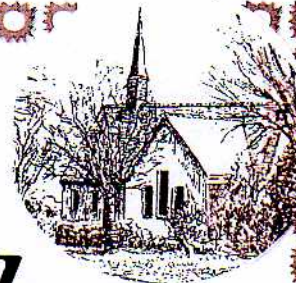
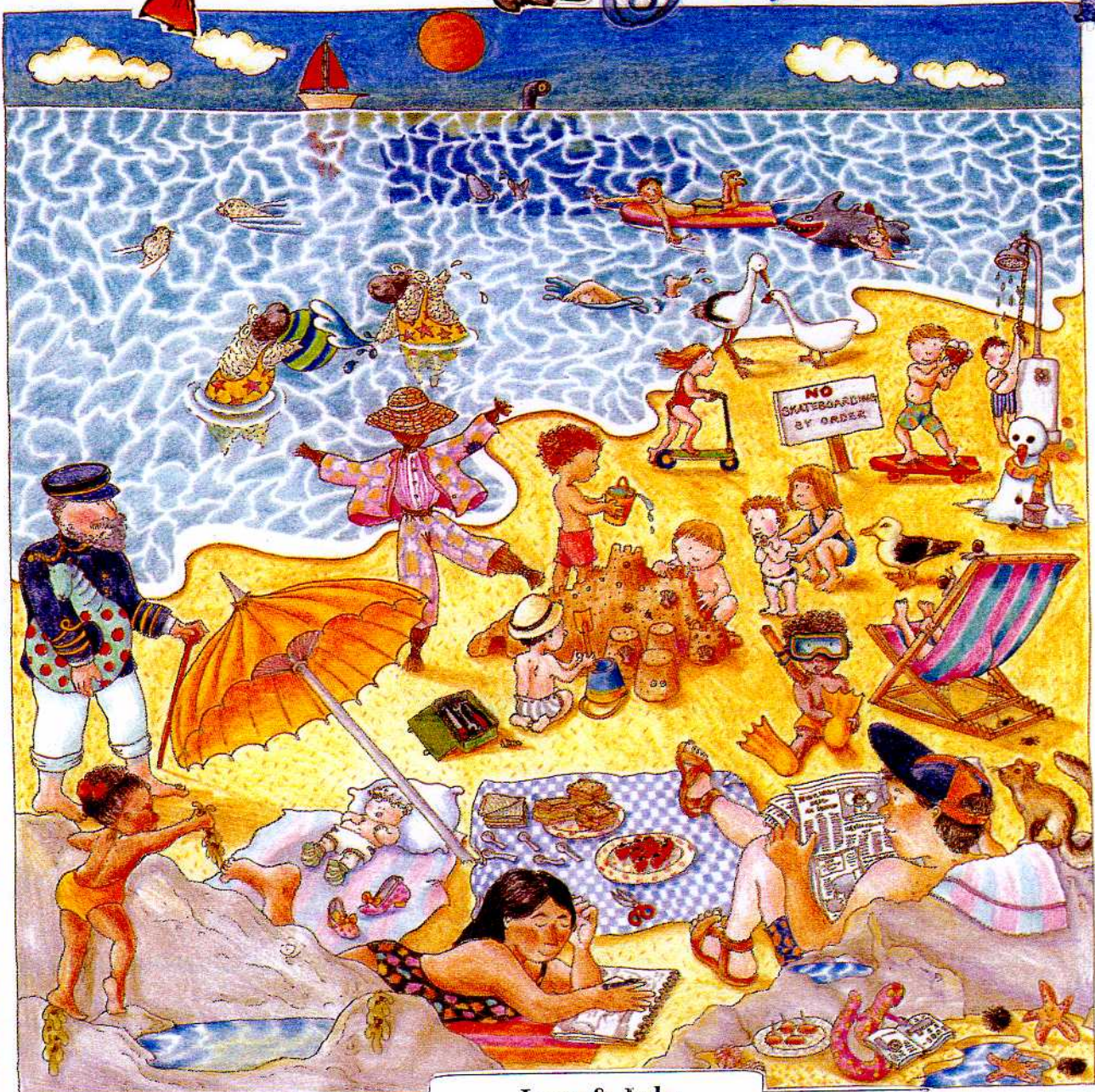


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... to the June/July edition of Village Voice.



Included in this edition...

- A letter from the Chairman of Great Holland Residents Association.
- A reader's review of her recent dining experience at The Ship.
- Information about our Village & Church Fête in August and a plea for more helpers!

FUN!

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:

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Dates for your Diary ...

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June



Sunday 1 st	Open Day: Great Holland Pits, starts 11.00am Charity Quiz Night at The Ship: Starts 8.00pm (delayed from end of May).
Monday 2 nd	TFL meeting: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm. Terry Allen - his life and what took him into politics. More about this friendly social club inside magazine.
Thursday 5 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court (opposite Village Hall), at 2.00pm.
Saturday 7 th	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am
Thursday 12 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Friday 13 th	Barbecue with Live Music: Great Holland Methodist Church. Please telephone Anne Lott on 675065 for tickets or information.
Saturday 14 th	Village Hall Committee AGM: Village Hall, 11.15am
Thursday 19 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Thursday 26 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Sunday 29 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship: Starts 8.00pm



July



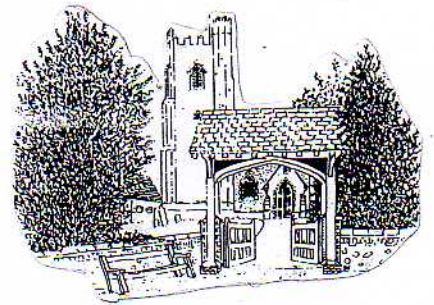
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Monday 7 th	TFL meeting: Frinton Methodist Church Hall, 2.30pm. Karen Ross - Primrose Pork.
Thursday 10 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 17 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Thursday 24 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Sunday 27 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship: Starts 8.00pm
Thursday 31 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.

August

Saturday 2 nd	GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE
Saturday 2 nd - Sunday 10 th	FRINTON MISSION

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.

All Saints' Church



Rector's article ...

Today the Women's Tour of Britain sped past. They covered the 90 or so kilometres from Felixstowe to Clacton at an average speed of about 26 miles per hour.

Watching the highlights this evening, we saw schools we knew, a friend on the local news, local landmarks, not quite our house, and also roads that, as a bit of a cyclist, I often ride around.

On the one hand it's was wonderfully exciting to see what you know there on the television. It was also lovely to see our beautiful coast and countryside there for all to see.

The one downside was the reminder that I've never ridden that fast in my life, even downhill, with a heavy weight on my back, and with a tail wind.

It's something isn't it to realise that we're not quite as good as we think we are; to realise that compared to others, we aren't as good as they are? I'm not quite the cyclist I think I am as I ride around the local lanes!

At church this weekend we'll be reminded of God's call to us to love him with all of our being and to love others, thinking of them at least as much as we think about ourselves.

It'll have the same effect as this evening's TV - reminding us we're not quite as good as we think as we are.

But it will also remind us that Jesus is more amazing than we can ever imagine! Despite all that happened around him, and despite what others did to him, he loved his Father perfectly and always put others first.

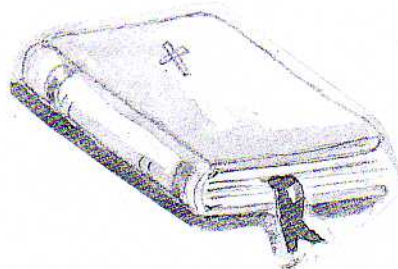
Like today's cyclists, we look on in wonder. And maybe, want to know more.

Mark

The Reverend John Price

Vera and family would like to thank everyone who sent kind expressions of sympathy on the death of John. We were very moved by the love and esteem in which he was held by all of you.

He is greatly missed but now with the God he so faithfully served.



From All Saints' Diary - JUNE:



Sunday	1st	ASCENSION SUNDAY	
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	4 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
		7.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Part 2
Saturday	7 th	10.00-11.00am	Home Made Hour at the Village Hall
Sunday	8th	PENTECOST	
		8.00am	Joint Holy Communion
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	11 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
Sunday	15th	TRINITY SUNDAY	
		11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	18 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	24 th	2.30pm	TeaPot at the Baker Hall
Wednesday	25 th	7.30pm	Prayer time at the Baker Hall
Sunday	29th	11.00am	Joint All Age Service of Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's

From All Saints' Diary - JULY:

Wednesday	2 nd	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	5 th	10-11am	Home Made Hour at the Village Hall
Sunday	6th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	9 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
Sunday	13th	8.00am	Joint Holy Communion
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	16 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
		2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	20th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	22 nd	2.30pm	TeaPot at the Baker Hall
Wednesday	23 rd	7.30pm	Prayer time at the Baker Hall
Sunday	27th	11.00am	Morning Worship

AUGUST

★ **SATURDAY 2nd** 2.00-5.00pm **GREAT HOLLAND FÊTE**
SATURDAY 2nd - SUNDAY 10th **FRINTON MISSION**





Lemon ricotta fritters with tomato sauce & courgette salad

TOMATO SAUCE

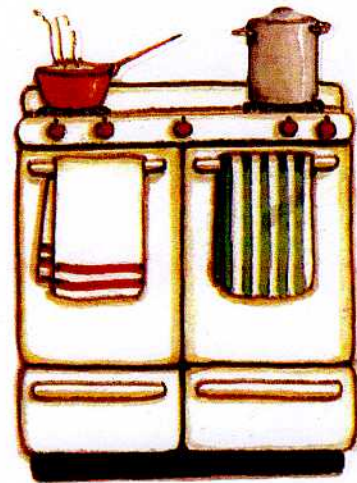
25g dried porcini mushrooms
4 anchovy fillets, optional
1 dried red chilli
2 cloves of garlic
700g passata
8 black olives (stone in)
½ a bunch of fresh basil

FRITTERS

1 large free-range egg
400 g ricotta cheese
1 whole nutmeg, for grating
1 lemon
40 g Parmesan cheese
1 heaped tablespoon plain flour
olive oil
balsamic vinegar

COURGETTE SALAD

400 g firm green or yellow baby courgettes
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 fresh red chilli
½ a bunch of fresh mint
1 lemon



Fritters

- Put the porcini into a mug and cover with boiling water
- Break egg into a mixing bowl, add the ricotta, finely grate in ¼ of the nutmeg, the lemon zest and Parmesan, add the flour, then beat together
- Put 1 tbs of olive oil into the frying pan, then use a tablespoon to spoon in 8 large dollops of the mixture, turning carefully when nice and golden

Sauce

- Put the anchovies (if using) and 1 tablespoon of olive oil into pan, add chilli and garlic
- Finely chop and add porcini with half their soaking water and passata, season. Bring to the boil.
- Add the olives. Reserve a few basil leaves, then chop the rest and add to the sauce.

Salad

- Grate the courgettes in the processor add the juice of the zested lemon and the extra virgin olive
- Finely chop the chilli and mint, toss together
- Place the fritters on top of the sauce, scatter over the reserved basil leaves, drizzle with balsamic and serve with lemon wedges

Karen Withams



Home Made Hour

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

Our next Home Made Hours will be on **Saturday 7th June** and **Saturday 5th July**, from 10.00-11.00am in the Village Hall. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, jam, marmalade, trifles, savouries, scones etc, occasional plants/garden produce and hand made greetings cards. Refreshments are available and we also have a raffle.



★ GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE & CHURCH FÊTE 2014 ★ Saturday 2nd August: 2.00 - 5.00pm (gates open 1.45pm)

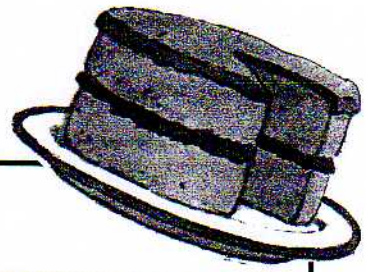
Preparations are underway for this year's Fête in the Old Rectory's lovely grounds! We are sure everyone will appreciate that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make this event the success it has become.

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

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



If you can help in *any* way, have items to be collected or can bring cakes on the day, please contact either **Sue Jenkins on 850317** or **Nicky Stack on 677984**. We look forward to seeing you all on **2nd August!**



Home Made Hours

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

Are **YOU** able to provide any items for our Home Made Hours, please? We would be particularly grateful for donations of home made cakes, which are always popular. We also welcome home made preserves and any surplus fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. **If you want to find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on 677984.**

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Judith Little

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

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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 microware, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). The cost of hire is £5 per hour from May - September and £7 per hour October - April (to cover extra heating and lighting costs). To hire the Hall please contact **Judith Little** on **813645**.

Great Holland Methodist Church



What kind of people are we called to be?

As we have celebrated Easter, as we have celebrated Christ risen, death beaten, hope and life given, what now? In light of the amazing news of Easter Sunday, what kind of people are we called to be?

Well, for one we are to be 'Easter People', people that stand up for hope and what is right, and good. Recently, or to be precise on the Easter Sunday, on the Sunday in which love won over everything bad, the Mail on Sunday published an article that claimed that the food banks don't ask their users to prove their need for free food, and thus 'scroungers' take advantage of them. They did this by sending someone to lie to the food bank volunteers to receive free food.

And, what happened after this article was published? The public, people of all walks of life, decided to donate even more to the food banks, showing that humanity still wants the good to win over the bad. Below extracts from the response of a young mother:

I've got a little boy. His name is Isaac, and he's nearly three. Like any little boy, he loves cars, balls, and running around. He's barely ever still. A few days ago though, he was. I took him to the supermarket to spend his pocket money, and we passed the donation basket for our local food bank. It was about half full - nothing spectacular, in fact, mostly prunes and pasta - and he asked what it was. As simply as possible, I tried to explain that it was for people to give food for other people who couldn't afford it. This affected his two year old brain fairly deeply. After a lot of thought, he decided to spend a little bit of his pocket money on some treats to donate, because "children haffa have treats when they mummy and daddy is sad!" Nothing exciting. A chocolate swiss roll (about 29p), some angel delight (about 40p). Just a treat for a child, from a child who cares.

Daily Mail, I've got to ask. Why does my two year old get it better than you do?.....

I'm not entirely sure what you felt you achieved with your undercover reporter.....That your reporter can lie convincingly? That charities are charitable? That people would far, far rather take the risk of someone abusing the system than allow someone in need to go hungry?.....It's Easter today, and we've been celebrating the new life God gives us. But for so many people, it's hard to see a new life when this one really sucks. My little boy made a dent in the darkness the other day. I pray one day your eyes are open to the God of all compassion, and you can join him.

And I couldn't put it better myself. As this story unfolded, as people responded in donating more, as this young mother responded, then in her words we find the answer to the question: 'What kind of people are we called to be?' And the answer: 'People that follow a God of love, compassion, mercy, a God who stands up against injustices, a God who is there for those in the greatest need.'



Great Holland Methodist Church continue to organise their monthly event and would love to invite you to their next event: **'Barbecue with Live Music' on Friday 13th June, at 6.00pm**. If the weather is nice, we will be outside, but if the weather turns, we are going to still meet inside. There will be food available for purchase. If you are interested, please do contact Ann Lott on: **01255 675065**. (For further information, or to request a ticket). We look forward to seeing you then.

God's blessings,
Rev. Eva Walker



REMINDER!

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

LOCAL NEWS

Tendring District Local Plan

At a meeting on 25 March Councillors agreed to set up a dedicated Local Plan Committee to oversee necessary changes to the Local Plan. Members of the public will also be able to attend the meetings of this committee which will take place in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices in Weeley on the following dates throughout the year:

- 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 May;
- 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 July;
- 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 September and
- 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 December.

Dementia Home

Cllr. Robert Bucke has been advised by the Foreman on site that they hope to start work on connecting the sewers within the next few weeks. Unfortunately this will no doubt cause traffic disruption during the ongoing work.

PCSOs

PCSO Michelle Diss advised residents during the recent Resident's Association AGM that F&WTC are to retain their PCSOs for the foreseeable future and it is hoped that contracts will be signed shortly.

Mystery Payment ?????

A short time ago an envelope was posted through one of the Editor's doors containing what appeared to be payment for a copy of the magazine. The only other piece of information we have is that it came from someone called 'Anthea'. If this person reads this item it would be appreciated if they could ring 672453. It may be that a new resident who received the magazine through their door was under the impression that they had to pay for it.

A Satisfied Customer

Having had a problem with my toe nails for some time now and going to clinics for treatment, I saw an advert in this magazine for "The Foot Health Care Professional". As the lady in question visited her customers at home I thought I would give her a try. I have had two sessions with her now and am very pleased with the results; my nails are looking a lot better and they are improving greatly. She ends the session with a foot massage and this has made a difference to my walking and stature on the following day. Evangeline is a very pleasant and well organised lady.



FOOTPATH – LITTLE CLACTON ROAD

Letter to the Editor :

Dear Editor,

I am writing to enquire if any other Great Holland residents are concerned as to why it is that Little Clacton Road is still without a footpath.

At the final meeting of the Great Holland Residents' Association (before the GHRA was put on hold) my partner and I spoke to Robert Bucke. We told him of a recent road traffic accident involving myself and my daughter, who was 5 at the time. I was hit by a car that had been unable to stop in time due to not seeing us walking round the corner on a sharp bend, and a speeding car travelling in the opposite direction making it impossible for the on-coming driver to swerve around us. We were walking towards oncoming traffic and wearing high visibility jackets. Luckily my daughter managed to think quickly and dived into the hedge, whilst I myself received injuries when the car hit me.

Of course, if there was a path along at least one side of the road this would never have happened. Mr Bucke assured us at the meeting that he would take the matter up with the Council. I have also spoken to several local councillors who would like to help but it seems their hands are tied when it comes to matters of safety in the village.

A fresh incident highlights the point perfectly. On the morning of 7th April, just after 8 a.m., my daughter and I and several neighbours watched a young driver being helped out of his car that had careered into the ditch just by our cottages in Little Clacton Road. According to the police officer at the scene the man had apparently sneezed and lost control of the car. Fair enough, natural accidents can't be helped, but the awful thing is that, had it not been the Easter holiday, my daughter and I would have been crossing the road at that exact point at that exact time. I find it hard to believe the driver had been within the 30 mph limit to cause the car to tip as it did. The road was not closed and several drivers had to brake very hard when they approached the scene as they were going too fast to slow down in time. Only one driver was reprimanded for this by the officer at the scene, and it appeared as though he only did this when he realised a member of the public was watching.

I would also like to point out that the 30 mph signs along the road are often hidden by vegetation, so drivers can easily say they were unaware of the speed limit if they are caught exceeding it.

One last point, in the field directly opposite my house the opening has been blocked where a fallen tree was dumped after the first high winds earlier this year. Without a footpath my daughter and I try to find the safest possible route, and we were able to walk safely along the boundary of this field to avoid a particularly nasty corner. **This is now impossible, so I would very much appreciate it if the appropriate person could see to having the tree removed.**

Yours hopefully,
Claire Shandley
3 Little Clacton Road, Great Holland, Essex CO13 0ET



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Residents,

Firstly, I would like to thank the eight further households who have joined the GHRA as a result of the leaflet circulated with the last issue of this magazine. Can I make an appeal to anyone who intended to fill in the form, but overlooked it, to do so now? The next stage of our membership drive will be some door knocking, because we can't think of any reason why anyone would be AGAINST the GHRA and so we would like to give a further opportunity to support its work. Remember that the annual subscription remains at a mere £4 for a household.

That brings me again to one of the main functions of the Association, sensitive development that enhances the village and does not spoil or overwhelm it. **NOW READ THIS!**

Tendring District Council has decided to revise its draft local plan over the next two years and has set up a cross-party committee for this purpose. Yes, that's right! That same draft that was the subject of local consultation last year and that has not yet been submitted to the Minister for approval! It is not as daft as it sounds, since draft local plans from all over the country are being rejected, because they do not provide as much land for development as the government requires. So this is a reaction to central government policy and not TDC's fault. What you need to know is the present 6% increase in households demanded by the current plan is to be increased to **10-12% over the next 15 years!!**

This is a seismic change and very threatening to Great Holland. Presently, TDC demands that each community 'does its bit' and 6% means about 20 houses. That is the motivation for the insensitive proposal to build an estate on Manor Farm, a scheme vigorously opposed by GHRA. If that figure is now more than doubled, which is very much on the cards at the moment, the impact on Great Holland would be enormous.

I am extremely grateful to Councillor Robert Bucke for alerting us to this, since it really emphasises the absolute priority that must be given to persuading TDC that villages require special protection and a special planning policy, especially ones like Great Holland that incorporate conservation areas and a sensitive landscape. There never has been a justification for insisting that every community must do its bit in providing substantial development land. If government imposes this target on local planning authorities and that means we are forced to build significant housing estates, then build them we must until that policy is changed, **BUT THAT DOES NOT HAVE TO AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OVERWHELM SMALL COMMUNITIES LIKE THIS ONE.**

This may be a future threat, but it is very real and it is not very far in the future. Do we really need more reasons why a strong and active residents association representing a majority of our community is essential? I make no apologies for this strident language, because I see a real threat in this process to the fundamental character of Great Holland.

Kind Regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Have you been to The Ship lately..?

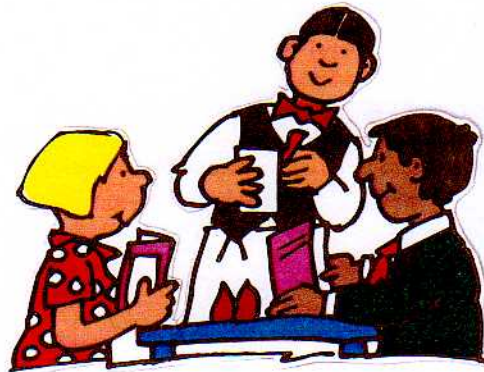
Bernie is now 'at the helm' of The Ship and a new chef started there recently. Hopefully, the following review from one of our readers might tempt you along for a meal at our very own village pub:

'When we arrived home from our winter holiday, mid January, we were shocked to hear that Elaine and Mick were leaving the Ship and the village - what about our fish and chip nights!!!!'

The new people arrived and started doing meals. Yes, the room looked good, with tablecloths now being used. Great we thought, let's give it a try. We had steak, which was OK.

We recently heard a good report about the food and decided to give it another try. Well, what a difference. When you walk in, there is a very friendly ambience and the staff greet you with a smile (but they always did to be fair). The room looked really good, decorated and smart. Our starters were good. I had the soup, very tasty, and my husband had bruschetta. Whenever my husband has had bruschetta before it has been hot. Although The Ship serve it as a cold starter, he really enjoyed the flavour. I followed my starter with the Cottage Pie. My, what a meal that is - very tasty, piping hot and very much enjoyed. My husband had Liver and Bacon and said much the same as me, very tasty and very enjoyable. He also enjoyed his pudding. The Chef came out and spoke to us which we thought was a nice touch, and all the staff were very attentive without being 'over the top'.

All in all, it was a very good evening. We will go again and try some of their other dishes, although I would definitely have the Cottage Pie again!'



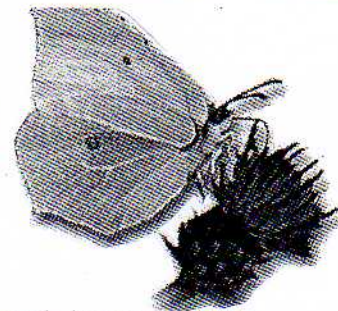
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Easter art competition for children

In the last edition of Village Voice, we invited children in the village aged 11 and under to enter an Easter art competition, and offered a prize of a huge jar of 'Jelly Bellies'. The name of the winner, together with a copy of the winning entry, will be published in the next edition of Village Voice.



Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:



The Landscape Scale

I recently went walking in the foothills of the mountains in northern Spain. Although it was early in the year spring was well underway and many of the insects of the region were evident. One of the commonest and most striking species was the Brimstone butterfly the one I described a few years ago in the Holland Voice magazine article entitled 'A Dash Of Yellow'.

These insects were until recently scarce in north east Essex, because they depend on the Common or the Purging Buckthorn trees on which they lay eggs. These trees are unusual here but several were planted in Holland Mill Wood, and a few Brimstones came to use them. The males are a warm yellow as they fly but show a pale olive underwing as they perch. The females are an even paler olive colour, almost white but are distinguished from the cabbage whites by their characteristic angular outline.

In Spain there were buckthorns in the understory of most of the forest and a great many Brimstones were gathering nectar, mating, defending territories and laying eggs there. With the huge areas of suitable habitat and the large number of food plants available one might have expected them not to move very far for these activities but the enthusiastic movement of the females was plain to see. This ensures that they lay their eggs over a wide area so that they increase the chance that some of their offspring will emerge in the next generation.

In the UK Brimstones can be common in some places but in Great Holland and generally in Tendring district the food plants are rare. However males and females still wander widely, which enables them to find the small number of scattered Buckthorns. They have been proved to locate these trees using a very effective sense of smell. They are a delight when they chance upon a garden in their travels.

What I have described is an example of a 'Metapopulation'. The wandering of individuals ensures a high degree of outbreeding. Related individuals are less likely to mate, ensuring a healthy population. This strategy is very common in lots of species. Where places with suitable habitat are few individuals may set off and never find another place to settle.

The wildlife trust and other organisations are aware of the problems of isolated nature reserves and have a program called 'Living Landscapes' to attempt to improve this situation. Hedgerows are restored to link populations of Dormice between isolated woods, and small patches of habitat are enhanced which can provide stepping stones for many species as they move across the landscape. This is particularly important with respect to the changing climate.

I continue to grow Buckthorn trees from seed and have been able to plant some of them in scattered places in Tendring, in private and public land.

The parish is not big enough for some species, let alone a small nature reserve.



Great Holland Pits Reserve Open Day: Sunday 1st June



Pond dipping starts at 11.00am and 2.00pm for children and the young at heart. Guided walks to show plants, insects and birds will start at 11.15am and 2.15pm. See the adjacent Woodland Trust woodland (Holland Mill Wood) - a young plantation. There will also be stalls and light refreshments in aid of funds. The reserve entrance will be signposted off the Great Holland to Little Clacton road, about half a mile from the old Lion's Den public house.

Bob Seago
Warden

WOMEN'S CYCLING TOUR PASSING THROUGH GREAT HOLLAND









Passing by the end of Westbury Road



Trying to catch up! Passing over the bridge at the end of Little Clacton Road

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?



Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday		Tendring Male Voice Choir 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		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 – 12.30 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)		
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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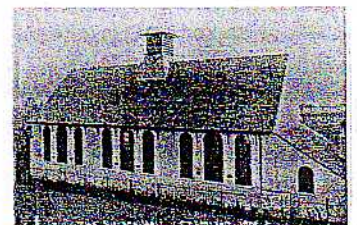
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GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL

Sue and Nickie would like to thank Sheila Watts, June Forrest, Judith Little and Robert Bucke for helping at this year's Village Hall spring clean, it was all very much appreciated.

Our AGM will take place in the Village Hall on **14th June at 11.15am.**

Sue Jenkins
Chair, Village Hall Committee



Patrons: Andrew Motion, Barbara Erskine & Professor Germaine Greer

To raise funds for the Frinton Literary Festival, the committee propose:

Frinton

literary
festival



A QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 23rd May

McGrigor Hall at 7.30pm

Sponsored by The Book Service (TBS)

Tables of six are invited at a cost of £6 per person to include a light supper.
Wine and refreshments will be on sale.

Tickets from Caxton Books & Gallery

37 Connaught Avenue

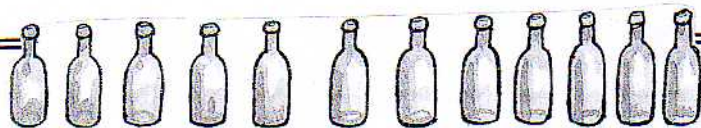
Telephone: 01255 851505

www.caxton-books.co.uk

Bottle Bank

Some time ago, Tendring District Council sited a bottle bank near to the entrance of the car park at the rear of The Ship public house.

Great Holland residents may use the bottle bank between the hours of 9.00am - 6.00pm. When doing so, **PLEASE** show consideration for those living nearby.



Tendring First Ladies

We welcome **everyone** to this group that usually meets on the **first** Monday of each month, although 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:

Monday 2nd June

Terry Allen

His life and what took him into politics

Monday 7th July

Karen Ross

Primrose Pork



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



Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 5th June** and **Thursday 3rd July** at 2 Great Holland Court (opposite the Village Hall), at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome for tea, cake, a friendly chat and to plan activities for future meetings. You can bring your knitting or sewing if you wish.

Phyllis Margetts
851118



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Tuesday 10th June

Postcards

Ralph Bridgeman

Tuesday 8th July

The History of Shopping

Barbara Faulkner

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

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for more details

A Passion for Stained Glass

Juliet Forrest is an artist living and working in Sheffield who has strong links with Great Holland having met a Great Holland lad at university in Nottingham and eventually marrying him! They have been together for fourteen years now and his parents still live in the village and for this reason visit the area often. She has spent many a happy time with them exploring the area; visiting the nature reserve and the beach, etc.

Having seen some examples of her work I thought the following may be of interest to some of our readers and asked Juliet to put together a short piece about her work and how she got started.

I work in a variety of media including acrylics, monoprints and stained glass. However, my specialist interest is stained glass, which I started about 4 years ago. I am self taught in the basic construction techniques and learned traditional glass painting skills at the Creative Glass Guild in Bristol. I always knew I wanted to use traditional kiln fired painting because this enables me to achieve complex, rich results that would otherwise be impossible. These are the same processes that have been used for centuries in church stained glass windows.

I love stained glass as a medium, not just for the finished result and the beautiful colours and textures of the glass, but also for the mastery of the technical skills involved. For example the panel pictured below entailed as many as 14 separate processes.



“Sunburst” painted stained glass panel

This panel was commissioned by a client for the fanlight above their front door. Their house was built in the 1930s and they liked the art deco sunburst motif, but also wanted to include elements of the surrounding area, such as the trees, river, rocks and heather. The first stage of creating this panel was to draw the ideas together into a coherent design, after which a detailed drawing was done to include all the artwork that would be painted onto the glass, and to produce a glass cutting pattern. The next was to carefully select the glass for each section and cut it to the correct

size. Before the panel was assembled, all specialist techniques were then applied to the glass. For example, the night sky sections were made from deep blue flashed glass (clear glass with a thick layer of deep blue enamel) which was engraved to create the stars.

Many pieces were painted using different techniques; tracing lines, shading and enameling. Each phase of painting must be fired in a kiln separately, as different paints require different temperatures to fuse to the surface of the glass. This means that one piece of glass may be painted and fired several times; for example the cloudy sky pieces have been fired three times, as they use tracing (the black lines), shading (the shade at the bottom of the clouds) and enameling blue for the sky.

After all specialist techniques were completed, the panel was constructed using lead came; H section pieces of lead were cut to size and the glass fitted into place. These were temporarily held in position with a frame and horseshoe nails until the panel was soldered at all the lead intersections. Finally the panel was cemented, which is akin to puttying, using a linseed oil based cement dusted with whiting. This is a very messy process which makes the panel weather tight and gives it additional rigidity. Then, after a final polish, it was ready to be installed.



A stained glass panel being constructed



"Two Turtle Doves" stained glass artwork

As well as leaded panels for windows and doors, I produce smaller artworks such as the "Two Turtle Doves" pictured above. These are constructed using the Tiffany or copper foil technique, which results in a more delicate effect.

More information can be found on Juliet's web site www.jjjartwork.com

POLICE NEWS



There are no Police Beat Surgeries until further notice

NEWS

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

- 2 x Highway Disruptions
- 3 x Road Traffic accidents
- 1 x Nuisance Communications
- 2 x Dwelling Burglary.

Quite a good 2 months crime wise, but unfortunately there has been two burglaries in Kirby Road, Gt. Holland. One was on the 20/4/2014 and the other was on the 02/05/2014. Jewellery was stolen plus other items. Did you see anything suspicious, out of the ordinary? Please contact us, even if it may seem trivial. It could be of help.

With anything that you think may be suspicious, please ring us. **BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY.**

ADVICE

As you can see from the above burglaries do happen in Gt. Holland. Please take time to look back at the last edition of the Gt. Holland Magazine and read the Crime Prevention advice on how to protect your home and personal belongings the best you can. If you make it difficult for someone to steal your items or damage them, they will move onto someone that doesn't. Police Community Support Officers can be contacted to arrange a visit to your home and offer advice free of charge.

Keep Safe,

PCSO 70843 Paul Brassey
PCSO 6477 Michele Diss
Walton Police Station
Martello Road
Walton-on-naze
Community Phone No. 07850 631017
or 101, ext. 487553

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

'OUR VILLAGE HEROES OF WORLD WAR ONE'

Recently I have been doing some research about our men in the village who were heroes during World War One. It was pointed out to me that a name had been omitted. I have since found that he was honoured separately within the Parish Church; that name was Charles Hubert Hicks.

According to the local paper of the time, dated 19th April 1919, there were two memorials erected in the Parish Church to the memory of those connected with the parish by the Rev. R. B. Tollington, R.D. One was in memory of the late Mr H. L. Hodgkins, and consisted of a handsome dome-shaped oak cover to the font and was inscribed with these words: "To the glory of God, and in loving memory of my devoted husband, Harry Lineham Hodgkins, died October 27th, 1917".

The other, which was in memory of the late Lieut. C. H. Hicks, was a plain brass tablet erected on the middle of the south wall, and bearing the following inscription: "Charles Hubert Hicks (*see photo*), Lieut. 8th Sherwood Foresters; only son of Charles Thompson Hicks, of Great Holland Hall and Lilian Martha Hicks, who was killed in action in France on 21st July, 1918: *Non sibi sed patriae.*"



The Memorial Bronze was unveiled on Sunday, 26th October 1919 at the Parish Church. The names proudly recognised were Samuel Beckwith; Fredk. George Borley; Alf. John Bridges; Arthur Geo. Bridges; Harry Byford; Reginald Davis; Herbert Digby; Robert Easey; Reginald Chas. Gray; Osborne Hales; Wm. Howard; Horace Lott; Frank Pamment; Charles Wm. Partridge; Fredk. Rainbird; George Sid. Rix; Henry Jas. Rix; Robert Rouse; William Henry Sadler; Thos. Alf. Sharpe.

The dedication proved an impressive ceremony. There was a crowded attendance at the church, and ex-servicemen to the number of about forty paraded in The Street and marched to the church. The Rector of Frinton, the Rev. E.L.L. McClintock, performed the ceremony and service; it was remembered that the rev. gentleman had served in France as a chaplain and had been with the 'boys' through some of the fiercest fighting.

I am still doing research and if you have any photos of these soldiers OR those who survived, I would love to hear from you as I am collating information for displays at the fetes during the summer. You can contact me either by telephone (01255 676960) or send to 55 Station Street, Walton-on-naze, CO14 8DW.

Liz Bruce
Local History Recorder
May 2014

News From Thorpe-Le-Soken Surgery

12 May 2014

Spring greetings from the surgery, although as I write today the weather is miserable! We have had some recent excitement in the Tendring area as the Women's Tour of Britain has passed through. On Friday they came through Thorpe High Street causing much excitement and inconvenience I dare say, the school children cheered the Police motorbike escorts who then returned the honour by sounding their sirens for them. On the 11th May it was The Tour de Tendring, a cycling event held every year by the District Council at Harwich. Again much more exciting than normal as the 5th leg of the Women's Tour started at the same time. It was amazing to see the professional cyclists preparing to set off before the rest of us mere mortals set about the 2, 20 or 60 mile course. It was an extremely windy day but wonderful to see so many riders of all ages, shapes and sizes. Cycling is an excellent way to get and keep fit, it can be sociable and is a great way of controlling you weight - why not give that old cycle a service and get out and about?

The Saturday clinics were very popular at the Surgery, unfortunately they were trialled as part of the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund but North East Essex was not successful and therefore no more clinics have been commissioned. Therefore there will be no more Saturday appointments for the foreseeable future.

Emis on-line is developing the services available to patients. From now on you will be able to access your own medical record including test results, letters, vaccinations and medication. You will need an additional password to be able to use this facility by coming to the surgery in person with ID. You will need to sign a disclaimer stating that you understand that your record is secure and that you will not give your password to anyone else. It is very important that confidentiality is maintained and for that reason we will not be issuing passcodes to anyone other than the individual - including husbands and wives.

The holiday season is practically here so don't forget to book those jabs well in advance if you're going somewhere nice. In addition to holiday jabs the Nurse will also be administering pre-University jabs. Meningitis C vaccinations will be available to those youngsters going to University this year, UCAS will inform students when to attend the surgery.

We are still looking for a new receptionist, interviews will be held shortly so it's not too late to get an application in if you feel you have the right skills. Training is an on-going process so even for us 'old hands' there is always something new to learn.

We are proud of our reputation at the Surgery and work hard to maintain our levels of patient satisfaction. To help us to be easily identifiable we have decided to have a surgery logo. Dr Mathew and Stephanie Durrant have devised a competition for surgery patients and staff. If you have artistic skills put them to the test and get yourself the chance to win **£50**. You need to e-mail your entries to thorpelesoken.surgery@nhs.net

The May PPG has not yet taken place and therefore I am unable to update you on the progress of finding a secretary. The PPG are always looking for new members and if you would like to play a part in driving the services offered by the surgery contact ppg@thorpe.nhs.net. I hope to see many of you at the meeting and will update you next month as to the outcome if you are unable to attend.

Karen Austen