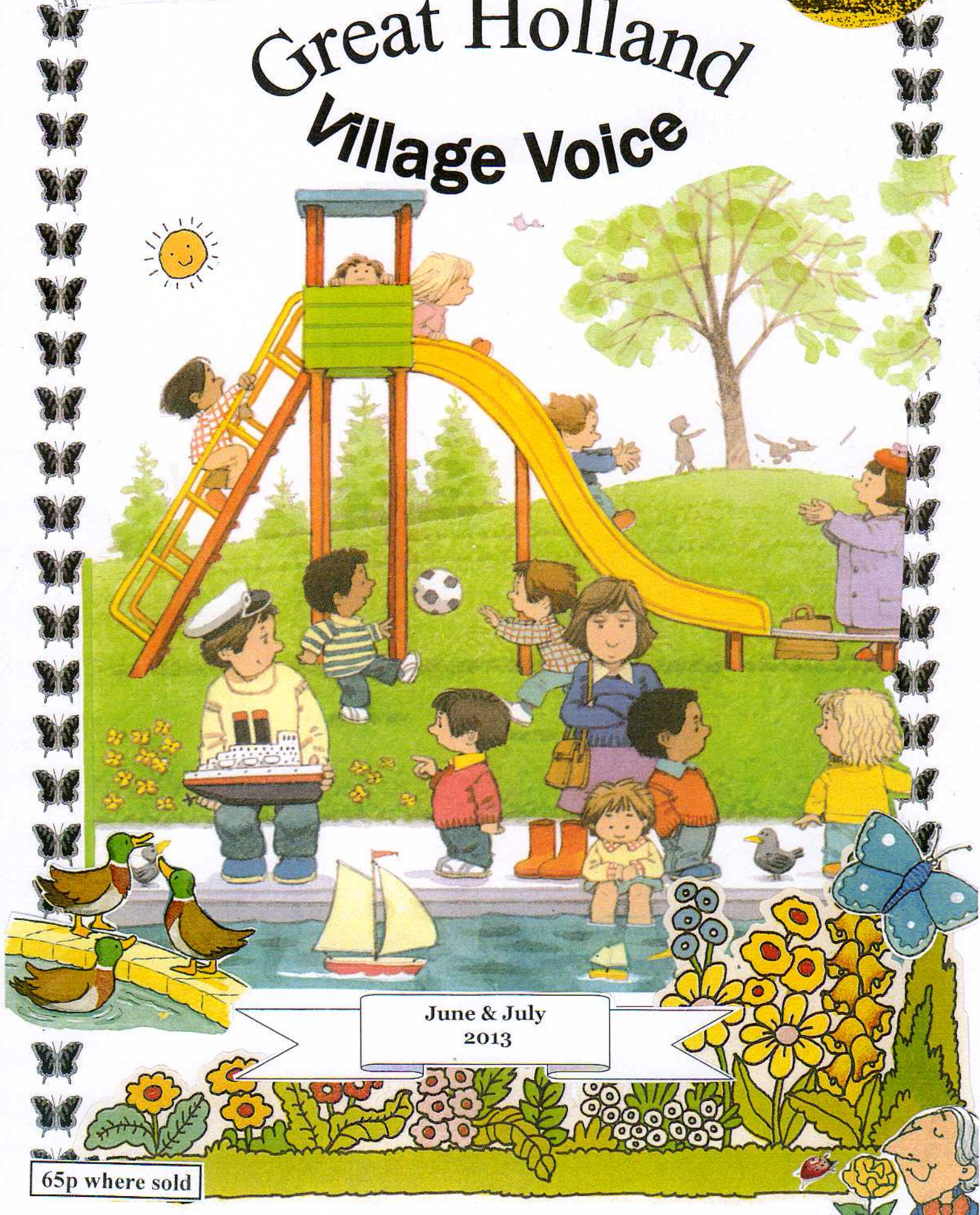




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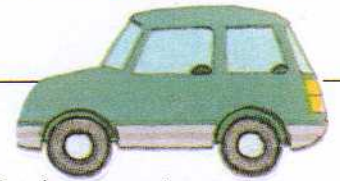




... to the June/July edition of Village Voice.

Included in this edition ...

- Good news about Great Holland Residents' Association
- Update on the former Village Stores
- A reminder about our fête on Saturday 3rd August
- We have a new local advertiser - a female driving instructor



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?



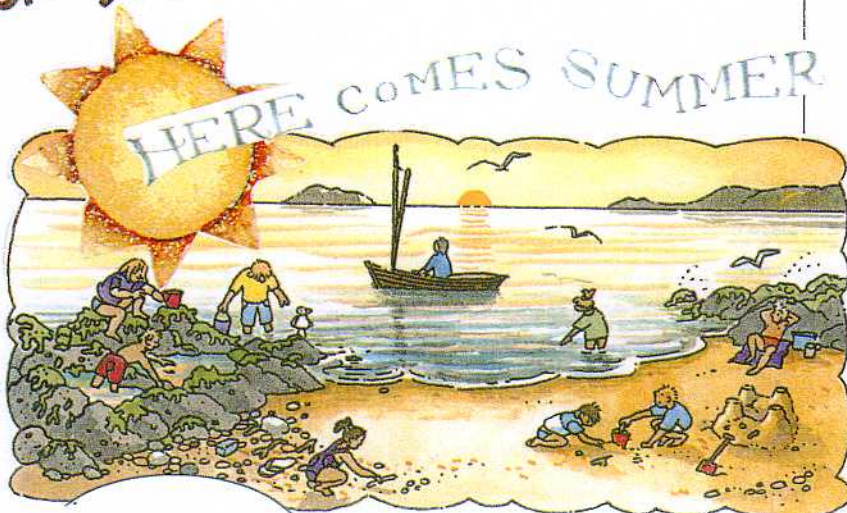
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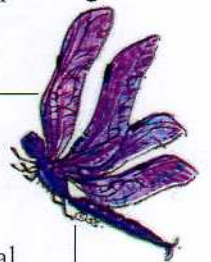
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Sunshine



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Village Contacts and Local Information



Member of Parliament	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
Residents' Association	Lucy Margetts (Chair)	815014
All Saints' Church Minister	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Eva Walker	851179
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair)	850317
	Mrs F Harris (Bookings)	830136
Great Holland Village Stores	Main Road	674359
Frinton & Walton Town Council (Incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland)	Mrs D Milnes (Town Clerk)	676666
	Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	850067
Tendring District Council	Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE	686868 (Emergency/ Out of Hours: 2220220)
	Cllr. Mr Robert J Bucke	677495
	Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens	861374
Dog Warden	(Tendring District Council)	0845 2417253
Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page	672410
Neighbourhood Watch Administrator	Please call 101 and ask to speak to Paul Teague.	
Crime Reduction Officer	Please call 101 and ask to speak to David Gillies.	
Crimestoppers	0800 555111	
Mobile Library	Calls fortnightly every other Thursday at Rosery Mews only. Arrives 10.00am, departs 10.30am - see Diary page for dates.	
Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken.	
	The Civic Amenity Tip opens at 9.00am.	
	<u>The Tip is closed every Tuesday and Wednesday.</u>	
	Winter opening times (until 29 th February 2012): 9.00am- 4.00pm Summer opening times (1 st March-15 th October): 9.00am-5.00pm Late night opening during summer no longer takes place.	



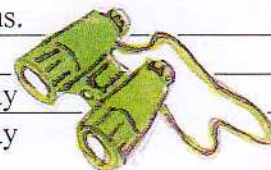
Dates for your Diary ...



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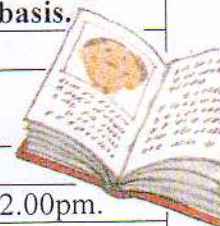
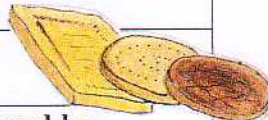
Saturday 1 st	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Monday 3 rd	TFL meeting: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm. Local historian and author Norman Jacobs will entertain us with a talk about the history of Clacton and The West Cliff Theatre. More information about this friendly social club elsewhere in magazine.
Thursday 6 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: We will be meeting at 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), at 2.00pm. More details elsewhere in magazine.
Saturday 8 th	TFL Social Event: Strawberry Tea in Frinton Crossing Cottage Garden, 2.30-4.00pm Tickets £5. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.
Sunday 9 th	Open Day: Great Holland Pits, starts 11.00am
Thursday 13 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 20 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.
Thursday 27 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Friday 28 th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, Frinton, 9.00am-12.00pm
Sunday 30 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.



July



Monday 1 st	TFL meeting: Speaker not confirmed at time of going to press: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm.
Thursday 4 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Saturday 6 th	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am. This will be followed by: 2013 AGM OF GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 11.15am – 12.30pm The AGM is open to all villagers and those who hire the hall on a regular basis.
Thursday 11 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Thursday 25 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Friday 26 th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: Frinton Methodist Church Hall 9.00am-12.00pm.
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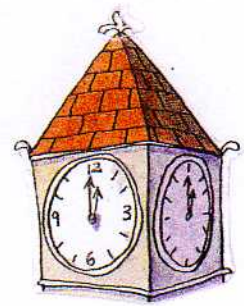
AUGUST:

Saturday 3 rd (Fête Day)	Hog Roast and Live Music at The Ship. 2.00-6.00pm.
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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 **15 July** if possible.

PLEASE RING ELAINE ON 674809 FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY EVENTS PLANNED AT THE SHIP DURING JUNE AND JULY

All Saints' Church



Rector's article ...

On June 14th there are celebrations in Kerala, South West India to celebrate the 195th birthday of Henry Baker.

Henry Baker was a Christian and came from this area, but spent much time in India taking the news of Jesus to those who hadn't heard about him and doing all he could to serve the people he met.

The delight of the people who now live in Kerala and their desire to not forget has been a reminder to me of the importance of what Henry Baker did. While we often quickly forget what people have done for us in the past, they are so keen to remember the past and to be thankful.

That's surely a challenge to us about what and who we take for granted. People do things for us all day and we say thank you and remember so little.

But also a wonderful thought about Jesus. He was the reason that Henry Baker spent his time in India. Trying not to state the obvious, it wasn't an easy journey with a stop-over in Dubai! And Jesus was also the reason that those in India are and were so thankful.

There are many accounts of the hope that the news about Jesus brought and just as many reports about the difference Christianity made to their lives and community.

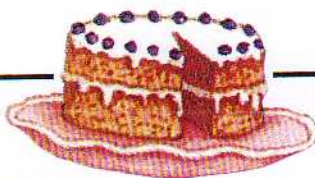
India has certainly changed, but Jesus hasn't - he still brings hope and encouragement to millions.

As the Bible says "God our Saviour and Christ Jesus our hope."

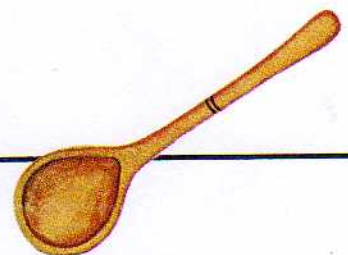
The challenge for Christians and for churches is to make sure that our Christian faith continues to make a difference.

On another note and amazed how quickly things come around, get the date for the Great Holland Fête in your diaries now! It's **Saturday the 3rd of August**, and it **WILL** be sunny!

Mark



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.**

From All Saints' Diary - JUNE

Saturday	1 st	10-11am	Home Made Hour at the Village Hall
Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	5 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	9th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion
		11.00am	Morning Service
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	19 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	23rd	11.00am	Morning Service
Saturday	29 th	6.30pm	"Picnic in the Park" on the Glebe Field at St Michael's church.
Sunday	30th	9.30am	Joint service at St Michael's, followed by a church picnic.



From All Saints' Diary - JULY:



Wednesday	3 rd	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	6 th	10-11am	Home Made Hour at the Village Hall
Sunday	7th	11.00am	Morning Service
Sunday	14th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	17 th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday 27 July to Sunday 4 August: FRINTON MISSION			
Sunday	28th	11.00am	Morning Service



AUGUST:

Saturday 3rd 2.00- 5.00pm GREAT HOLLAND FÊTE



FROM THE REGISTERS:

FUNERALS:

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

Donald David (Don) Alderton (86) Laxton Grove, Great Holland Weeley Crematorium



Dog poo!

There seems to be rather a lot of dog faeces in All Saints' churchyard at the moment, so I am asking people who have dogs to please clear up after them or better still not let them do it there as it is not a dog walking park.

For the responsible owners, there is a designated bin outside the church for depositing dog faeces.

We have been cutting the grass over the last year or so, and have been down there this year to commence cutting the grass and generally tidying up the churchyard only to have to dodge dog poo. On several occasions we have ended up covered in the stuff when we have not seen it.

So **PLEASE** could you be considerate for those who visit the graves of their loved ones, as it is not very pleasant.

Thank you

Jill Nash

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, Jamie Wright, John Beale, Vanessa Giles and Ilze Robertson

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)

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GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2013 **Saturday 3rd August: 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open 1.45pm)**

Preparations are underway 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. 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!
- 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? The cake stall is always popular so 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 on **3rd August**.

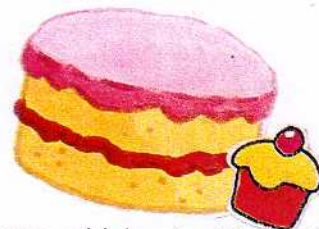
★ Cancellation of produce competition! ★

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year's Fête will not now feature a produce competition. Many apologies to anyone who has already started planting.

Village and Church Fête Committee



Home Made Hour



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our April and May Home Made Hours, which raised funds for All Saints' Church.

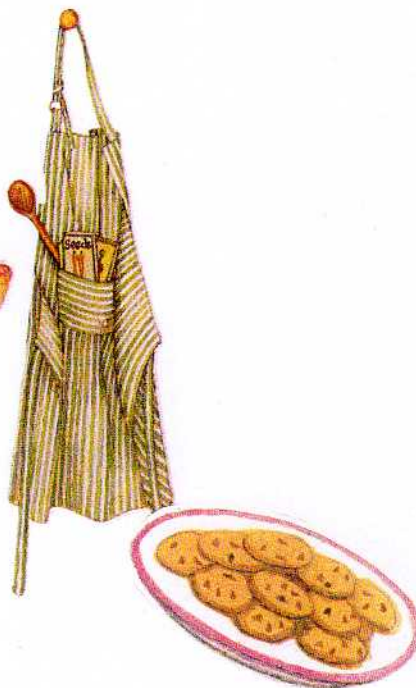
Our next Home Made Hours are on **Saturday 1st June** and **Saturday 6th July** from 10.00-11.00am in the Village Hall. Please come and join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, jam, trifles, savouries, scones etc, occasional plants/garden produce and hand crafted greetings cards. Refreshments are available and we also have a raffle.



Chocolate Florentines

Ingredients

75g butter
100g caster sugar
3 tbsp plain flour
50g hazelnuts
100g dried fruit mix
150g milk chocolate



Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Heat butter and sugar until dissolved
3. Mix in flour, nuts and dried fruit
4. Put teaspoonfuls of mixture on to lined baking sheet (widely spaced)
5. Bake 10 mins. Allow to cool on tray
6. Spread melted chocolate on flat side
7. Leave to harden

ENJOY!

Karen Withams

Church Hall - All Saints' Great Holland

The Church Hall is situated next to All Saint's 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 & lighting costs).

To hire the Hall please contact Judith Little on 813645.

Great Holland Methodist Church



The season after Pentecost

Have you ever wondered where you fit in the big picture of life and of this world?

Have you ever wondered how you can relate to the Bible that was written such a long, long time ago?

Have you ever wondered what God wants of you as you live your life on this earth?

We have celebrated Advent, the time of old when people were waiting for Jesus, who was promised by God a very, very long time ago.

We have celebrated Christmas and Easter, where this Jesus came on this earth, lived on it for thirty three years. During this time, this Jesus built friendships, taught people, led people, fed others as well as was fed by others, laughed with his friends, cried with his friends, healed many, touched and transformed many, was killed on the Good Friday, resurrected on Easter Sunday, went up to his Father, and left with us the Holy Spirit. We have celebrated all that, now what? What are we meant to do? What comes next?


Now I feel, is the exciting bit. Now it is not the end, now it is the beginning. Now we are the chapter that is being written, the story of redemption. Now is what we make of what Jesus did and of what the Holy Spirit teaches us. Last month we were reminded that Jesus wants us to relate to God and to each other, to share and to care for each other. We were reminded that in the midst of wind and fire, the power of God is shown in how we love our fellow human beings and how we love God.


And, how are we to do that?

Have you heard the story of the suspended coffees? A tradition that originates from Naples, Italy, has caught up with the world today. All around the world, coffee shops have embraced the tradition. But, what is it? Well, people can go to a coffee shop and pay in advance for a coffee which can then be redeemed by someone that can't afford to buy a warm beverage. This is a story based on good faith. This story shows how people care for each other, and are giving something to make someone else's day. This is a story about sharing. This is the post Pentecost story. This could be our story. The story of a people that know they are important, the story of a people that know they are part of history, that they can make a difference. The story of a people that know that they are loved by God, because they are, wholly and wholeheartedly! Unconditionally! Forever!

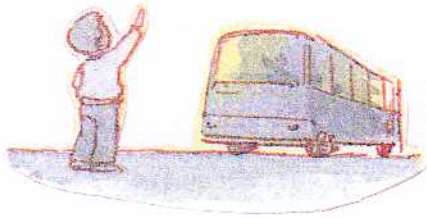
And this is how, we, as a church, want to love the world. We get it wrong many times, because we are humans, but we try. So, please, please, let us get to know you...let us meet together, laugh together, talk together, share together. We are all on a journey, trying to play our part in the big picture. So, we look forward to seeing some of you in the events we have organised. And below we are sending another reminder of what they are organising. Please, do come! You are more than welcome!

The monthly activities up to the summer are:

 **24th May 2013: QUIZ NIGHT- @ Great Holland Methodist Church.** The event starts at 6.45pm for 7.00 pm, and it will include a Ploughman's as well as tea and coffee. Places are limited. Tickets are available for £4.00.

 **21st June 2013: BARN DANCE - @ Great Holland Methodist Church.** It is a bring and share event. Tea and coffee will be provided. No alcohol. Places are limited. Tickets are available for £5.00.





★ **4th July 2013: DAY TRIP TO SOUTHEND** - Places are limited. Tickets are available for £10.00. This includes the tip for the driver.

★ **17th August 2013 - FAMILY FUN DAY ON THE GREEN** - Food, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and much more. A day for the whole family. More information to follow.

The contact person for the above events and for ordering tickets is Ann Lott: 675065

God's blessings,
Rev. Eva Walker



THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS...

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



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club



Tuesday 11th June
Wildlife on Stamps
Ralph Bridgeman
St Cedd's Hall, Frinton
7.30pm

Tuesday 9th July
Football Ephemera
Sharky
St Cedd's Hall, Frinton
7.30pm

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



Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



All A Buzz

The weather is bright, some of my favourite flowers are blooming, summer birds have arrived and butterflies are emerging. I hesitate to write therefore about the following issue.

As a person thrilled with nature, I originally became interested in plants, because they remained still long enough to be looked up. Through a succession of other interests I recently resolved to try to identify and study bumblebees. I made some faltering progress last year, and became familiar with their steep decline, and the similar situation for honey bees.

The recent news is that the European Union has banned for two years the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, (neonics), on certain crops, against the votes of the UK government.

This class of insecticide, similar to nicotine in some respects has been developed since the 1980's and increasingly used in the last 15. Tests identified that neonics were safer than alternatives for mammals, and particularly effective against insects, disrupting their nervous system. Standard testing was applied and passed the tests for not **directly** killing honey bees by normal use. Neonics are often applied to seeds before drilling, and the chemicals are taken in to the plant where they provide protection from insect attack. What was not tested were sub-lethal effects on honey bees, or effects on other pollinating insects.

The use of neonics coincides with a steep decline in pollinating insects, though of course many other factors may have been the cause. Several countries in the world have installed partial bans on the use of neonics, and a coalition of parties in America are suing their Environmental Protection Agency for not conducting adequate tests. The EU 2 year ban, which will start next year, is partial, as it will only concern crops which are insect pollinated, and which are spring sown.

In my view the British government who opposed the EU ban gave incorrect reasons for their opposition. While it is true that the tests that connected problems for bees was done in the laboratory, and therefore may not apply to the open field, it is not relevant to say that the outdoor tests were inconclusive. This is because the tests conducted were compromised by the fact that control groups were demonstrated to have picked up neonics from nearby fields. In the UK it is said that the use of neonics was so universal on rape seeds for example that untreated seed could only be found for one trial in the survey, but this was also to close to treated fields. This in my view is not a legitimate reason to continue with the status quo.

Apparently the two year ban is not long enough to conduct all of the necessary study on this matter. Clearly tests were done on these chemicals according to a protocol which seemed adequate twenty years ago, but it is this protocol which has to be refined.

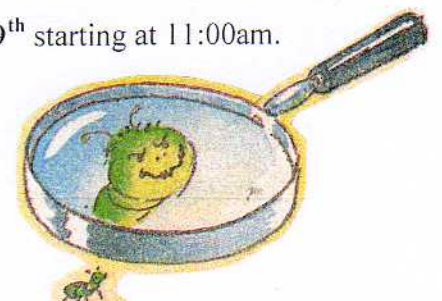
Meanwhile for the second year I am growing a section of red clover on my allotment which last year encouraged a nearby nest of bumblebees. I still puzzled over identification.



Date for your diary...

I remind readers that the Great Holland Pits open day is on **Sunday June 9th** starting at 11:00am.

Bob Seago - Warden



A BIT OF FUN

Can you solve these cryptic clues to reveal the names places in Devon or Cornwall? These were taken from a quiz set for an 'active retirement association'. Unfortunately there are no prizes, just the pleasure of getting them right. (Answers elsewhere in the magazine.)

1. Begin here
2. Ballpoint for Mr Thatcher
3. Red in the face
4. Not bad. Not square. But heavy
5. Shackles
6. Build up the fire for Bond's creator
7. Seven days after the seventh letter
8. A reptile
9. Mickey's home
10. Make a quick dollar
11. Protection for the cricketer. Put it away
12. You could easily spend a penny here
13. This condiment is used on a particular Wednesday
14. Is she a Communist?
15. This hill on Dartmoor has a sharp tip
16. No place for a teetotaler
17. You can see the sound from here
18. Simon Templar could see well here
19. Little Rebecca takes a tumble
20. If you lost the old one you would need this to get in

GHRA – Annual General Meeting



Great Holland Residents Association

Date : 18th May 2013 10.30am Start (Finish 11.50 am)
Venue : Village Hall

Minutes

John Poulten – Chairman
Paul Withams – Secretary
Denys and Lindy Strich - Treasurer

John Poulten welcomed everyone including guests :

- Cllr Robert Bucke (F&WTC)

Item 1 - Apologies for absence

- Stephen Sullivan
- Jeanne Large
- Sylvia Nicoll
- Malcolm Graham
- Sue Masters

Item 2 - Mins from the last meeting (26th May 2012) were approved.

Item 3 - Matters arising from the last meeting: None

Item 4 - Treasurers Report:

Denys Strich advised that following the decision in May 2012 for the GHRA to become dormant whilst new Officers were found, little activity had taken place in the account and subscriptions had not been collected from residents.

Notwithstanding this, 5 residents had failed to cancel their Bank Standing Order payment and had therefore contributed for 2013.

Whilst the accounts for 2012 had yet to be audited, Denys provided a summary of the finances;

Held at Bank:	£2,779.44
Cash held	£ 37.10
Total reserves:	£2,716.54

PostScript;

Following the successful election of GHRA Officers for 2013 (see later), subscriptions are now being collected. Rates are £2 per person or £4 per family.

Item 6 – Election of Officers :

Lucy Margetts offered her services as **Chair of GHRA**.

Lucy stressed that her day to day commitments are such that the residents would need to agree to share the load of investigating / acting on more in depth matters arising. It was generally agreed that this was an appropriate expectation and that the role of the Chair would be to co-ordinate responses of a sub-group and act as the focal point.



David Masters offered his and **Malcolm Graham's** joint services as **Secretary**. **Sandra Mooney** offered her services in typing should that be of assistance.

Deny & Lindy Strich offered their services as **Joint Treasurer**.

All nominations were put to the members and the appointments confirmed.

It was confirmed that the Officers formed the Committee, together with the Street distributors / representatives.

Various votes of thanks were given to:

- John Poulten & Paul Withams for their services as Chairman and Secretary over the past 4 years.
- To the incoming officers and the continuation of the GHRA.
- To the Editors of Village Voice Magazine (Sandra Mooney & Linda O'Reilly) for producing such an impressive publication.
- To Karen Withams for providing the refreshments (with donations going to Gingerbread Pre-School, newly registered charity based at Baker Hall, Kirby.)

Item 8 – AOB:

Dementia home:

John Poulten and Robert Bucke provided a review of the visit made to the care home and covered:

- The quality of the build / finish.
- The parking & transport arrangements of staff and residents.
- Work undertaken to address the flooding of the road (installation of two 'balancing ponds')
- Installation of a bus stop.
- The opening date

John finished by reminding residents that the development was open to visitors most weekends – and anyone was able to take a similar tour of the facilities.

Tree Pruning:

David Masters provided details of a firm who have been appointed to prune trees from power lines. UK Power Networks appear to have been reducing trees to ground level in preference to repeated pruning. David and Robert Bucke have escalated the matter with the relevant authorities and believe the firm have amended their working practices.

David reminded members that unless the work relates to an immediate safety matter, residents have the right to refuse access to anyone seeking to prune trees.

Sandra Mooney requested David write an article for the Village Voice magazine, to highlight both the problem and solution.

Village Shop:

It is understood that negotiations are continuing with the Post Office on whether they will support the re-installing of a full, fortress post office at the site of the Village Store. The outcome will influence the re-opening of the Village Store as it has a direct effect on its viability as a business.

Broadband:

Paul Withams reminded residents that Super fast broadband is now available in Great Holland for residents on the Frinton Telephone Exchange. Details on how to benefit from the service (up to 40 times faster than standard broadband) are available on the village website www.greatholland.com

Marie Curie Donation

John Ratcliffe thanked residents for their kind donations to the Marie Curie appeal. The sum of £150 had been raised from his annual door to door collection, an amount which Marie Curie noted was five times higher than would be expected from a road of that size.

The Meeting was closed at 11.50am

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

*Paul Withams
Hon Secretary, GHRA*

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN

I moved from Wivenhoe to Great Holland in 2004. We needed a larger house and, with 4 young children, a garden (we only had a strip of cobbles where we were). I hadn't really anticipated a small holding! Still, here we are, nearly 9 years on, with cows, horses, chickens, geese, etc. I used to be the Chair of Governors at a Junior school in Wivenhoe and believe that I have something to offer. Little Clacton Road has stunning views across the valley but it is quite isolated in that it is impossible to walk/cycle/ride along it with any modicum of safety and so it's been a slow process meeting people in the village.

When I saw that GHRA could disband, because no one was prepared to take on the roles of Chair and Secretary, it seemed a shame that the only central thing left would mean any battles to save the unique landscape of our locality would become even (more) lonely. I have only ever attended one or two of the meetings but the thought that there would be no "collated" information in the village magazine was a sad one. I read every issue and often refer back to them, either for contact names, activities, or news.

The pressure is mounting to build more homes and install more renewable energy sources without proper consideration for the impact on neighbourhoods and the ever shrinking countryside. Therefore I am happy to do what I can to keep GHRA going. It shouldn't just be about battles though; it should be about bringing the whole village together so everyone has a voice on matters that are important to them. I hope this will inspire you to join GHRA and if there is anything you would like to discuss at the meetings, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lucy Margetts

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LOCAL NEWS

TREES AT RISK IN GREAT HOLLAND

In late April, contractors were engaged in tree clearance close to overhead power cables in our local area.

The power networks company and their contractors have the authority to overrule local councils and pro-actively clear vegetation from overhead power cables or remove trees, even in conservation areas or where trees are protected. The balance of priority between the contractors' objectives and the appearance of trees and the effect on birds seems clearly biased towards clearing as much vegetation as possible.

Cllr. Robert Bucke has reported several important mature trees have recently been **removed** from the churchyard in Lower Kirby by this policy. Many mature trees in Great Holland also appeared to be threatened and, when Malcolm Graham contacted U.K. Power Networks, he believed several complaints had already been made against the contractors.

We have now been assured by U.K. Power Networks that future tree clearance will only be authorised where overhead power cables are damaged. Any "Tree and Vegetation Clearance Consent Forms" issued by U.K. Power Networks may now not be actioned. Please consult Great Holland Resident's Association (G.H.R.A.) if you have any concerns.

Ironically in a report commissioned by Tendring District Council in 2008 to support the Great Holland Village Design Statement, the authors, "the Conservation Studio", highlighted the quality and variety of trees in the village and recommended that overhead cables should be routed underground.

David Masters

19.5.2013

Joint Secretary, G.H.R.A.

UPDATE ON VILLAGE STORES AND POST OFFICE

The Post Office (PO) are insisting on changing it to a "Post Office Local" which briefly means it would be run from the shop counter rather than behind a fortress. Unfortunately they pay on commission only. Their estimation of the income from past records would be circa £5000 per year. This would just about pay the business rates. We need an established Village Shop for it to work alongside. We have tried very hard to get them to change their mind or to give us 2/3 years as it used to be, enabling a new tenant to re-establish the shop.

We do have a Postmaster very keen to take on the tenancy and have had, even before we took possession, but as you can see from the above figures, we are struggling at the moment. We are not giving up and are as determined as ever to re-establish the PO.

Thank you to the people who have contacted us offering help – you will certainly be contacted when we know more.

Roger Frere
Manager, Frinton Farm Partners

JUBILEE BENCHES

The installation of the benches is now in the hands of Frinton & Walton Town Council and they are presently in contact with Essex County Council regarding an 'approved contractor'. As the Council are meeting the cost of the installation, the remainder of the Jubilee event funds - £100 – is being donated to the Village Hall.

June Forrest
Chairman, GH Jubilee Event Committee

ACTION ON POTHOLES

There are still far too many potholes in our part of Essex and our local MP, Douglas Carswell, is keen to ensure that we get our fair share of spending in relation to repairs and resurfacing.

How can we help?

If there are still potholes IN THE ROAD WHERE YOU LIVE please email douglas@douglascarswell.com with a) the name of the road and, b) your postcode. This information will then be passed to Essex County Council to press for action.

(As people living on unadopted roads already know, ECC is only able to deal with adopted roads. However, if your road is unadopted please still pass on the information.)





The editorial team of Village Voice asked me to write a piece regarding an exciting new venture coming to the area soon!!!!

This September I am starting a Charity based Pre-school in Baker Hall, Kirby Cross.

The story begins with a conversation held four years ago with Rev. Peter Coley (at a particularly memorable Great Holland Home Made Hour), since when I have been working with the children at St. Michael's Pre-School at Baker Hall.

In that time I have progressed from being an occasional volunteer to that of deputy manager (with the associated trials, tribulations and rewards that brings!)

The St Michael's Pre-school, (run by St. Michael's PCC), announced its intention to close earlier in the year - however feeling passionately about providing children with the best possible start in life, (and being something of a glutton for punishment), my friend Dawn and I came up with the idea of launching a new Pre-school.

Both feeling strongly that we needed a local Pre-school for the benefit of our community and keen to learn from some of the difficulties experienced at St Michaels, we set about making our dream of creating a truly community focussed Pre-school a reality.

Little did we know the extent of the paper work, business plans, cash flow forecasts and the effort involved in creating our own charity constitution.

With a little business and financial advice from home, we are now the proud managers of Gingerbread Pre-School, registered with the Charity Commission.

The Charitable status was important to us, as we are committed to ensuring that all our profits will be going back into the school for the benefit of the children.

We have received lots of support so far, particularly from St Michael's Church, but here is a plea for more!!!

1) We would love to have an army of regular volunteers to join us during the morning sessions - reading, cooking and painting with the children.

2) We have also undertaken to care for the garden at Baker Hall, so that the outdoor area can add to the Children's opportunity of learning whilst having fun. Therefore, any child friendly plants or indeed help with gardening, really would be gratefully received.

3) We are opening up on a very tight budget and by necessity, we will be actively fundraising. Therefore, any offers to raise funds on our behalf would be fantastic. We are holding a 'homemade stall' at the Great Holland Village Fete (3rd August) so do please come and support us there.

If you feel you can offer help on any of the above activities, or support in any other way do please contact me via :

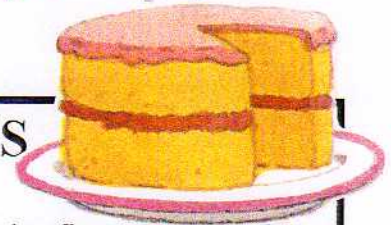
enquiries@gingerbreadpreschool.co.uk or drop me a line at The Saltings, Manor Rd.

With many thanks,

Karen Withams

WWW.gingerbreadpreschool.co.uk

Registered Charity No : 1151097



TFL LADIES MEETINGS

We welcome **everyone** to this group that usually meets on the first Monday of each month - this can vary due to Bank Holidays - at the Methodist Church Hall, Frinton (corner of Ashlyn's Road/Fourth Avenue). Meetings start at 2.30pm.

A payment of £2.00 is required at each meeting to cover the cost of the room hire. We have a speaker who talks for about 30 minutes and then tea and homemade cakes are served. There is also a raffle.

OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE ON:

Monday 3rd June: Local historian and author **Norman Jacobs** will be entertaining us with a talk about the history of Clacton and The Westcliff Theatre

Monday 1st July: Speaker to be confirmed.

SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday 8th June: Strawberry Tea in Frinton Crossing Cottage Garden, from 2.30-4.00pm. Tickets £5. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.



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

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

The next meeting will take place on
Thursday, 20 June
10.30 – 11.30 am



NEWS

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

- 1 x Highway disruption – broken down vehicle
- 2 x Road traffic collision
- 2 x Suspicious circumstances
 - a male looking at scrap metal in a garden – nothing taken
 - a male taking down details of caravans
- 1 x Fly tipping at Gt. Holland Mill
- 1 x Nuisance calls by telephone

A relatively good few weeks regarding crime in the area!

ADVICE

As mentioned in the last issue burglaries are still occurring in the Kirby Cross Area. Please stay vigilant and report anything that does not look right.



Your belongings may mean a lot to you but to a thief they are just a way of making quick and easy cash. Most burglars are opportunists and in 3 out of 10 cases, access is gained through an open door or window. For further advice go to the Essex Police Web site (www.essexpolice.co.uk).

Take care.....

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
PCSO 6477 Michele Diss
Community Phone No. 07850 631017

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

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 6th June** 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.

We have a new advertiser ...



A female driving instructor
(SEE ADVERT IN REAR SECTION OF MAGAZINE)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WITHOUT THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR LOYAL ADVERTISERS, WE COULD NOT PROVIDE VILLAGE VOICE FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS.

IF YOU CONTACT ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS, PLEASE MENTION VILLAGE VOICE!

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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| 1. | Begin here | Start Point |
| 2. | Ballpoint for Mr Thatcher | Pendennis Point |
| 3. | Red in the face | Flushing |
| 4. | Not bad. Not Square. But heavy. | Goodrington |
| 5. | Shackles | The Manacles |
| 6. | Build up the fire for Bond's creator | Stoke Fleming |
| 7. | Seven days after the seventh letter | Gweek |
| 8. | A reptile | The Lizard |
| 9. | Mickey's home | Mousehole |
| 10. | Make a quick dollar | Buckfast |
| 11. | Protection for the cricketer. Put it away | Padstow |
| 12. | You could easily spend a penny here | Looe |
| 13. | This condiment is used on a particular Wednesday | Saltash |
| 14. | Is she a Communist? | Redruth |
| 15. | This hill on Dartmoor has a sharp tip | Torpoint |
| 16. | No place for a teetotaller | Beer |
| 17. | You can see the sound from here | Plymouth |
| 18. | Simon Templar could see well here | St. Cleer |
| 19. | Little Rebecca takes a tumble | Becky Falls |
| 20. | If you lost the old one you would need this to get in | Newquay |

FROM THE GT. HOLLAND LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

In this issue we are looking at one of the 'gems' from Charles Hicks' diary.

It seems appropriate to look at his report concerning the weather and how it really has changed very little over the last two hundred or so years. Charles Hicks recorded in 1802 that there had been frost and snow from the 13th to 18th of May. In 1814 frost set in on Christmas Eve and lasted 14 weeks. The Thames was frozen over and a bullock roasted on the ice. Wild fowl were so numerous along the shore they were frequently heard up at the Hall, the noise much like a pack of hounds at a distance. "The harvest of 1824 was principally a wet one; the barleys were badly got up. I sold some at Manningtree of a bad colour and out of condition (he records) at 47s per qr. in Nov" This price would not have been obtained but for the existing Corn Laws.

In 1837 he states, "Violent colds and influenza generally prevailed throughout the Kingdom during January. Nearly half the inhabitants of London from illness could not attend business. Many mercantile houses experienced great inconvenience in consequence of the non-attendance of principals and assistants. One hundred and thirty clerks at the Bank of England absent one day. On the 20th of January ten men and two boys were absent from their work at Gt. Holland Hall from influenza. March the 25th was the coldest day experienced this winter. Very cold weather from 3rd to the 9th of April. On the 4th the frost was so severe the pumps were frozen. The ground was covered with snow on the morning of the 6th, 9th and 12th April. Great demand for all kinds of food for cattle and sheep from the backwardness of the season. The bark would not run and timber could not be felled in Hall Wood before the 1st of June. The wheat ears just began to show themselves on the 1st of July."



The year 1840, on the 15th October, "It rained in torrents all night and continued without intermission up to Saturday night ... On the Sunday morning there was never known so large a flood. The top of the posts and back of gates were seen just above the water."

Again, in 1860 he describes, "An unusual quantity of rain fell, both winter and summer. The land was so wet, even in summer the horses could not get on the land to plough or cart sometimes for days. The corn grown was never known of so bad a quality, it sold seriously on all heavy lands. The quantity per acre and the price both bad; some farmers were entirely ruined and others so bent they never got straight again. The following year was nearly as bad, the quality better. The heavy land farmers had cause to remember the years 1860 and 1861."

Maybe our weather now is not so bad after all!

Liz Bruce, History Recorder

VILLAGE HALL SPRING CLEAN

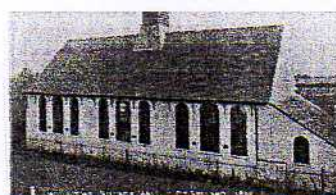
As a Committee we would like to thank all persons who gave up some of their day off to help with the annual spring clean. As you can see from the picture we all enjoyed some homemade cakes.


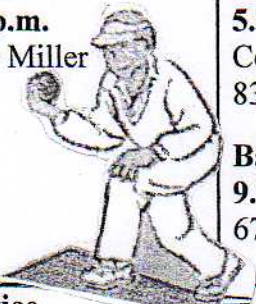
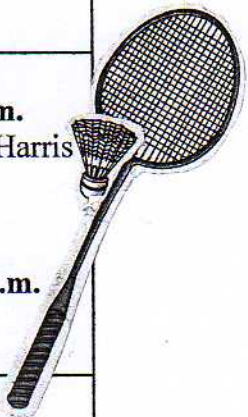


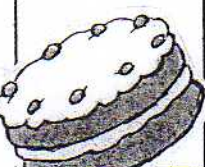


Special thanks go to Ray Smith for the loan of the scaffolding tower, Nickie Stack, Sheila Watts, Anne Fairbrother, June and Eddie Forrest, Alan Large and David Knight.

Once again thanks everyone. Sadly due to there not being as many helpers as we had last year there were a few jobs we were not able to complete. But there is always next year – hope to see you then, God willing.

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday		Church Choir Practice (Male) 3.00 – 4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909 	Cardio Vascular 6.45 – 7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday	Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Contact: Les Miller 671214 	Links Karate 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00 – 10.30 p.m. 671300 
Wednesday		Choir Practice 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909	Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 – 12.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available)		Circuit Training Fitness Class 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Hammond 07932 371476
Friday			Links Karate 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	 Home Made Hour 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. 1 st Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		

Rates for hire of Village Hall

All users (regular and casual): £9 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)

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As some villagers have discovered already, a beauty salon recently opened in the village. Below, owner Clare tells us a bit about herself and her business...



after the rain
HEALTH & BEAUTY

Set amidst the small Essex village of Great Holland you will find a place for pure relaxation, health and wellbeing. A perfect sanctuary offering an escape from the stresses of everyday life, a tailor made experience for each and every one of you. Whether it is a single treatment or more, we would like to introduce to you 'after the rain' Health & Beauty.

After the Rain can mean anything you want it to mean...is it that fresh, clear and calm feeling? Or could it be the life, growth and beauty that the rain gives to nature? For me after the rain is a light at the end of the tunnel, things have been stormy but now the sun is beginning to shine.

Great care and attention has been taken in creating an inviting, relaxing space whether it be sitting in our reception area with a refreshment and a good magazine or the comfort and warmth of the treatment rooms, we can guarantee you will leave feeling revitalised and better equipped to face the trials of everyday life

Career progression has been a high priority in my life; my positivity and passion for the beauty industry is what makes me happiest and my aim is to ensure that each of you enjoy personal and professional quality when experiencing treatments at 'after the rain'. I have extensive experience in the beauty therapy field having started my career at The Studio, Thorpe Hall where I became a well established therapist and was promoted to the post of Manager in a short space of time. My career then moved on to the then newly created Lifehouse Spa Resort as a Senior Spa Team Leader, where my role involved mentoring our 40 therapists and ensuring each of our guests journeys were every bit relaxing and tranquil. After taking redundancy I felt it the perfect time to pursue my ambition and 'after the rain' was born

We hope that you will visit our salon soon and experience top quality treatments in a convivial atmosphere where your experience will be our number one priority.

Book your first appointment for half price plus the first 5 appointments made will receive a complementary Manicure!

(Please quote Village Voice when booking your appointment)

For news, offers and information add yourself to the mailing list.
Telephone: 01255 317 721 or email: info@aftertherainhealthandbeauty.com
after the rain, Main Road, Gt Holland, Essex, CO13 0FD
www.aftertherainhealthandbeauty.com

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We are members of the public just like you. We were elected to the **Health Forum Committee** to seek out your opinion on local NHS services. **We will listen to you in the strictest confidence.**

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We report directly to the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which "buys" NHS services locally for patients. We tell them where new services may be needed or where people have experienced problems. **We want to hear from you.**

Why are we here?

With your help we can improve your local NHS services. We are a committee who can help direct your queries or ideas to the right people. **We ensure your views are heard and analysed.**

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