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Great Holland Village Voice



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October & November
2012

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... to the October/November edition of **Village Voice**.

Included in this edition ...



❖ Information about the Festive Evening in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December 2012.



❖ News about a bottle bank in Great Holland.

❖ A new advertiser: A mobile hairdresser.



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

- Are there any events happening in December 2012 or January 2013 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?



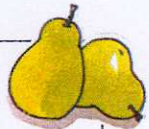
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Tuesday 27th November 2012

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Member of Parliament	Mr Douglas Carswell MP	423112
Residents' Association	Post vacant	
All Saints' Church Minister	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church Minister	Rev. Eva Walker	
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs F Harris (Bookings)	850317 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 Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens	677495 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 ...



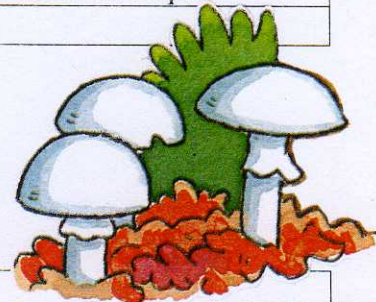
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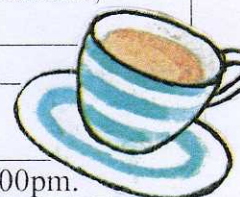
Tuesday 2 nd	Autumn Fair in aid of the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home: Great Bromley Village Hall, 10.30am-3.00pm. Stalls and refreshments. Entrance £2. (Further details in magazine)
Thursday 4 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm (Further details in magazine)
Saturday 6 th	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 11 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Thursday 11 th - Sunday 14 th	Frinton Literary Festival: Full details are available from Caxton Books, Connaught Avenue, Frinton
Thursday 18 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday
Thursday 25 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 26 th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, Frinton, 9.00am-12.00pm.
Sunday 28 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.



November





Thursday 1 st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm (Further details in magazine)
Saturday 3 rd	HOME MADE HOUR: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 8 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews. PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.
Tuesday 13 th	Frinton & Walton Postcard Club: Talk on Great Holland by David Martland, St Cedd's Hall, Old Road, Frinton, 7.30pm
Thursday 15 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 22 nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.
Friday 23 rd	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, Frinton, 9.00am-12.00pm.
Sunday 25 th	Charity Quiz Night at The Ship. Starts 8.00pm.
Thursday 29 th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.



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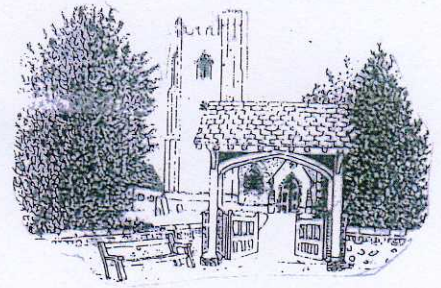


Saturday 1 st	  FESTIVE EVENING AT GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL 7.00 for 7.30pm (Further details in magazine)
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PLEASE RING ELAINE ON 674809 FOR DETAILS OF ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED AT THE SHIP DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

To include events for **December 2012 or January 2013** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on 852195 or Sandra on 672453 by **15 November** if possible.

All Saints' Church



Rector's letter ...

In June this year the sun rose at 4.36am and you had the sun with you for just under 17 hours.

At the end of October, you'll still have your kitchen light on for breakfast and the sun will be up for 7 hours less.

It's hard not to be just a little depressed by the shorter days and the dark. We long for light and the warmth it brings.

The Bible uses that to show us something about Jesus.

It tells us that Jesus is the Light of the World. As light makes things clear, so does Jesus. As light makes things warm, so he shows us the love of God. As light enables us to live well, so does he. As light shows us the way and helps us to travel without tripping up, so does he. A slight is needed for life, so is Jesus needed for true life.

As you see the nights draw in, and as you long for light, remember this: Jesus is the light of the world and in him there is no darkness.

Mark



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Victoria Bryan and Andrew Palmer who were married at All Saints on Saturday, 30 June.

The bride was attended by Leonora Bryan (Maid of Honour), Charley Davis, Eva Smith, Lauren Cook and Olivia Cook. The groom was attended by Matthew Carpanini (Best Man), Adam Bryan, Thomas Bryan, Alex Bird and Isaac Smith.

Following their honeymoon at Lake Garda in Italy the couple will live in Chelmsford.

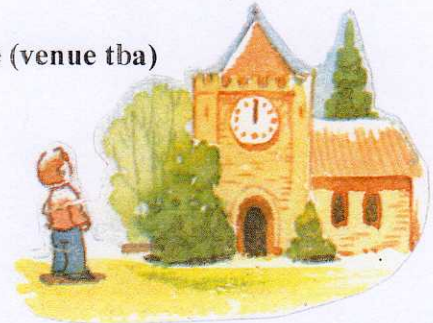
The bride's parents Rex and Mary Bryan live in Rectory Road.



From All Saints' Diary - OCTOBER 2012:



Wednesday	3 rd	11.00am-12 noon	Wednesday Bible Group. See Church notice board for details.
		2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall
Saturday	6 th	10-11.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	7th	11.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE, followed by
		12.30pm	Harvest lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Friday	12 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	14th	8.00am	Holy Communion (joint with Kirby)
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	17 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday	18 th	1.00pm	First Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	20 th	tba	Chelmsford Bible Conference
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Deanery Celebration Service (venue tba)
Saturday	27 th		CLOCKS GO BACK
Sunday	28th	11.00am	Morning Worship



From All Saints' Diary - NOVEMBER 2012:

Saturday	3 rd	10-11.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	4th	11.00am	Morning Service
		4.15pm	Service for the Bereaved at St Michael's Church
Wednesday	7 th	11.00am-12 noon	Wednesday Bible Group. See Church notice board for details.
		2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall
Friday	9 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	11th	8.00am	Holy Communion (joint with Kirby)
		10.30am	Act of Remembrance at the Village Memorial
		11.00am	Service of Remembrance
Wednesday	14 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall
Thursday	15 th	1.00pm	Parish lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	18th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday	22 nd	1.00pm	Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	25th	11.00am	Morning Service

FROM THE REGISTERS:

WEDDINGS

We offer our congratulations to the family and friends of:

Andrew Currivan and Danielle Barnes
Darren Mew and Fiona Merry



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), Liz Walters, Don Osler, Jamie Wright, John Beale, Vanessa Giles, Ilze Robertson and Carol Anthony

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Judith Little

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

HON. TREASURER TO THE PCC & FREEWILL OFFERING SECRETARY: Liz Walters, c/o The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, CO13 0LT (675997).

SIDESPERSONS: Wilf Barnes, Rose Batten, Don Osler and Jamie Wright

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

CHURCH HALL - ALL SAINTS', GREAT HOLLAND

The Church Hall is situated next to All Saints' and is available for bookings from the general public. The accommodation comprises a pleasant carpeted room with six easy chairs plus seating for about a dozen people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). For further details please contact the Booking Secretary: **Judith Little 813645.**

THE GREAT HOLLAND FÊTE 2012



As a Fete committee we would like to thank everyone again this year who came together to make another fantastic day. I had so many people who said that it was one of the best ever.

Each year we struggle with people willing to help so we would like to ask if you could all have a think over the coming year about what you could do to support "our" Fete, even if you could only spend a couple of hours to give a hand, bake cake or donate a prize - there is truth in the saying that "many hands make light work".

If you feel like you would want to be involved next year please contact Sue Jenkins on 01255 850317 or Nickie Stack on 01255 677984.

Personally I would like to thank all the Fete committee for their support in making my life a lot easier.

Sue Jenkins

GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY, 4 AUGUST 2012



GREAT HOLLAND CHURCH AND VILLAGE FÊTE 2012
HELD SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST AT THE OLD RECTORY

The summary accounts for the fête are given below.

	2012 £	2011 £	Variance Better/ (Worse) £
SUMMARY			
Entrance Fees	553	504	49
Stalls	2,192	2,224	(32)
Sideshow	1,793	1,710	83
Refreshments	751	710	41
	<u>5,289</u>	<u>5,148</u>	<u>141</u>
 Add: Donations	 211	 85	 126
	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,233</u>	<u>267</u>
 Deduct: Expenses	 (755)	 (816)	 61
 FÊTE NET SURPLUS	 <u><u>4,745</u></u>	 <u><u>4,417</u></u>	 <u><u>328</u></u>

The breakdown of stall and sideshow takings is as follows:

	2012 £	2011 £	Variance Better/ (Worse) £
STALLS			
Bits and pieces	0	177	(177)
Books	102	129	(27)
Bric-a-brac	277	288	(11)
Bric-a-brac	102	0	102
Cakes	214	225	(11)
Handicraft	0	165	(165)
Mum's Pantry	253	285	(32)
Plants	162	239	(77)
Produce tent	41	37	4
Silent auction	644	568	76
Vintage clothes	273	0	273
 Commission stalls (e.g. gifts, cards, etc)	 124	 111	 13
 TOTAL STALLS	 <u><u>2,192</u></u>	 <u><u>2,224</u></u>	 <u><u>(32)</u></u>

	2012	2011	Variance
	£	£	Better/ (Worse)
			£
SIDESHOWS			
Bagatelle	22	0	22
Bowling	46	39	7
Captain Blackbeard	35	36	(1)
Coconut shy	226	168	58
Darts	31	39	(8)
Duck game	30	62	(32)
Face Painting	64	45	19
Golf/Putting	121	117	4
Guess the weight of the cake	0	27	(27)
Hobby Horse Racing	14	20	(6)
Hole in the Church Roof	47	38	9
Hoopla	48	31	17
Key Game	102	63	39
Nail in the Sleeper	45	0	45
Pick-a-Straw	40	35	5
Play Your Cards Right	17	0	17
Red Alert	65	46	19
Ring the Bottle	51	34	17
Roll for a Pig	43	49	(6)
Skittles	37	42	(5)
Splat the Rat	17	24	(7)
Spotted Dog	51	59	(8)
Stilts	0	14	(14)
Tombola	502	554	(52)
Treasure Island	0	15	(15)
Commission sideshows (bouncy castle, pony rides)	139	153	(14)
TOTAL SIDESHOWS	<u>1,793</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>83</u>

The surplus for 2012 at £4,745 is £328 greater than 2011 (£4,417).

These funds will be distributed as follows: £3,797 All Saints Church; £474 fête reserve (to be used for new and replacement items for future fêtes) and £474 local charity (to be decided).

Thank you, on behalf of the Fête Committee, to everyone who helped to make the 2012 fête a success.

Anne Fairbrother
Treasurer



Home Made Hour



The Home Made Hour team wishes to apologise for the cancellation of September's Home Made Hour.

Our next Home Made Hours will take place in the Village Hall from 10.00 - 11.00am on:

Saturday 6th October & Saturday 3rd November



Please come and join us for tea, coffee, friendly company, and the sale of home made cakes, scones, marmalade, savouries, trifles etc, occasional plants/garden produce and hand crafted greetings cards. We also have a raffle.



Apple Crumble loaf

A rustic fruit crumble cake with raisins and spice and a crunchy nutty topping.

Ingredients

140g butter, cut into small pieces, plus extra for the tin
250g self-raising flour
2 tsp mixed spice
140g light muscovado sugar
100g raisins
3 large eggs, beaten
2 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
5 tbsp milk

FOR THE TOPPING

1 rounded tbsp plain flour
25g butter
25g light muscovado sugar
1 rounded tbsp roughly chopped hazelnuts



- Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3.
- Butter and line the base of a 2-litre loaf tin with baking parchment.
- Tip the flour and spice into a food processor and add the butter.
- Whizz to make fine crumbs, then mix in the sugar.
- Tip into a mixing bowl and stir in the raisins, eggs, apples and milk.
- Mix well until everything is evenly combined. Spoon into the prepared tin and smooth the top.
- To make the topping, rub the flour, butter and sugar through your fingers to make a rough crumble, then stir in the nuts.
- Sprinkle evenly over the cake mixture and bake for 50-55 mins, until firm to the touch and a fine skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
- Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out and cool on a wire rack.

It's great served warm with crème fraîche. ENJOY!

Karen Withams



PERK UP YOUR PEN-POWER?

CREATIVE WRITING (4 – SESSION COURSE) : TEL: 851 125

WORKSHOP + MANUALS

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL : MID-WEEK FROM MID-OCTOBER : 7.30 – 9.00 P.M.
@ £15 / £10 WITH A FRIEND**

- 1) LIFE WRITING : DIARIES / TRAVELOGUES / MEMOIRS**
- 2) BUSINESS WRITING : LETTERS / MINUTES / SUMMARY**
- 3) PROFESSIONAL WRITING : REVIEWS* / ARTICLES / ESSAYS**
- 4) TOP CREATIVE WRITING : STORY-TELLING / POETRY**



(Rave) Review*

Once again, the small Essex coastal village of Great Holland laid on its annual summer church fête / fayre, a real red letter day, and a veritable highlight of the social calendar.

As always, it was held in the generous gardens of the Old Rectory, thrown open to the public by the civic-spirited owner and gentleman farmer David Eagle. With its usual mix of traditional – if not sometimes wacky – sideshows, assorted charity tents, trading stalls, produce competition and home-made refreshments, it seems like a combination of the travelling circus' last hurrah and a summer garden party. It also provides a timely reminder that there is an old world of fun and games that are not on-screen/on-line, and which is very much alive and kicking.

The local pub 'The Ship' joined in the festivities with a hog-roast and live music.

Anyhow, the event seems to have an uncanny knack of guaranteed good weather, and is a real crowd-pleaser, bringing in visitors from near and far.

It also manages to raise a substantial sum for charity by the end of the day.

If you want a shining example of the Big Society in action, look no further than little Great Holland's annual summer church fête !

(An appreciative outsider)



It is feeling a lot like home

It is September and we have been here three weeks now. And in the whole of the three weeks, it has rained only once. The sun has been shining and therefore my husband, my twin boys and I have had the chance to go and spend some time in the beach.

I had not heard of Tendring, until I was called to come here from Derbyshire. But we came, and it does feel like home. As I reflect on my life, I am reminded of the story of Abram in Exodus. The Lord said to him, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you....and I will bless you."

God calls us all to be a family, a people that takes care of each other, and that loves each other. It can be hard leaving behind all you know, to set up home somewhere else. But Abram trusts in God and goes. And he meets a lot of people along the way; a lot of love and problems to be shared, and a lot of lessons to be learnt. We all have so much to offer; and such diversity of backgrounds, cultures, experiences, enriches a community.

It is feeling a lot like home, because we have met people that have welcomed us, loved us, explained to us where things are. It is feeling a lot like home, because we are not alone.

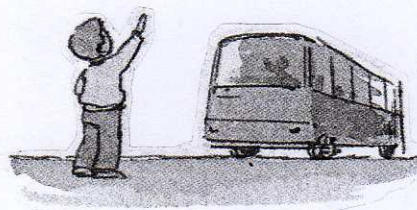
And, this is what we are called to be, a family, a place where everybody feels at home, be it the stranger, the old, the young, and the unexpected guest.

In the gospel of John Jesus says: 'Those who love me will keep my word and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

As we follow God, as we spend time with our fellow human beings, we are promised that God himself makes his home with us. The God of the Universe finds himself at home in our hearts, even when we get things wrong. So the question for us today is: Is God at home with us and are we at home with each other?

God's blessings,

Eva Walker
Minister



Outing to Bury St Edmunds

On Wednesday 12th September, Great Holland Methodist Church and Great Holland Friends enjoyed a day out to Bury St Edmunds. We were joined by several friends from the village, and also from Holland, Frinton and Walton.

Fifty of us enjoyed the day out - drinking tea and coffee, chatting and having a picnic or lunch. We enjoyed the lovely gardens and the beautiful Cathedral, and lots of us returned home with bargains from the market and purchases from the shops.

The weather was very kind to us and the rain held off until the homeward journey. It was a most enjoyable day.



Rev. Eva Walker and her family



Enjoying the gardens

FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

GREAT HOLLAND AND KIRBY HORTICULTURAL AND COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

This issue looks at the development and interest in horticulture in Gt. Holland.

In 1907, several of the Gt. Holland residents had made an application for some allotments. The Parish Council had had difficulty in obtaining suitable land and In 1909 a local inquiry was held between the Parish Council, Essex County Council, and The North-Eastern Sub-Committee of Small Holdings & Allotments. Many pieces of land offered by the local farmers were unsuitable, such as in Church Lane or Rectory Rd. Eventually Mr. Low, the farmer, offered an acre and a half of his land facing the Green, being let in allotments of ten or fifteen rods each.

Cottage Gardens. Early in 1909 the Reading Rooms Committee had organised a series of prizes for the Cottagers of Gt. Holland whose gardens were best tilled. The judging took place in the July, Messrs. Bailey, Wake, & Butler being the judges. 14 prizes altogether were awarded, Messrs. Partridge & Parmenter being the most successful. The prizes were distributed on the Village Green on Saturday 7th August by Mrs. Lloyd of Lower Kirby. The Institute Band played various melodies at the opening & at the close of the proceedings. The idea of the Cottage Gardens Show was due to Mr. Walter Watney, one of the big growers at Bexley Heath. He had suggested that such a scheme should be started as he believed that a man who was fond of his garden was nearly always a steady & reliable workman. Mrs. Lloyd, of 'Yew Trees', Kirby said that she had taken delight in her own garden and her husband was so devoted to it that he had posted Bacon's beautiful saying in the summerhouse, "God first planted a garden, & it is still man's purest delight". She had promised some fruit trees & shrubs to be competed for by the Cottagers of Holland and Kirby. The next year there would be a combined exhibition of the two parishes. There was also a speech by Mr. Edgar Hodgkins. He said that he was a newcomer in the parish and therefore was not perhaps eligible to compete but he certainly would have had a try if a prize had been offered for weeds. The crop on his new ground was too astonishing for words. It was good to have a united village and to realise the beauty of their surroundings and to live lovingly in harmony with each other. To show how much he appreciated this Village Gardens Movement, the next year he would present a silver cup in the large gardens class, a silver cup in the small gardens class and a complete set of garden implements in the boys' class for the three best gardens.

In November 1909 it was announced that competitors in Holland and Kirby should put their names forward to enter the Village Garden competition the following year. Generous contributors had donated fruit trees, rose trees, shrubs and seeds, to enable the competitors to make a better display. Holland and Kirby had joined forces, and formed an extended association with Mrs. Beadel, of the Rectory, as President. It was proposed that after the judging of the village gardens the following year, a horticultural show would be held in the new village hall at Gt. Holland as it was adapted for the purpose.

In 1910 the first Horticultural Exhibition took place, and as the photograph shows, it was a great success.








The following year, in May, the members of the Great Holland and Kirby Horticultural and Cottage Garden Society decided not to go ahead with the Summer Show for one year as the Coronation festivities would probably interfere with its success, but they would reform in the Autumn.

Liz Bruce
History Recorder



Turn to next page to find out what's on in the Village Hall today →

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday			
Monday			Cardio Vascular 6.45 – 7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505 Zumba Class 8.30 – 9.15 p.m. Contact: Steph O'Hara 07894 010727
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			Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes are available) 	Great Holland Friends 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. (1st Thursday of the month) 677610 	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

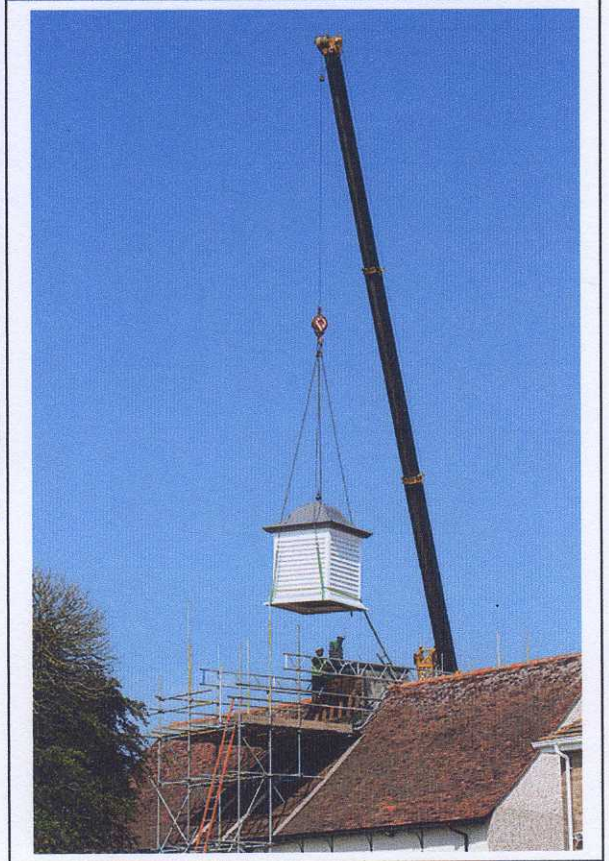
All users (regular and casual): £9 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)

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**NEW CUPOLA BEING LIFTED ONTO THE ROOF OF THE VILLAGE
HALL**

SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST 2012



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LOCAL NEWS

THE FAT GOOSE at Tendring, one of our advertisers, has been selected as one of only three finalists in the following categories:

Chef of the year
Restaurant of the year
Customer service awards
The best Sunday roast

in the Essex Life Fine Food and Drink Awards 2012. These awards recognise the very best in the hospitality fraternity in Essex. The winners will be announced at an awards evening on 18th October.

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THE VILLAGE STORES are in the process of making arrangements so that they can sell *Lottery Tickets* in the future. The wiring and satellite link have been installed and they are waiting for the terminal to be fitted. It is hoped that things will be on line during the first week of October.

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A **BOTTLE BANK** has been installed at *The Ship* for use by residents of the village. However, in order not to disturb the neighbours, residents are requested to use the facility only between the hours of **9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.**

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SIGNAGE AT KIRBY CROSS STATION FOOT CROSSING

Cllr. Robert Bucke has advised that the local rail users' association ONTRACK are in contact with the appropriate companies regarding the confusing signs which adorn Kirby X Station (see right). This relates not only to access to the foot crossing between the two platforms but also *access to the public footpath to Great Holland*. In fact the "no trespassing" sign tells passengers to "use the footbridge or subway" !!!



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DIAMOND JUBILEE UPDATE

We are proceeding with the purchase of two wooden Jubilee commemorative benches which, subject to confirmation of approval from the Parochial Church Council, will be placed outside All Saints in Church Lane. The benches will have a carved inscription on the back rail reading "QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012" with a crown in the centre. We will also have "GREAT HOLLAND" inscribed on the seat rail.

The balance of the funds from the event will be donated to the Village Hall.

Great Holland Friends 2012



GREAT HOLLAND FRIENDS ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF 2012:

Thursday 4th October

Haven Lights

An afternoon of music and song



Thursday 1st November

David Austin

An interesting talk about Colchester's 2,000 years of history

Thursday 6th December

Great Holland Friends Christmas Party & buffet

The New Entertainers return by popular request to join us for our Christmas celebrations



PLEASE NOTE: Due to rising costs, non-members will unfortunately be charged £5 for their Christmas Party tickets this year. We also regret to announce that for the Christmas Party only, members will be asked to pay an entrance fee of £3.

**OUR MEETINGS TAKE PLACE AT GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL
from 2.00-4.00pm**

Entrance (includes tea & biscuits): Members: £2.00/Visitors: £2.50
We also have a raffle and hand made greetings cards are on sale.



Please telephone Bill or Eileen Derrick on 677610 for more details of any of these events



We have a new advertiser ...



**A mobile hairdresser
(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. WHEN CONTACTING ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS, PLEASE MENTION VILLAGE VOICE!

POLICE SURGERY DATES

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

Thursday, 4 October
Thursday, 8 November
(10.30 – 11.30)



NEWS

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

- 1 x Animal related
- 1 x Suspicious circumstances
- 1 x Concern for welfare
- 2 x Alarms activated (all in order)
- 1 x Nuisance call
- 1 x Road traffic accident
- 1 x Faulty traffic lights (Pork Lane/Main Road)

ADVICE

If you report your mobile phone stolen you must provide the Police with the serial number (known as the IMEI number) of your handset. This is a unique 15-17 digit number assigned to the handset which is placed on a national data base and to which all UK police have access.

Obtaining the IMEI number from your mobile phone is easy. It is on a label usually found behind the phone's battery. It is also stored electronically within the handset and to display this on screen simply key in ***#06#** This will give you your IMEI number. Please make a note of this number which, when you register your phone, is entered into the Immobilise database. This information will enable the Police to search the database and, when a phone is recovered, it can be returned to its owner.

Please keep up the good work of being vigilant and keeping crime down in Gt. Holland. PCSOs and Police are still active with the speed gun.

There is still no news on our new base yet, but as soon as I know I will ensure that it is made available to all residents.

Take care.....

From Paul and Michele

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Community Phone No. 07850 631017

Essex Police is part of the first phase of the eventual nationwide introduction of 101 - the new non-emergency telephone number for the UK police service. 101 went live in Essex on July 1, 2011.

The introduction of 101 will give the public one easy way to contact Essex Police to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to their local officers. It is being introduced as part of the Government's wider work to improve access to the police, ease pressure on 999 and help to efficiently and effectively tackle crime and disorder.



Calls to '101' will cost 15p for the entire call, no matter how long you are on the phone – this applies to both landlines and mobile phones. For the first time ever, everyone calling the police for non-emergency matters will know exactly how much it will cost them and will be assured of equal access whether they are on a pay-as-you-go mobile or a home landline.

Anti-Social Behaviour

For all incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour please call police in the first instance on 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for all emergencies.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Helpline - This number is provided for members of the public to call in and report acts of Anti-Social Behaviour to Tendring District Council Community Safety Partnership Unit.

The Community Safety Team will co-ordinate a response to your anti-social behaviour problem with partners as required.

ASB NUMBER – 01255 686359



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Tuesday 9th October
Postcard Fair

McGrigor Hall
7.30pm



Tuesday 13th November
Talk on Great Holland
David Martland

St Cedd's Hall
7.30pm

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

Ladies clothing - surf wear - sports gifts - toys

Leonard Cheshire Disability's



AUTUMN FAIR



In aid of the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

Tuesday 2nd October 2012

10.30am-3pm

Great Bromley Village Hall, CO7 7JA

Coffee, cakes and sandwiches available

Admission £2

China - jewellery - cards - Christmas decorations

ANSWERS TO QUIZ IN JUNE / JULY ISSUE

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| 1. Trio of Old Soldiers | 'The Three Musketeers' |
| 2. Portend | 'The Omen' |
| 3. Expensive Horse | 'The Deer Hunter' |
| 4. Incarcerated Ornithologist | 'The Birdman of Alcatraz' |
| 5. A Fleming Refusal | 'Dr. No' |
| 6. Reptilian Cake | 'Crocodile Dundee' |
| 7. Celebrity Battles | 'Star Wars' |
| 8. Jungle Man | 'Tarzan' |
| 9. Unusual Colour for a Cat | 'Pink Panther' |
| 10. Real Courage | 'True Grit' |
| 11. Quick Circumnavigation | 'Round the World in Eighty Days' |
| 12. The White House in North Africa | 'Casablanca' |



Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

Grassy Places

In this country grasslands are not truly wild habitats. Left to their own devices they remarkably quickly recruit shrubs and trees which eventually give rise to scrub and woodland. However for thousands of years grassy habitats have dominated the British landscape. Grassland was the normal vegetation in most areas of the British Isles, either by way of grazing animals, giving rise to pastures or by hay making to produce meadows. This has only changed relatively recently as more of the land has turned to arable, woodland or urban. Nature reserves are often therefore very important places for what has been our common wildlife for thousands of years.

As visitors will know we make a lot of effort to maintain grassland amongst the scrub at the pits. The 'flying flock' of sheep regularly graze two areas twice a year, thus chewing woody growth and also reducing the vigour of the grasses and other plants by eating them and thus removing some of the nutrients. While this process has worked very well, the peculiar weather this year has once again led to burgeoning plant growth, and has left the swards rather longer and scrubbier than we aim for.

Before fertilisers became readily available grasslands were not inclined to grow so quickly, restrained by their lack of nutrients. Grazing animals thus reduced the fertility of the grassland leaving thin swards catering for a wide range of species that would not thrive with more vigorous plants. But even with no input of fertilisers at the pits it is our experience that fertility has built up, much of the area now growing more rank vegetation than it did forty years ago. It is understood that plants such as clovers will have supplied nitrogen fertilisers to the soil but possibly other nutrients have been brought up to the surface by the deep roots of trees or other plants.

Leaving the land to nature throughout the summer unmanaged, allows the untidy frequently prickly vegetation to dominate, and nurtures scrub. It would be comparatively easy to make grassland look tidy by regular cutting. This would not meet our aims. Short grass supports fewer of the wonderful invertebrate species, the butterflies, crickets and bumblebees that feed the small birds and lizards that in turn feed the bigger animals and birds.

So we have a dynamic situation where any work we do is measured and localised. The fields contain a mix of thistles, birds-foot trefoil, brambles, knapweed, coarse and fine grasses. Any intervention in the summer is limited in order to not make life difficult for the myriads of buzzing insects that inhabit such areas.

While the tractor drawn forage harvester, which will be here in the autumn, will be in-discriminate about any larvae and eggs on the vegetation it hooovers up, it will be used with restraint. So many of the colourful insects of summer see the winter out, safely curled up as a caterpillars in dry seed heads, so we make efforts to leave a proportion of these and likewise scrubby patches for similar reasons.

Towards the end of September we will start the work party again. On Sunday afternoons we will be working to maintain the delicate balance between the scrub, grasses and ponds on the reserve. Any parishioners will be welcome to join us.

Bob Seago - Warden

