipment would be for the use of children 2 to 12 years old. Money is likely to be available from the Council, possibly from Lottery Funding and local businesses, and also possibly from 106 money: this is money raised by the local Council from developers who pay a charge to the Council. Cllr. Keston wanted to know if he should go ahead with trying to obtain money for the purpose of replacing the Park equipment. He also brought up the issue of cutting the hedge around the park down to half its present height, so that the equipment and what is going on in the park will be visible, which would help avoid possible vandalism of the equipment. Cllr. Keston wishes to spend as much money as possible to upgrade the Park, and invited people to contact him if they have specific ideas for this scheme. The Meeting gave the go ahead for Cllr. Keston to proceed with this matter.

#### **11. Volunteers needed for distribution of the Village Voice**

Sandra Mooney who, with Linda O'Reilly, produces the Village Voice magazine, asked for volunteers to help distribute the magazine around the Village; the volunteers would only be asked to do this duty once every few months. Cllr. Bucke volunteered. Any additional volunteers should contact Sandra Mooney using the contact details set out in the Village Voice.

#### **12. Volunteers needed to man the GHRA stall at the Village Fête**

Volunteers were also requested for manning the GHRA stall at the Village Fête on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Louise Goodwin will organise the banner, etc. for the GHRA stall. Graham Hughes and Chris Crispin

volunteered and other volunteers are asked to contact the Secretary. Volunteers are needed generally for the Fête and also for tidying up on the following day - please look at the Village Website for details ([www.Greatholland.com](http://www.Greatholland.com)).

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

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

### **14. Any Other Business**

- a. Denys Strich mentioned that the funeral of Dennis Brown, a long time resident of Great Holland who recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday but sadly has now died, would take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, should residents wish to attend. A tribute to Mr Brown would be published in the Village Voice.
- b. Denys Strich mentioned that at the 4<sup>th</sup> October meeting last year a letter from the owners of Hutley's farm was read out regarding the caravans on their farm, and that he had pointed out that the change of use had been done without planning permission and that GHRA had complained about the infringement of planning laws, as it does as a matter of course with all such infringements. Following this, an open letter to the Chairman from Mr and Mrs Hutley saying that Denys' comments were incorrect was published in the Village Voice of February/March. The facts are that up to 5 caravans are permitted on the site without planning permission. The nine caravans on the site came to the attention of the GHRA on 19<sup>th</sup> September, and had been on the farm for some time. On 20<sup>th</sup> September Cllr. Bucke confirmed that a retrospective planning application had been received on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Temporary planning permission was eventually granted by Tendring District Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, and so Denys Strich's statement of 4<sup>th</sup> October was factually correct. Mr and Mrs Hutley may have just lost track of the timing of the various stages of the application.
- c. The Town Council is responsible for the Great Holland in Bloom scheme; if any Great Holland residents are interested in taking part in this scheme please contact Paul Withams via the Great Holland website 'Contact' screen.
- d. The Chairman had congratulated Cllr. Bucke on his re-election at the beginning of the meeting, and Cllr. Bucke offered his thanks for the support he had received at the election. Cllr. Bucke mentioned the Frinton Festival and said that tickets are still available for the concert at St Mary's Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> May; he also mentioned Speedwatch and invited residents to volunteer for the Speedwatch Group. The Chairman made the caveat that no one should attempt to do Speedwatch alone; there should be a minimum of 3 people in the group, as some motorists can be aggressive.
- e. A vote of thanks was given to Sandra Mooney, Linda O'Reilly and their team for the production and distribution of the Village Voice magazine.
- f. A resident mentioned the campaign for a voluntary 20mph speed limit on the Village roads, especially Manor Road, Rectory Road and Church Lane.
- g. The subject of the Dementia Home was mentioned: little seems to be happening on the site and all is known is that the developers are having some problems.
- h. A question was asked about the progress with the Village Shop and Post Office: Cllr. Bucke had been told that it was still proceeding and might reopen in June, and that the owner wants it to go ahead; he also mentioned the importance of Residents Associations to represent the interests of residents.
- i. Eddie Forrest mentioned the annual clean of the Village Hall, which is to take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Volunteers who are willing to give up half a day of their time to help would be much appreciated (bring your own cleaning implements). There are very nice refreshments on offer for those who help.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm and the raffle was then drawn.

# Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve



## A vision for nature in 2050

An organisation recently formed which brings together people aged 15 to 30, who are interested in nature, called 'A Force of Nature' or AFON, and they have been encouraged to share their "Vision for Nature", a series of blogs which are available on: <http://www.afocusonnature.org/>.

In the year 2050 I will be fewer than two years from being a centenarian. I have pondered whether I had a vision for nature when I was of the required age, and decided that though I was not aware of it at the time, I probably did. I still have a vision for the sort of Earth I would like to inhabit then.

**Science** is the basis of the material improvements people have enjoyed over my lifetime and before, and it is providing an increasing understanding of our wildlife populations with their needs, and how they may be conserved. It is also the foundation of our consumer economy which is in tension with the natural world.

Science should be cherished as an independent activity, to enable cleaner and more efficient ways to improve our lives and to put right the damage and the ugly exploitation of land, the living world and the people that prevail now.

Many things serve to **Inspire** people; art, music, and literature. The natural world also inspires. This is probably a function of our hunter gatherer ancestry; our thought processes are tuned to the sky, the seasons, and the sound of running water. Few people demonstrate joy through having numerous possessions above a certain level of need. Future generations may yet return to an interaction with nature. The air may be fresh, the walks may be safe and the rivers may be clear enough again.

**Technology** will continue to make strides, and may be a force for good. An 'internet of things' is already taking shape. While the ability to control our central heating on our mobile is a modest service indeed, this concept could be used to monitor all sorts of pollutants, our energy use and it could greatly reduce our waste.

There are choices. Transport can be made cleaner, or faster, food can be cheaper or produced in a more efficient way, we can choose to work harder, play harder, or know when to take a rest and breathe the clean air.

### **Citizen science**

Gadgetry will increase; it has already resulted in a surge of recording of animals and plants, by means of miniature cameras, camera drones, satellite tracking and on line reference opportunities.

Meanwhile social media, smart phones and computers have enabled us to engage in publishing, filming, communication and education in ways not envisaged in the past. People will be able if they choose to engage in the natural world, and will have the opportunity to process their data in a potentially worldwide community.

**Economics** is driven by growth, one in which people are encouraged to consume ever more. This results in a feeling of wellbeing to a point, beyond which increase of contentment is diminished as affluence increases. There are people all over the world who are right to expect however to achieve these basic standards of life.

Our present economic outcomes are mixed. In 2050 I hope that societies will have chosen to stop using exponential growth based on borrowing, to be paid for by future generations, with yet more growth.

## Global

The world effectively has become smaller and connected, and will never be at ease with itself while people in some areas do not get fair deals. In 2050 I hope global trade will be free, but standards of human rights and the environment will be uniform, and based on respect and science.

## A new generation

Jesuits are credited with suggesting that people's ideas are set by the age of 7; some commentators say younger than that. Einstein is said to have quoted, 'Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.' This would suggest that even the members of AFON may be too old. However this is not a counsel of despair, fundamental changes in the aspirations of society can change and have in the past.

## My vision for nature

In 2050 I hope that:

The people in our society will be as enthusiastic about nature as I am now.

Bob Seago  
Warden



## GREAT HOLLAND PARK (PLAYING FIELDS)

At a recent meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association Cllr. Chris Keston pointed out that the equipment in the above location was in need of refurbishment/replacement. There are funds available by way of various trusts, grants and '106' funds. The latter is money raised by the Local Council from developers who pay a charge to the Council (see Item 10 in the minutes included in this edition for further information). He is keen to get ideas from residents as to what they would like to see done.

**Chris can be contacted via the Frinton & Walton Town Council (tel: 676666) or directly on 850067.**

## VILLAGE MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

The magazine editors would like to take this opportunity of thanking the following residents who kindly came forward at the above meeting and volunteered to help distribute the village magazine. Although we have a dedicated team who undertake this there are occasions when additional help is needed to cover either holidays or sickness. Also, there are occasions when it would be helpful to have an additional team who could help distribute literature on behalf of the Residents Association.

Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius, David Bavister, Barbara Goodman, Andrew Fairbrother, Robert Bucke, Dawn Peal and Robert Caines.

## **STREET MEETS BY ESSEX POLICE**

**(Come and meet your PCSOs and discuss any issues you may have)**

**Every Friday Morning at Gt. Holland Village Hall  
Manor Road, Gt. Holland  
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.**

### **INCIDENTS .....**

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature (Reports from 18/03/15 to 11/05/15)

1 x Concern for Welfare

Again, no major incidents for the area.

### **DOG OWNERS .....**

It has been brought to our attention that recently a few owners are letting their dogs off the lead in Gt. Holland and not being fully in control of their dogs, i.e. dogs running off and jumping up at other dogs or people when walking their own dogs. If you have a dog like this, **please keep it on a long lead.**

### **KEEPING SAFE .....**

Hopefully the warm weather we have will last and it will be a great summer. Please consider the points below so you don't become a victim of crime. If you have unoccupied rooms that are accessible to others from outside or off flat roofs make sure the windows are closed. If you need ventilation in these rooms at least lock the larger window and only have the small window open, even during the daytime. If you only have bigger windows consider a lockable window restrictor or a small alarm sensor on the window to detect entry. Leave a door or patio door open and in comes trouble, even during the day. If that door is accessible the sneak thief will pop in and anything lying around will be gone. You may have only popped down the end of the garden or having a quick shower upstairs, it only takes a second. Before you turn in for the night "do the rounds" and check all is secure. Some may think it is a bit over the top but you will feel more confident and less likely to become a victim. Check the simple things:-

1. Parked cars? Are the windows shut and doors locked (don't assume that by pressing the button on the remote it is locked, try the handle too). A lot of thefts are from insecure cars and vans.
2. Side gate shut and locked, sheds and garages secure?
3. Don't leave unattended pedal cycles insecure and out the front.
4. Doors closed and locked? Don't forget that with UPVC multi-locking doors you may have lifted the handle but until you turn the key on the inside you have not locked all the locks in place.
5. Don't forget to check that patio door, someone may have closed it but did they lock it.
6. Windows? Lift the blinds or open the curtains and check they are closed. Remember the advice above regarding open windows. Make sure in case of fire that keys to windows and doors are readily accessible to occupants but not in view of possible burglars.
7. If you have an intruder alarm activate the zone for the unoccupied area.
8. Car keys? Don't take them to bed with you - where possible leave them in noisy drawer/location.
9. If you do hear a suspicious noise in the house that you are not happy with dial 999. If you have an intruder remember your life is more important than your property, but do get a good description and if possible car index number.

10. Social Media? When using "Facebook" or other media be wary of announcing to the world that you are away and your house is empty. Make sure your profile does not contain private information that would identify you or your address to a stranger.

Last bit of advice - Going on holiday? Look after each other, get a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your property, ensure neighbours have contact numbers for a key holder and where possible let them park their car on your drive. Basically if you create the illusion that your house is occupied it is less likely to be broken into.

Keep safe.

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**PCSO 6477 Michele Diss**  
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**Martello Road**  
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#### **WARNING OVER 'NOTTINGHAM KNOCKERS'**

Named after a scam originating in Nottingham, young people travel across the UK targeting a town at a time. They knock at doors and claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways before trying to sell the householder everyday household products at very high prices.

Police always advise residents to refrain from buying at the doorstep and not to buckle to pressure from salespeople offering supposedly one-off 'buy it now' low prices. However, often kind-hearted residents feel they are helping the Nottingham Knockers to turn their lives around so agree to buy their wares.

These Nottingham Knockers work in groups across the country but they are not involved in any officially recognised offender rehabilitation programme and many do not possess Pedlars' Certificates, which are issued by police and are necessary for salespeople to be legally allowed to sell door-to-door.

Please warn your neighbours, particularly elderly or vulnerable neighbours, not to open the door to strangers or buy or sell on the doorstep. Some doorstep callers may offer poor quality goods at inflated prices and, if a caller is not genuine, they may be gathering information for future crime. Please keep in mind that if cold callers don't get any sales in your area they are less likely to return.

If any salesperson comes to your door, we'd suggest you ask to see their Pedlars' Certificate – these are only issued to individuals under very strict conditions. You can contact the police station it was issued at in order to prove if it's genuine. If a Nottingham Knocker visits you, please inform the police in order for us to keep track of where they are.

The 21<sup>st</sup> season of Summer Concerts

## Music at St Mary's

St Mary's Parish Church, Old Road, Frinton-on-Sea

1.15 - 2.15pm

Light lunches (from Lilley's Bakery) in the Church Hall

12-15-1.00pm

Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Panos Karan**

Piano



Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>

**The Silvestre Trio**

Violin, Soprano and Piano

Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Raul Jiminez**

Piano

Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Andrew Wilson**

Piano



Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Katarina Davies**

Cello

Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup>

**Charles Hine**

Clarinet

Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>

**Anne Skinner**

Flute



Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Duncan Archard**

Organ

RETIRING COLLECTION



# What makes a community?

**Ben Eagle**

*Apart from a few years in the West Country and another few years living over the border in Little Clacton, I have lived in the village all of my life. Throughout this time I have tried to 'get involved' with the community (not just in Great Holland but in Frinton, Walton and Kirby) but the inspiration for this short article came from reflecting that perhaps I could still do more and that we all need to keep in mind the value of getting involved with our local community.*

I have just returned from the Singing Kettle in Walton High Street where the 'Voice of Walton', a new and exciting group that has been formed by local people to encourage a new vibrancy for the town, was meeting. As well as the more tangible outcomes, such as improving the look of the high street and finding ways to encourage people to spend longer in the town and spend more money there, the Voice has other very important consequences - encouraging local knowledge to be shared, inspiring people to be proud of the place where they live and the simple yet important result of bringing local people together. All of these things could be described by the word 'community', a word meaning different things to different people and one that is used, especially by the media, as much to divide people (into different 'communities') as to bring them together. To read work in much of the modern media one would think that communities are dead or dying. However, the voluntary sector in particular would say otherwise.

For the past year or so I have been working at the Naze for Essex Wildlife Trust and as part of my role I have met many volunteers willing to give up their time and help me with running events and activities. As a result of them simply offering their help many new friendships have been built. Volunteers are often that element of the economy that is not given the profile it deserves. As a social phenomenon it has great benefits for our wellbeing as, no matter what we volunteer to do, we receive feelings of satisfaction, of fulfilment and it brings us together as a community. The independent charity Volunteering England has placed the output figure for all formal and informal volunteers at £45.1 billion – an extraordinary figure but one that does not account for the so called 'well being' value of voluntary work, by encouraging improved mental and physical health. Last year the Cabinet Office estimated this figure at being at least £70 billion.

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer with your local community. You just need to find the right opportunity for you. In our own village many dedicated volunteers get involved in everything from running the Village Hall, to being involved in our Church communities, conservation work at Great Holland Pits reserve, researching our local history, running the village website and magazine and of course helping with the Great Holland Fete. I really encourage you to see what opportunities are available and get stuck in however you can.

However, community needn't just be about volunteering. At the centre of it is caring for the people around you and the place in which you live - visiting an elderly neighbour, joining a conversation at the pub, sharing an experience with others, attending a community event or church service, supporting local businesses and services - all of these make our community stronger and we should all encourage ourselves to do that little bit more. We all live busy lives in our own ways but sometimes we need to take a step back, reflect, think about others around us and then get involved.





## THORPE AND KIRBY SURGERY NEWSLETTER-APRIL/MAY 2015

Spring greetings from Thorpe and Kirby surgery and it looks at last like we have some nice weather to look forward to. Don't forget spring is a time when it is easy to catch more sun than expected so make sure adequate sun protection is worn, especially for young skins. Sun damage is a major cause of skin cancers and avoiding burning can help lessen the risk in later life.

There was a PPG meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March which was well attended. Dr Carla Mahmoud and Stephanie Durrant presented their ideas and visions on how we can protect our health service, the essence of which is don't abuse the resources but save them for when medical attention is really required. Accident and Emergency is really what it says, a place to go when in dire need. G.P's are there to help when matters cannot be dealt with by our own medicine cabinets or the services of our local pharmacies.

The next PPG meeting will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Thorpe Social Club, Station Road, Thorpe-le-Soken, 7pm. Kirby, Weeley and Little Clacton residents are not very well represented on the PPG so it would be good to see some patients from these areas. A treasurer is needed for the PPG, this is not an onerous job and won't take up a huge amount of time. The role mainly consists of booking and paying for meeting venues and accounting for stationary and postage costs which are minimal due to as much as possible being done by e-mail. Someone prepared to put up posters advertising the meetings would also be helpful, for those people who do not use e-mail. The committee is a friendly bunch of people who care passionately about our surgeries and NHS and want to have the patient's perspective taken into account with decision making and planning. If you would like to have your e-mail details added to the mailing list contact the Secretary of the PPG at [ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net](mailto:ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net).

EPS (electronic prescription service) has now 'gone live'. This is a new facility whereby prescriptions are sent electronically to a patient's nominated pharmacy for dispensing. This means the prescription is no longer printed at the surgery but is fully traceable from creation right through to the pharmacy claiming the payment from the NHS. It will help to stop prescriptions from going missing and fraud. It will be the patient's responsibility to make sure they have the correct nominated pharmacy with us but of course a patient can change that nomination at any time. You may nominate a pharmacy either at the pharmacy or surgery, please make sure your details are correct.

Another development that has happened relatively recently is on-line access to medical records. A patient may request on-line access by collecting a PIN number from the surgery. This means that you may view your medical record, order prescriptions and book appointments. Parents may have access to children's records if they are under 11 years of age; after this age the child must be aware; at 16 only the patient may access their record. Contact the surgery if you would like to know more about this facility.

The patient feedback from the friends and family test has overwhelmingly been positive, praising the staff, facilities and services on offer at both the Thorpe and Kirby sites. We very much value these comments made by patients and this government exercise continues for the long term. If you are in any way unhappy about the treatment you have received from any member of staff-from the receptionists through to the doctors please speak to a member of staff on duty, alternatively you can put your grievance in writing to the practice manager. There is also a facility to leave feedback on the surgery website [www.thorpe-le-sokensurgery@nhs.uk](http://www.thorpe-le-sokensurgery@nhs.uk). If you supply your contact details we would like the opportunity to tell you the result of our investigation into the complaint and advise you of any action that may have been taken. Anonymous complaints whilst they are of interest cannot be fully investigated without all the facts.

So with the weather finally improving and the lighter nights upon us hopefully we can all look forward to a summer of good health and weather.

Karen Austen

## Can anyone help?

Susan Vousden, who lives in Fleetwood Avenue, Holland-on-Sea, contacted Village Voice recently regarding an incident that she witnessed last year, as described below. Susan has been unable to find a logical explanation for her sighting and wonders whether anyone in Great Holland could help.

*On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 at about 10.00pm, my husband and me and another resident in Fleetwood Avenue saw a very unusual, low flying strange craft. It was flying under the radar mast, northwards across Holland marshes. It looked like a V-shaped, triangular craft. As you can see the radar mast from parts of Great Holland, please contact me if you saw anything similar or can give us any information about what we saw. Thank you.*

Susan Vousden  
Telephone: 01255 813511

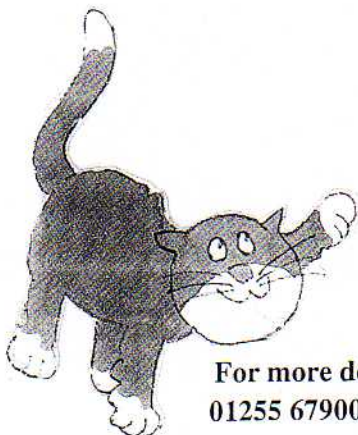
## Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** and **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** at 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome for tea, cake, friendly chat and to plan activities for future meetings. Please bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.

Phyllis Margetts (851118)

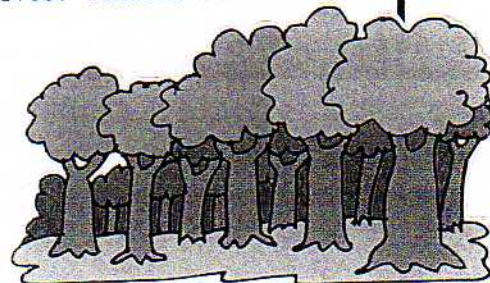
### Tendring First Ladies

We welcome everyone to this friendly group that usually meets on the first Monday of each month, at Frinton Methodist Church Hall (corner of Ashlyn's Road/Fourth Avenue). Meetings start at 2.30pm. £2.00 is charged at each meeting to cover the cost of the room hire. A speaker talks for about half an hour and then tea and home made cakes are served. There is also a raffle.



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Why woods matter  
John Minns

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Cats  
Jan Williams



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

## FROM THE ARCHIVES .....

### GREAT HOLLAND COURT HOUSE

Reputed to be the oldest surviving building in Great Holland – built in the Twelfth Century as an Ecclesiastical Court House in Little Clacton Road - it is now known as 'Holly Tree Cottage'. It was previously two cottages, the original cottage was known as Court House.

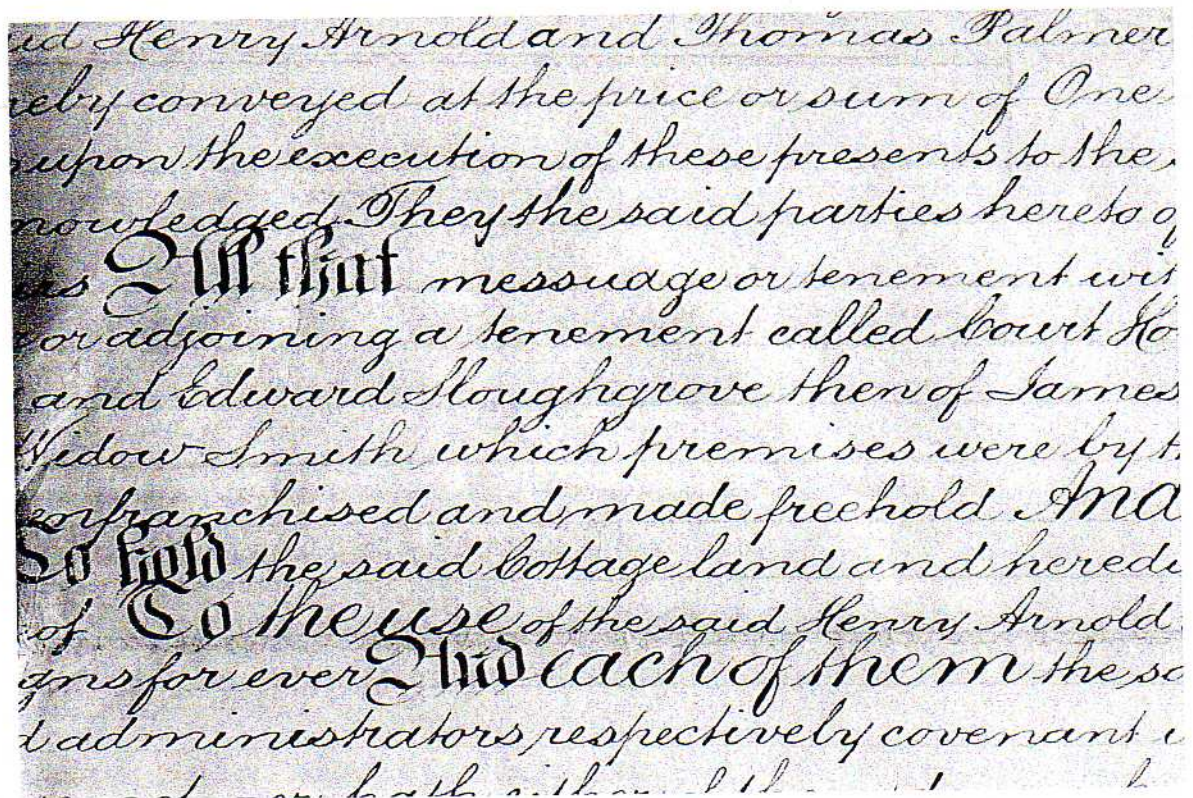
On an old map it appears that the small field behind Holly Tree Cottage was named Court Pightle (pightle, pightel, pigtail, pintle – means a small piece of arable land) and, according to the Record Office, may have been where tithes were paid to the Lord of the Manor.

On the Deeds of the Manor of Great Holland there is mention of the Court House as follows:

“With a capital messuage (house and grounds around it) and farm (354 acres), the Dairy Farm (134 acres), Great Tithes, messuage called Sayers alias Peppers alias School House, messuage called Cross House formerly Red Lion; land in Hall Lane and cottage called Harris’s, both copyhold of the Manor of Great Holland.

Messuage and land adjoining the Court House abutting on road to Fan Bridge, messuage built on waste of Manor of Great Holland, all in Great Holland.” 1793-1841.

Below is a close-up example of part of the Indenture showing the fine and very neat handwriting:



This information was part of an exhibition of Great Holland’s history displayed at the V.C.H. Exhibition held in Clacton in May. To see the village exhibition don’t miss Great Holland Village Fete in August!

After being involved in a frightening incident, which one of Village Voice's Editors witnessed, a Great Holland resident and dog owner has asked us to include the following plea to other dog owners. The incident in question was reported to our PCSOs.

## **A SAFER PLACE TO WALK OUR DOGS**



There have been a growing number of incidents in the village where large dogs are rushing towards other dogs. This may be through boisterous behaviour or being out of control, but please give a thought to the little dog.

A large dog can frighten, shock and injure a small dog even if the dog is not aggressive. The sheer size and weight of the dog is all that it can take to do the damage.

Please act responsibly. If your dog is boisterous please keep it on a lead when around or near other dogs. For dogs off a lead, the simple trained recall command is all that is needed to avoid such incidents.

**Please make Great Holland a safer place to walk our dogs whether big or small.**



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## **Fed up with cooking? Tired of eating alone?**

Why not join us for lunch?

***Now serving from 12.30 pm***

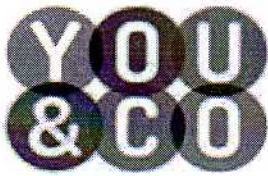
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## VICTIM SUPPORT

Victim Support is an independent charity that helps victims of crime across England and Wales. We give free and confidential support to over 1 million victims a year to help them find the strength to carry on after a crime.

We support people from all communities, whatever crime they have suffered, whenever it happened and regardless of whether the police are involved.

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do, giving emotional support, providing advocacy and practical support.

We ask for an average of 6 hours a week and the time is flexible.

Volunteers receive training, regular support and meetings and we pay expenses.

Volunteers help victims of crime to identify and overcome the impact of being a victim of crime by providing free and confidential emotional and practical support which is tailored to meet individual needs.

Volunteers are based in the local community and usually have contact with people over the 'phone or in the person's home or other appropriate venue.

### Key Tasks:-

- Make contact with people who have been victims of crime.
- Communicate with people in a way that is appropriate for them.
- Enable people to explore the effects their experience of crime has had on their lives and identify factors which may influence an individual's ability to deal with these.
- Explore with the individual their needs and wishes regarding support. Explain what options there are.
- Support individuals to manage their experience of crime. Assess progress and agree further steps
- Promote peoples' rights and respect their diversity
- Make accurate and legible records in accordance with Victim Support's national standards and local protocols.
- Attend volunteer meetings, training events, supervision sessions.

### Skills:-

- To be able to listen, suspending personal judgement, to empower an individual to tell their story.
- Reliable and punctual.
- Successful applicants will be subject to two references and a DBS check.
- Victim Support provides a 4 days training course to help a volunteer to carry out these tasks.
- We also require volunteers to help out in the office with general administration duties or fundraising.

If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to email us at: [essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk)

Julie Binstead  
Service Delivery Manager



# CREAM TEA

THE VILLAGE HALL , MANOR ROAD,  
GREAT HOLLAND, CO13 0JT.  
SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2PM TILL 4PM

GOODS FOR SALE, BRIC A BRAC,  
RAFFLE ETC,

BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG AND  
HAVE A CHAT IN A FRIENDLY  
ATMOSPHERE.




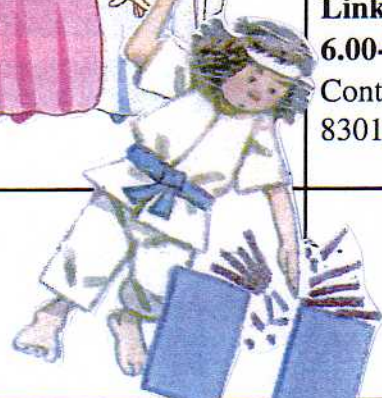
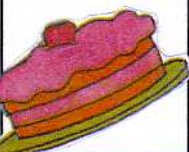
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# WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Sunday</b>			
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tendring Male Voice Choir</b> <b>3.00-4.30pm</b> Contact: Ilze 813909 	<b>Cardio Vascular</b> <b>6.45-7.30pm</b>  <b>Pilates</b> <b>7.30-8.30pm</b> Contact: Claudine 862505
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fantari Dance and Fitness</b> <b>9.30-10.30am</b> Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740  <b>Gentle Tai Chi with meditation</b> <b>11.00am-12.30pm</b> Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> <b>2.00-4.00pm</b> Contact: Les Miller 671214	<b>Links Karate</b> <b>5.30-7.30pm</b> Contact: Paul Harris 830136  <b>Badminton</b> <b>9.00-10.30pm</b> 671300 
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>The Coastal Singe (mixed voices)</b> <b>2.30-4.30pm</b> Contact: Ilze 813909	<b>Aerobics</b> <b>7.00-8.00pm</b> Contact: Claudine 862505
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b> <b>9.30am-12.30pm</b> Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available)		<b>Belly Dancing</b> <b>7.00-8.00pm</b> Contact: Almeira Carmichael 07900 241630 / 01255 678297
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beginners Tap</b> <b>11.15am-12.15pm</b> Contact: Ester Altin 07785 728920		<b>Links Karate</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Contact: Paul Harris 830136
<b>Saturday</b>	 <b>Home Made Hour</b> <b>10.00-11.00am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		

### Rate for hire of Village Hall

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

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## Frinton & District Horticultural Society

OUR MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT  
FRINTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, FOURTH AVENUE, FRINTON-ON-SEA

7.00 for 7.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

A sketch by John Allsop:

“Over the Garden Wall”

&

Competition:

A Specimen Scented Rose



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**SUMMER SHOW**

McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

Open to public: 1.30pm

Prize giving: 3.30pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

An illustrated talk by Barry Gayton:

Climbing Plants and Wall Shrubs

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**SUMMER FAIR**

Railway Crossing Cottage Garden, Frinton-on-Sea

10.00am - 12.30pm

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. The annual membership subscription is £7.



## 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 need 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 and includes refreshments.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Quiz**

with Martin Young & Andrew Weston

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**Behind the scenes as Wardrobe Mistress**

Beryl Ball



For more details, or if you would like to become a member,  
please telephone John Barter on 852993 or Margaret Wilsher on 674134