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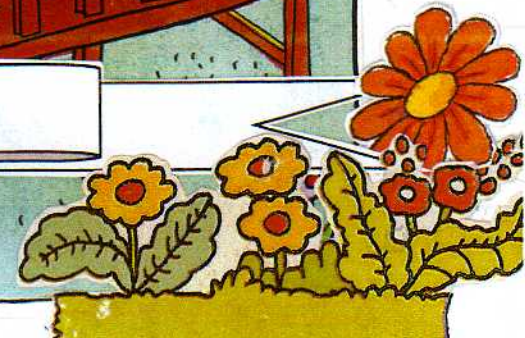
Great Holland Village Voice

Barn Dance on
23rd June -
details inside!

Blue Skies



June & July 2018





... to the June/July 2018 edition of Village Voice.



Included in this edition...

- A plea for help with our Village & Church Fête 2018
- Minutes of the GHRA AGM held on 12th May
- Reminder about the Barn Dance on 23rd June
- Celebration weekend at Park Fruit Farm

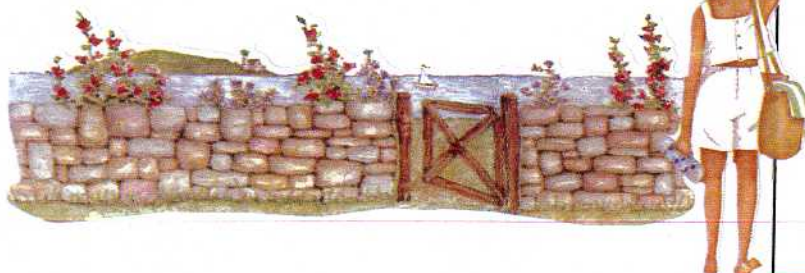
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Village Voice. We always welcome new contributors. Is there anything that **YOU** would like us to include in the next edition? For example:

- 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 23rd July

HERE COMES SUMMER



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VILLAGE CONTACTS & LOCAL INFORMATION

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Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. Winter opening times (16 th October – end of February): 9.00am-4.00pm Summer opening times (1 st March-15 th October): 9.00am-5.00pm. <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	

Dates for your Diary ...



June






Saturday 2nd	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 7th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 9th	Afternoon Tea: Rosery Mews Communal Lounge, 3.00pm. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 14th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 16th	90th Anniversary Cream Tea: Great Holland Methodist Church, 2.00 - 4.00pm. More details inside magazine. 
Thursday 21st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. 
Saturday 23rd	Barn Dance with Jasper Ceilidh Band: Great Holland Hall Farm, Church Lane. More details inside magazine. 
Thursday 28th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



July



Thursday 5th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 7th 	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Tuesday 10th	79th Season of Frinton Summer Theatre opens: More details inside magazine. 
Thursday 12th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 19th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 26th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 27th & Saturday 28th	10th Anniversary Celebration: Park Fruit Farm, Pork Lane., 10.00m-4.00pm. More details inside magazine. 

August



Saturday 4th	Great Holland Village & Church Fête Grounds of The Old Rectory, Rectory Road CO13 0JP 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open at 1.45pm)
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News of forthcoming local events is often given to us some time in advance. Details are printed in good faith in Great Holland Village Voice, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in Village Voice, may we suggest that you might like to use any contact number given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place, to avoid possible disappointment.

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



All Saints' Church

Rector's article

First, can I remind you about the following event:

Barn Dance



with Jasper Ceilidh Band

Saturday 23rd June

at Great Holland Hall Farm, Church Lane

Tickets/information can be obtained from:

Graham Hughes: **676144**, Judith Little: **813645** or Vanessa Giles: **670165**

But also...

I write this the day before the Royal Wedding.

It's a huge event - many Americans are particularly interested as they're involved! It's a mix of royalty and celebrity, and there's been added family intrigue.

It's a big day that will have a huge TV audience, big crowds and many have been sleeping on the streets for days in order to get the best seats.

People have spent much, given loads of time and will be elated at the sight of their favourite royals.

It's also the day of the FA Cup final. Again, huge crowds, much money spent, and time given to see their team and really to see their team win. Some will be overjoyed and others distraught at the result.

Whatever it is - something captures us doesn't it? There's always something.

It might be following the royals or the Reds, but for others it'll be something else that is number one on our list - golf, garden, grandkids, gambling...

The Bible says that God should be number one on our list - not because God is proud and simply wants to be top, but because it's the place that he deserves and that it's best for us - he's the one who will never let us down or disappoint us.

Psalm 4 tells us "*Trust in the Lord... You have put more joy in my heart than when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord make me dwell in safety.*"

Mark



The Great Holland Village and Church Fête 2018

Over the last few years, the Great Holland Fête has been supported by a team of loyal hard working volunteers. Every year the Fête has been well supported by the village and the visitors from the surrounding area of Great Holland. The future of the Fête can only continue with the support of the villagers as active supporters and volunteers.

We need help to set up the site on the following dates before the Fête:

- **Thursday 2nd August/Friday 3rd August**, and also
- On the day of the Fête, **Saturday 4th August**, from 9.00am until 12.00midday, and after the Fête from 5.00-6.00pm.
- Help is also needed to run various stalls/games during the Fête from 1.30-4.30pm.

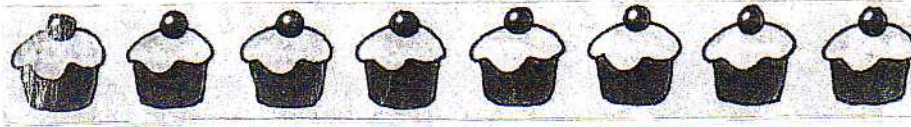
If you can help in any way, please contact Sue Jenkins by email: sjenkins5@sky.com or telephone: **01255 850317**.

Thank you, with kind regards

Bee Eagle

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 Hours in the Village Hall

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

Our next Home Made Hours take place on **Saturday 2nd June** and **Saturday 7th July** from 10.00-11.00am. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, savouries, scones etc and occasional plants/garden produce. We also have a raffle.

Our friendly Home Made Hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. THANK YOU to everyone who supports these events. Can you 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 surplus, fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. To find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on 677984.



ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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

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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

SIDESPERSIONS: Rose Batten, Don Osler and Sheila Watts

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Great Holland Methodist Church



Dear friends

Have you ever had a puncture? Having just endured the frustration, irritation and inconvenience of a puncture on the car this did get me thinking. There is the undoubted dependence on the tyres which are filled with air which enable the metal body to move forward. We take this air so much for granted in so many ways.

I wonder if we too, take the air that we breathe somewhat for granted as well. However, we know if it's not there just as we do if there is a puncture and the tyre is flat. Yet we cannot see the air on which we are so dependent.

Towards the end of May we celebrated Pentecostal. This is the time where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to all people and which is sometimes considered as the birth of the 'church.' The outpouring of the Holy Spirit had a huge impact. Many people turned to God and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Today, living after Pentecostal, we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us.

It is the Holy Spirit who guides, comforts and leads us on in our relationship with God and in reflecting God to others. The Holy Spirit can work in ways that we can't see although we can certainly recognise the impact. I'm not suggesting that a puncture is any way linked to the Holy Spirit although the Spirit's impact for good is so much greater than the negative impact of frustration and irritation in having a puncture.

Through the Holy Spirit lives can be changed and transformed in ways that are seemingly unbelievable. At Easter we celebrated the resurrection and the great transformation that came. At Pentecostal yet more exciting things happened! The people of the New Testament had an anticipation and excitement that Jesus would return and that the world would be all that it should be. They had an openness that meant that fantastic things would happen. As we live over 2000 years later do we have the openness to God that would enable God to make the most amazing transformations in our lives, in the lives of others and in the world?

I challenge all of us, myself included, to go searching for God in the everyday things of life, even through the things that are frustrating and irritating and to be so open to the wonderful transformative nature of God's love for each and every one of us. Then the most incredible things will begin to happen!

God's blessings,
Chris

Forthcoming social event arranged by Great Holland Methodist Church

★ **90th Anniversary Cream Tea** ★

Saturday 16th June

2.00 – 4.00pm

Please join us for this event in the Church garden.



WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

We hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place on **Thursday mornings from 10.30am - 12.00 midday**. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and friendly company. We also have donated goods and hand made cards for sale.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on

SATURDAY 12th May, 2018 at 11.30am in the Village Hall

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Linda O'Reilly, Eddie Forrest, Graham Hughes and Anne Lott.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the current balance of £3,618.10. Income for the year was £388 and expenditure was £151.53.

The Treasurer provided a breakdown of membership by road and commented that a number of roads had no members at all. In 2017 there were 416 households, a number increased by recent construction. Currently, there are 35 members compared with the same time in 2017 of 83. The previous highest total was 110.

Election of Officers

The existing officers, apart from the retiring treasurers, were willing to stand again. Liz Oakley kindly offered her services as the new treasurer. Accordingly, the following were elected unopposed:

Chair: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Vice-Chair: Robert Caines

Treasurer: Liz Oakley

Secretary: Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius

Planning Officer: Eddie Forrest

The Meeting agreed with the Chair's suggestion that we record a vote of sincere thanks to Lindy and Denys Strich for their great service as Treasurers over the years.

Minutes of the Meeting of meeting of 13th January 2018

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

PCSO Report

There was no report this time and the Chair apologised to the meeting for failing to inform the PCSOs of the changed time. It subsequently transpired that an officer did attend at the usual time to be confronted by a karate class. The PCSOs have now received full details of the next three meetings in writing to avoid a recurrence of this oversight.

Planning Report

Eddie Forrest summarised recent developments in a written report read out by the chairman. In brief, the inappropriate approvals by the TDC were listed, namely the Pork Lane bungalows, the Larges Farm development and the bungalows next to The Veldt.

Thankfully, 13 other new dwellings were rejected and the appeal against the refusal of a third house on the Nursery site was turned down.

There are pending applications for a further, new bungalow in Pork Lane and 41 dwellings at the Beaumont Manor Care Home complex.

The draft local plan has at last been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the adoption of the plan is anticipated some time during 2019.

The next meeting of the TDC Local Planning Committee will be on 18 June at 6.30 pm in the Princes Theatre, Clacton.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be held on Saturday, 6th October at **11.30 am. PLEASE NOTE THE LATER TIME. SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE NORMAL TIME.**

Any Other Business

A number of concerns were expressed concerning issues in Pork Lane:

1. An appeal has been lodged in respect of the additional dwelling at Mrs. Hutley's Birch House Farm. This application is to provide accommodation for the next generation of farmers.
2. There was a complaint that the lane was being narrowed by spreading debris from the verges. The Chair pointed out that if there is any obstruction of the existing highway, it is a matter for the PCSOs. Obstruction of the public highway is a criminal offence.
3. There was further discussion of the overturned tipper lorry. There is no official explanation, but the workers on the new bungalow site reported that the lane had been partly obstructed by one of their machines and the driver of the lorry was unwilling to wait for them to move it. The

lorry was stated to have gone on to the soft verge and become stuck. When an attempt was made to tow it out, the lorry overturned. There is still debris from the skip in the field which Councillor Bucke has urged the insurance company to remove.

4. There are complaints of excessive speed and irritation that Essex County Council has declined the request to change the limit or to prevent access by HGVs. The application for "Quiet Lane Status" is being pursued but with no sign of progress as yet.
5. There has been no action to reduce the height of the hedge along the playground and Councillor Bucke continues to push for the work to be completed.

It was reported that the access to the Larges Farm Development has been moved so that it enters the main road near the bus shelter, rather than half way around the corner into Rectory Road. Concerns were expressed that this did not deal with the danger of entering a fast section of road on a bend.

It was reported that a new camera has been purchased in Tendring which can be used by the PCSOs as a basis for issuing speeding tickets. Unfortunately, there is only one available for the whole area, but efforts will be made for a significant period of monitoring of Little Clacton Road. It was commented that the £8,000 purchase price would be rapidly amortised by assiduous use of that camera along that highway.

Councillor Bucke reported that repairs to the drain under the bridge had been delayed by the discovery of a leak, presumably in the chamber. There is no date for further progress and a cone has been placed over the drain. This has created a dangerous, effective narrowing of the road at this point.

Complaints were again made regarding failure to cut the hedge at the end of Little Clacton Road.

Sandra Mooney proposed that a defibrillator be installed in the village. One has recently appeared in Frinton and another in Kirby Cross. Others are planned for Walton and Kirby Le Soken. The approximate cost is £1,800 and there is a need to train local people for maintenance purposes. The meeting voted unanimously to seek the approval of the Village Hall Committee for installation there and subsequently to approach Frinton and Walton Town Council for assistance, offering a contribution from the GHRA of £1,000.

Jane Kurzweil kindly volunteered to man a stall for GHRA at the Village Fête in August. As the GHRA has been unable to find volunteers last year, this was very much appreciated. Louise Goodwin has the banner and other materials for the stall, as she has manned in the past.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

LARGE TRUCK OVERTURNS IN PORK LANE



(Picture courtesy of Clacton & Frinton Gazette)

The lorry, owned by County Skips, overturned whilst trying to pass a piece of equipment being used by the builders developing the site shown to the left of the picture. It apparently sank into the soft earth at the side of the road.

GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION STALL AT THE VILLAGE FETE

At the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 12th May, Jane Kurzweil kindly offered to run a stall at the village fete on behalf of the Great Holland Residents' Association.



It has been decided to hold a raffle on the day so Jane would appreciate receiving any items which she could use as prizes. She would also like to hear from any members who would be willing to help her on the day in setting up the stall and selling the raffle tickets.

Contact details: Larkswood (Kirby Road, CO13 0JD)
 Jane.kurzweil@btopenworld.com

Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

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

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

Tuesday 12th June
Walking in Albania
John Rayner



Tuesday 10th July
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Christine Carr

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details

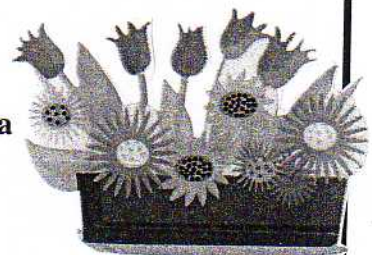


Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Our meetings take place at Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue, 7.15 for 7.30pm

Thursday 7th June
Plants and flowers for the cutting garden
Matthew Tanton Brown
Competition: A Scented Rose

Saturday 16th June
SUMMER SHOW
McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea
Open to the Public: 1.30pm
Prize giving: 3.30pm



Thursday 5th July
The gardens of South Cornwall
Robin Carswell

NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!

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

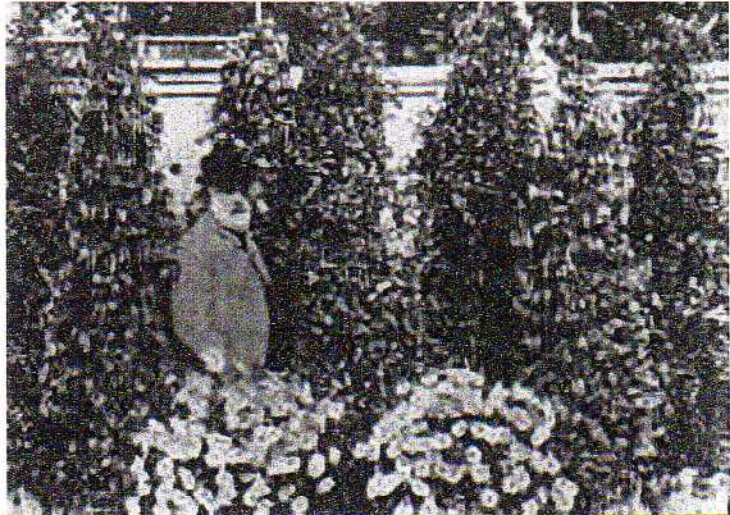
GUEST GARDENER

Guest Gardener for this edition is Denys Strich who has a wealth of knowledge about fuchsias. If you would like to do an article in the future please contact us.

Fuchsias - The World's Most Versatile Shrub - Probably

Fuchsias make gorgeous hanging pots and baskets, amazing planters and troughs. They can be trained into a variety of shapes including standards, pillars, fans and pyramids. But they are even better when planted permanently in the garden where they will need a minimum of attention.

Did you know that there are around 20,000 different fuchsia cultivars (named varieties)? Fuchsias come in all shapes and sizes from the ground hugging f.Percumbens (with its blue pollen) to the f.Magellanica Alba



James Lye with his Fuchsias at Clyffe Hall c1890

which will grow 2 metres in one season, once established. Fuchsia flowers come in all colours with the exception of yellow. You could say that producing a yellow flowered fuchsia is the fuchsia hybridiser's "Holy Grail". Fuchsia flowers vary in size from the tiny 5 millimetre long Encliandras to the long and slender Texas Longhorn or the big, blowsy doubles.

All fuchsia cultivars have been hybridised (cross pollinated) from just a handful of the 110 or so fuchsia species, found in the "wild". With the exception of just 4 varieties of species, which come from New Zealand, all the rest originate from the South Americas, especially on the sides of the Andes mountains.

Fuchsias were first introduced into England around 1786-89 when a single plant would command eye watering prices and were at their peak of popularity with the Victorians. Not surprisingly their popularity dropped during the World War years but had a huge resurgence in the 1960s to 1980s when many local fuchsia societies were formed and affiliated to the British Fuchsia Society (1938). Sadly many societies (not only fuchsia societies) are losing membership and even closing as the younger generations are not taking up the more traditional hobbies. This also means that we are loosing our fuchsia specialist nurseries and consequently many of the cultivars are no longer easily available. Our nearest specialist fuchsia nursery is Bourne Brooke Nursery at Greensted Green near Halstead. I have to travel to Holland to get many of the more uncommon varieties I want.

Fuchsia cultivars are classified as trailing (ideal for hanging pots and baskets), bush (upright) and lax which are suitable for either – with support and or training. Depending on how many petals are in the corolla, fuchsia flowers are classified as single, (4 petals), semi double (5-7) and doubles (8 or more) which can be seen once the flower bud sepals have opened. Most fuchsias produce 2 flowers from the leaf joints towards the tip of a stem. Triphyllas are the exception as they are axial flowering ie produce a continuously growing clump of flowers at the end of each stem. Tryphllas love sun and will thrive in a

south facing environment. They are best in clay pots which do not get as hot as plastic ones can. As they can cope with full sun all day, they are tender and need frost protection during the winter.

Fuchsias are not really suitable as house plants. They will cope with being indoors in the warmer months for a short while, but are much happier outside once risk of frost has passed. Fuchsias are best planted in the garden either as bedding plants or permanently IF they are hardy. A hardy cultivar is one that when planted in the ground, will survive the winter, produce shoots, often from below ground and flower by end of July, Fuchsias are the only shrub that will continue to flower until hit by the frost and some even after. Some cultivars are as hardy and tough as the proverbial old boot and others so tender that a frost will kill it., The survival of a fuchsia (and hence its hardiness) properly planted in the ground will be influenced by geography, (how far north), exposure / sheltered, position (south facing) and soil type. (Fuchsias need well drained soil as they hate having their "feet" wet). We are very fortunate in Great Holland as there are some 600 hundred cultivars that will survive the winter such as the one we have just experienced. Fuchsias that are not hardy or are in pots need to be protected during the winter. Ideally in a greenhouse but what they need is to be kept frost free. A shed, a garage even an unheated bedroom has been known to be successfully used.

Fuchsias are easy to grow and propagate. Taking cuttings is the only way to ensure that your "babies" will be the same as their parent. Only species will grow from seeds true to form. How to take cuttings, plant up hardies and overwintering fuchsias are all subjects for another day.

If you would like to see some beautiful fuchsias, learn a little more, perhaps buy some at very reasonable prices then visit Clacton Fuchsia Society who hold their annual show on Saturday 28th July (13:30 to 17:00) and Sunday 29th July (11:00 to 15:00). The show is held at Holland Public Hall, Frinton Road CO15 5UR. There are of course refreshments available; not to mention a variety of delicious, homemade cakes!!!



Recording wild flowers for an Essex plant atlas



2018 is the third year that a number of volunteers have been going out on Thursday afternoons to different sites to record the species of plants detected, and these will be included in a Plant a book including details about the prospects of wild plants and their presence in different places. A map is divided into blocks of 200 metres square for the whole of Essex with lists of all the species identified there and notes about their abundance. This resource will be useful for comparing changes since the last Essex survey by Stan Jermyn in 1974, Gibsons Flora in 1843 and one of the first attempts ever by John Ray in the seventeenth century.

As it happens the Great Holland Conservation Area is represented in two of the squares, so on 26th April records were obtained there. The three main sites visited were the church yard, Hollandhall Wood and the Rectory Meadow, all habitats relatively unscathed by modern influences.

The churchyard at All Saints provides a soil which has obviously been disrupted by digging, erection of gravestones and garden plants have been encouraged over many years, but it has escaped much of the intended enrichment by fertilisers, and thus provides a distinctive churchyard community similar to many in similar parishes. Though the frequent mowing doesn't permit many plants to flower, ferns such as Hartstongue grow protected by graves and creeping cinquefoil keeping low to the ground escapes the mower and puts out its pale yellow flowers. Significantly primroses grow here while they were not seen in the wood just behind.

Hollandhall Wood is designated as a County Wildlife site, because it is identified as ancient woodland, i.e. it was present on maps and other records at least as long ago as 1600. Such woods survived in most parishes because their timber was essential for building and fencing, so were protected from clearance for agriculture and from grazing pressure. Many woods are much younger than these resulting from abandonment of agriculture at different times, or following quarrying such as at Great Holland Pits. These are known as secondary woodland. Indeed the western part of the woodland behind the church is thought to be a result of trees recolonising a field adjacent to the ancient part.

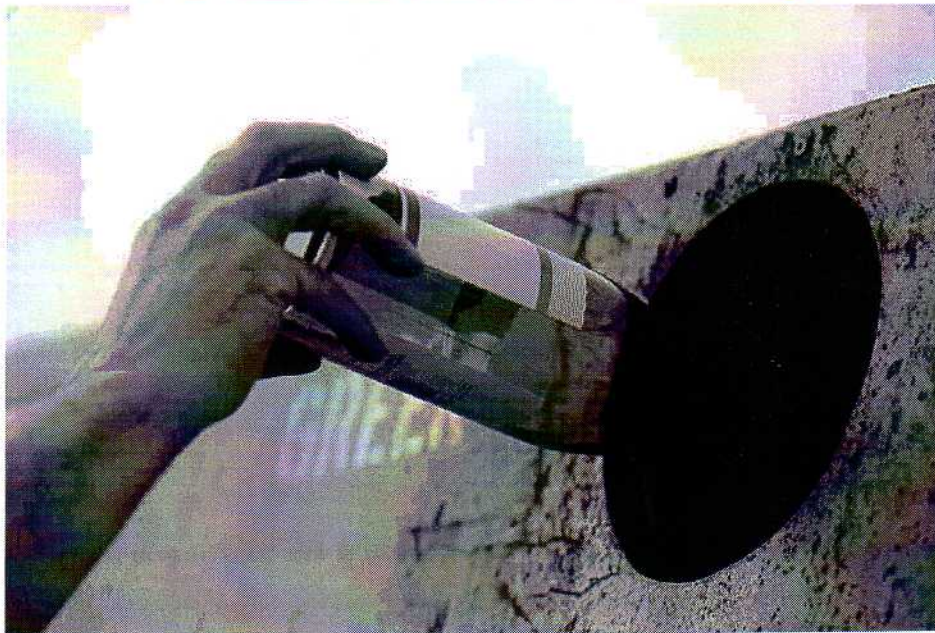
The large trees are largely Oak, and Ash and there are some particularly notable coppiced stands of Small Leaved Lime. These trees once dominated local woodland before the influence of man. The ground flora looked good with Bluebell, Lesser Celandine and Ground Ivy while the western part had a lot of garden daffodils. The rather disappointing variety of flowers probably reflects its use for grazing cattle up to the 1970s.

The Rectory Meadow, the site of the annual Great Holland fête, has probably never been subject to artificial fertiliser and is therefore rather unusual these days. It was a little early in the year to see the full range of plants but very notable were the Bulbous Buttercup and the much taller Meadow Buttercup, both now much rarer than their cousin the Creeping Buttercup, because they don't tolerate competition from more rampant species of grass.

The Plant Atlas is being published in 2020.

Bob Seago - Warden
(rjseago@gmail.com)

BOTTLE BANK AT THE MANOR



The bottle bank in the car park at The Manor Public House can be used by Great Holland residents. If using the bottle bank, please be considerate of those living nearby.

POLICE NEWS

INCIDENTS

Very little to report this time.

The only thing of note was an attempted burglary of a property in Manor Road. The method of operation was to try and jemmy the side window to gain entry. Reports have been received of vehicles being broken into and contents stolen. Make sure all valuable items are removed – even satnavs.

OTHER

With summer approaching please make sure when you leave your property that all windows are secure. Think about closing downstairs front windows (especially if they are large ones) when you are planning to spend time in your rear garden. It doesn't take a burglar long to enter and steal from your house. The main thing burglars are looking for is cash and jewellery.

Essex Police have noticed an increase in Rogue Traders. The following simple steps may prove helpful

- Check the trader's identity: were you expecting them? If not, but you are interested in what they are selling, ask them to come back at a more convenient time and try to have another person with you.
- Take control: you ask the questions and try to remember that it is a business situation.
- Be aware that doorstep sellers are not your friends: watch out for clever sales techniques where you may be made to feel you have lots in common.
- Don't sign on the spot: even if it means that you could lose a 'special discount'. Take time to reflect, think about your purchase and shop around.
- You have a right to cancel: If you do purchase something for more than £35 from doorstep sales people you have 7 days to change your mind. This information should be given to you in writing by the sales person.
- If in doubt ask the person to leave: phone Consumer Direct or Essex County Council Trading Standards on 08454 040 506 for further advice.

Keep safe,

Michele and Paul

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

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
PCSO 6477 Michele Diss
Walton Police Station
Martello Road, Walton-on-naze

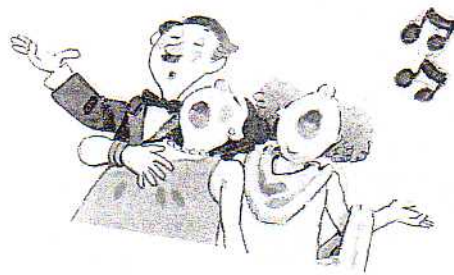
paul.brassey@essex.pnn.police.uk
michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk



10th Anniversary Celebration

The Orchard Tearoom at Park Fruit Farm, Pork Lane, Great Holland is celebrating its 10th Anniversary on **Friday 27th and Saturday 28th July**, from 10.00am-4.00pm on both days. There will be a book stall, tombola and other competitions.

Please telephone **674621** for more details.



Clacton Choral do Lloyd Webber & Lionel Bart!

Crossing over from Classical music into the fun of family-friendly, West End musicals for this concert, Clacton Choral's 'Summer Show!' opens with Gilli Dulieu's new arrangement of five of the best-known songs from Lionel Bart's 'Oliver!', followed by a full concert performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. This was the first Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical to be performed publicly, and it is often chosen for schools to sing, because of its familiar themes and catchy music. Clacton Choral will have a real band on hand to accompany the songs, with David Mitchell on piano, Phil Dulieu on guitar, Peter Thorne on bass and Jeremy Price on drums.

You are promised a summer's afternoon of pure, toe-tapping musical enjoyment.

The concert, on **Saturday 7th July** at 5.00pm at St James' Church, Tower Road, Clacton CO15 1DA, will also showcase the solo talents of members of the choir, in other well-known songs from the shows.

There will be tea and cakes to enjoy after the show.

Tickets are £10 each and are available from **01255 424568** or johnkedge@tiscali.co.uk, and on the door.



Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 7th June** and **Thursday 5th July** 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

Tending First Ladies

We welcome everyone to our friendly group that meets on the first Monday of each month (although this can vary due to Bank Holidays), at **Frinton Methodist Church Hall** at 2.30pm. We charge £2.00 entrance at each meeting to cover the cost of room hire. A speaker talks for about half an hour before tea and home-made cakes are served. We also have a raffle.

Monday 4th June:

The Lifehouse (Thorpe-le-Soken) and Wellness

Sue Davis

Monday 2nd July:

Bell ringing

Anne Bray



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

Local events

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

The Editors

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Saturday 9th June

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FRIENDS OF FRINTON THEATRE



The 79th Season of Frinton Summer Theatre opens at the McGrigor Hall, Frinton on Tuesday 10th July and runs until Saturday 25th August, when it will draw to a close after another Season of seven fantastic weeks of glorious entertainment.

There will be six plays and a Musical. It's hoped the season will consist of the following: Driving Miss Daisy, Blithe Spirit, Love Virtually, Our Man in Havana, Death Trap, Boeing Boeing and the wonderful musical 'Fiddler on the Roof'.

There will also be a Comedy Night and two Music Nights.

The Friends of Frinton Theatre have proudly continually supported Frinton Summer Theatre for nearly 45 years, assisted by our Members volunteering to help with Front of House and by providing financial support to help meet the ever growing annual running costs.

Our upcoming events:

Saturday 7th July

Members only - Pre-Season Afternoon Tea Party, venue and further details to be announced.

Date in August to be announced

Members only - Meet the Cast Party.

Along with Quiz Nights, Theatre Outings and an Annual Dinner Dance.

If you would like to help by becoming a Friend, Membership starts from as little as £12 per year.

Our Membership year runs from 1st January - 31st December each year. The benefits of becoming a 'Friend' of Frinton Summer Theatre include the advantages of our exclusive access to notifications of advance season information, and the opportunity to purchase tickets and select preferred seating (subject to availability) prior to the tickets being released for sale to the general public, with the additional benefit of being able to purchase a Frinton Summer Theatre Season Ticket at a generous 15% discount.

If you are interested in joining please contact our Membership Secretary, Sarah Philbrick **tel: 679092, or email: friendsfrintontheatre@gmail.com** for more details.

I look forward to seeing you soon hopefully at the Summer Theatre or at one of our events.

Best wishes

Pat Philbrick
Chairman, Friends of Frinton Theatre

FROM THE ARCHIVES

As it is the centenary of the suffragettes' movement I have been asked if I would do a write up in this edition about Gt. Holland suffragettes.

Unrest had started in England as early as 1903 when Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union. The aim of the W.S.P.A. was to win the right for women to vote in parliamentary elections. The *Daily Mail* gave women the mocking name 'Suffragettes' and it stuck.

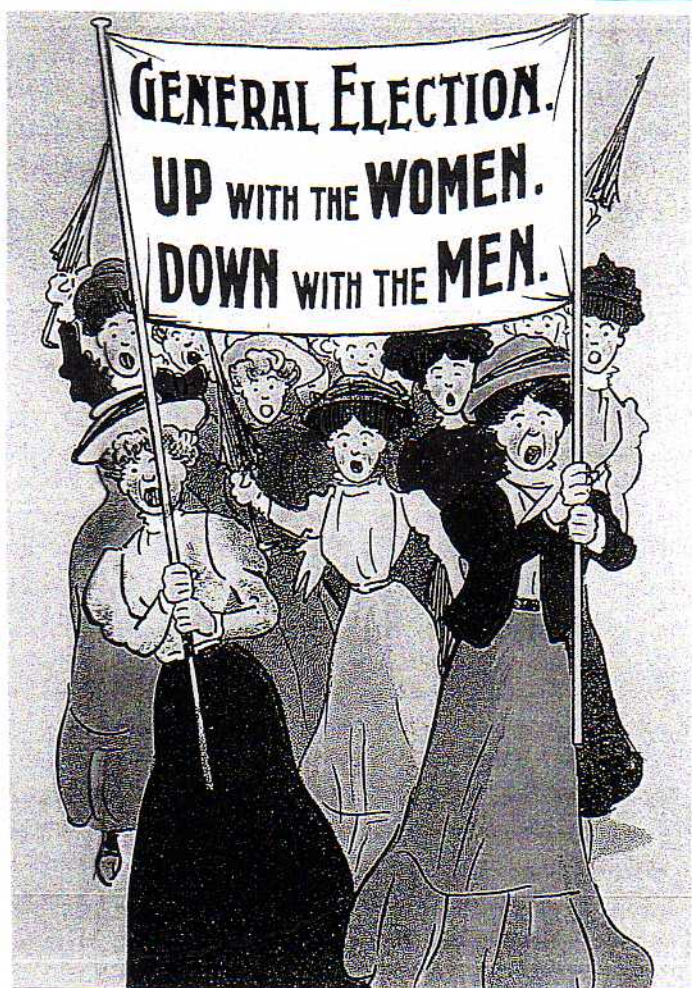
For ten years they conducted a spectacular campaign of disobedience, destruction and downright terrorism. One W.S.P.A. veteran, Emily Davison, became a martyr to the cause when she was trampled by the King's horse at the 1913 Epsom Derby as she tried to fix the purple, white and green colours of the movement to the animal's bridle.

In Great Holland, Lilian Hicks and her daughter Amy (seen on the right of the picture) were well known suffragettes.



The East Essex Advertiser & Clacton News of 1904 reported on 21st May that Miss Amy Hicks, daughter of the late Mr CT Hicks of Great Holland Hall, had been appointed to a Greek Fellowship in the College of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Miss Hicks was an M.A. if the University of London.







Below is a group of young ladies, including Amy Hicks, with Sophie Byrant (nee Wilcock) who was an educationalist, Irish patriot and suffragette. (Centre two seated ladies)



It was reported in the local paper in February 1913 that Mr Ted Polehill, one of the men employed on the Frinton golf links discovered that No.3 tee had received attention from suffragettes, as was proved by a slip inscribed with 'Votes for Women' being pinned on a flag. The turf was cut up to some extent with a trowel, but the damage was not of a very serious nature.

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder
June 2018

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	Links Karate 6.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
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 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)

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DISCOVERING DAD'S ARMY

*The Home Guard during WWII
in the Tendring District*

Saturday 23rd June 2018

All Saints Primary School, Great Oakley

10.00am – 4.00pm

FREE EVENT

*Find out about the local Home Guard
members, and their defence positions*

Talks • Re-Enactors • Memories
History Groups • Refreshments



*Special unveiling ceremony of an information
board at the Great Oakley pillbox at 2.00pm*

Clacton & District Local History Society

The Clacton & District Local History Society was formed in 1985 to research, record and promote the history of Clacton & District. The Society meets at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at Pier Avenue Baptist Church in Clacton. A talk by a guest speaker is followed by refreshments and a raffle. Membership is £12.50 per year, which gives free entry to all meetings. The Society also has a small museum in Clacton Library.

Our next meetings are on:

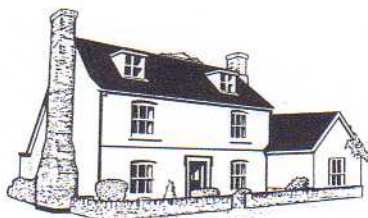
Wednesday 21st June:
The "People's Photographers"
Malcolm Batty

Wednesday 19th July:
A history of Easton Lodge - a Countess and her garden
Clare Matthews

For more details please contact: **07814 456118** or visit: www.clactonhistory.co.uk

Dr Carla Mahmoud
Dr Mathew Kattukaran

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Surgery Newsletter

Hello again from everyone at the surgery. The weather this early Bank Holiday has been fantastic and has cheered everyone up no end - let's hope the rest of the summer lives up to expectation. The new staff is settling in well and Doctor Hannah is expecting her new baby in the next few weeks so I will update you with news at the given time. Some of you may know that Dr Mathew and his wife are also expecting twins due to arrive sometime in August.

One other major change at the surgery is the introduction of triage for our same day appointments. We have needed to bring this in to manage the daily demand for our services. We have been trialling a system whereby patients are added to list with a brief note of their reason for a same day appointment along with a note of the best way to contact the patient who is then called back and offered a time slot. Early findings suggest that some folk have been using our same day slots as a convenience rather than for medical need, we have so far found that on almost every day we have had same day availability until late afternoon, this is because some slots have been rejected by the patient for not being at a convenient time or location. Every person that has requested a same day slot has been called back. However we are sometimes finding that the patient is not available on their mobile phone. We will make a minimum of 2 attempts to call back but after that we simply do not have the resources to keep trying and will leave to the patient to call again. The new system means that there is no rush for folk to call at 8am, requests for same day appointments that come to the desk are also added to the triage list in order that everyone is treated fairly and so far the feedback from patients has been excellent overall.

The PPG have been struggling with attendance at meetings and I am hoping to revitalise this group of patients that care about our services enough to want to give feedback to the surgery in a positive way. We are required by NHS England to have a PPG and to take their feedback into account when making practice decisions. There has been some criticism of the surgery and staff on social media and I always invite anyone posting comments about the surgery to come and see me to discuss their concerns. So far I have not had any requests for meetings. I would urge anyone who has an interest in the running of the surgery to contact me at the surgery with regard to helping to fill the vacancies on the PPG committee.

On a final note GDPR comes into force on 25th May. Please make sure you have opted in or out of our text message service. If you have not received a text message we don't have an up-to-date number. The text messages are for appointment reminders and are very useful for checking correct booking of time and place.

Best wishes
Karen Austen

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