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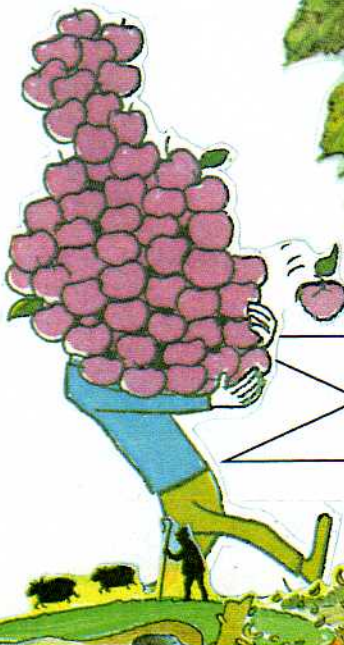
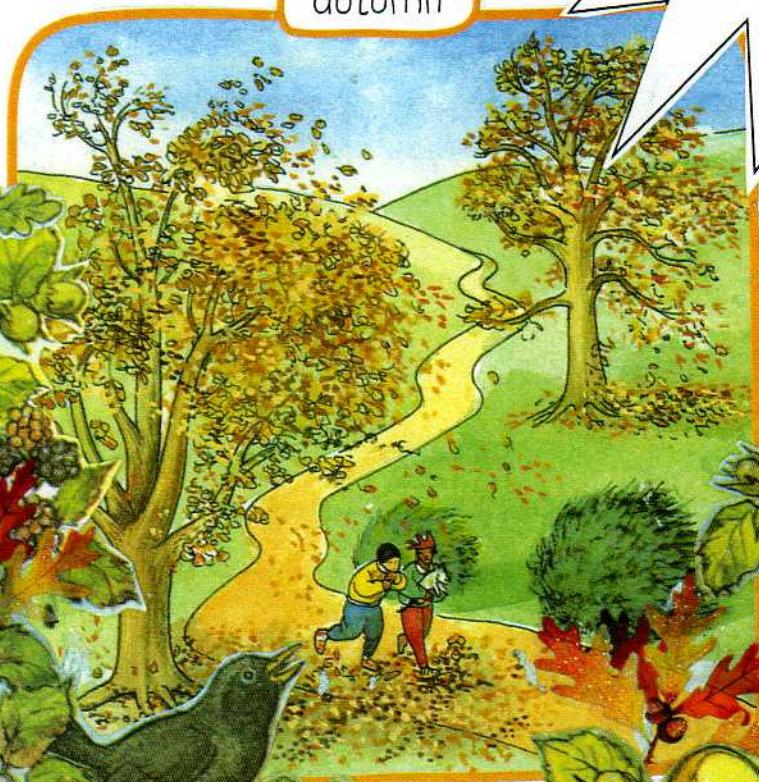


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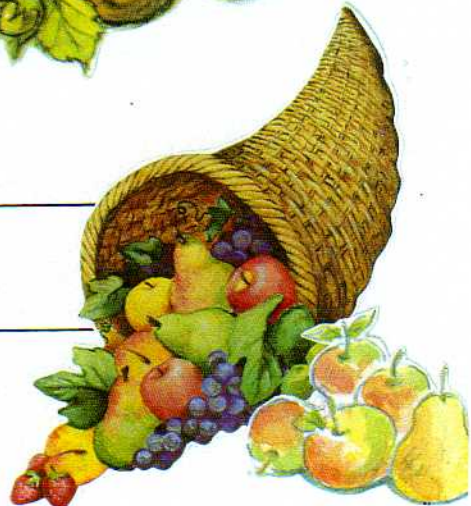


GHRA meeting on  
15<sup>th</sup> October -  
details inside!

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October & November 2016







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

## Included in this edition...



- A report on our **Village & Church Fête 2016**
- A letter from the Chariman of GHRA
- A reminder about the GHRA meeting on **15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**
- Update on our former **Village Stores and Post Office**
- A resident's plea for help with a new venture

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 2016 and January 2017 that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?

Please contact Linda on **852195** or Sandra on **672453** with details, two weeks before the printing date if possible. Please note that Sandra deals with the advertising side of the magazine. The next edition of Village Voice will be printed on:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

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## VILLAGE CONTACTS & LOCAL INFORMATION

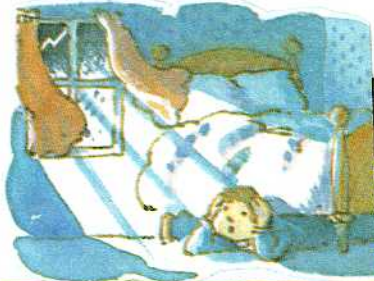
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| <b>Member of Parliament</b>   | Mr Douglas Carswell MP  | 475384   |
| <b>Residents' Association</b>   | Paul Fletcher-Tomenius (Chair)  | 675268   |
| <b>All Saints' Church</b>   | Rev. Mark Holdaway  | 675997   |
| <b>Methodist Church</b>   | Rev. Eva Walker   | 851179   |
| <b>Village Hall Committee</b>   | Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair)<br>Mrs Coralie Harris (Bookings)   | 850317<br>830136   |
| <b>The Manor</b>  | Rectory Rd, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea CO13 0JP  | 440310   |
| <b>Frinton &amp; Walton Town Council</b> (incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby and Great Holland) | Mrs Myrna Liles (Town Clerk)<br>Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston   | 676666<br>850067   |
| <b>Tendring District Council</b>  | Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE<br><br>Cllr. Mr Robert J Bucke<br>Cllr. Mr Mark A Cossens   | 686868<br>Emergency/out of hours:<br>2220220<br>677495<br>861374 |
| <b>Essex County Council</b>   | Cllr. Mr Michael (Mick) Page  | 672410   |
| <b>Dog Warden</b>   | (Tendring District Council)   | 686787   |
| <b>Cats Protection</b>  | Tendring District Branch  | 744014   |
| <b>RSPCA</b>  | National contact number:<br>Charity Shop, Frinton:  | 0300 1234 999<br>674926  |
| <b>National Rail Enquiries</b>  | National line   | 03457 484950   |
| <b>Essex Police</b>   | Non-emergency   | 101  |
| <b>Crime Reduction Officer</b>  | David Gillies   | 101  |
| <b>Crimestoppers</b>  | National line   | 0800 555111  |
| <b>Citizens Advice</b>  | (Clacton)   | 0844 4770808   |
| <b>Tendring Dial-a-Ride</b>   | Hurlingham Chambers, 61-65 Station Road,<br>Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SD  | 436962   |
| <b>Colchester General Hospital</b>  | Turner Rd, Colchester CO4 5JL   | 01206 747474   |
| <b>Civic Amenity Tip</b>  | Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken.<br><br><b>Winter opening times</b> (16 <sup>th</sup> October – end of February): 9.00am-4.00pm<br><br><b>Summer opening times</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> March-15 <sup>th</sup> October): 9.00am-5.00pm. Summer late night opening no longer takes place.<br><br><b><u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u></b> |  |



## Dates for your Diary ...



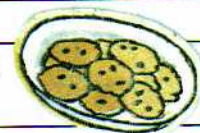
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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>                            | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday<br><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am<br><b>Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland:</b> 2 Great Holland Court (opposite Village Hall), 2.00pm. |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>                              | <b>Macmillan Coffee Morning:</b> Glendale, Main Road, CO13 0JN (opposite the former Village Stores), between 10.30 – 12.30pm. More details inside magazine.   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>                           | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Frinton Literary Festival:</b> More details inside magazine.   |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>                           | ★ <b>Meeting of Great Holland Residents Association</b> ★<br>Village Hall, 10.00 for 10.30am  |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>                           | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.<br><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am   |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                           |  <b>Concert by Tendring Male Voice Choir:</b> All Saints' Church, 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.   |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>                          | <b>Sequence Board Game:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.   |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>                           | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.  |



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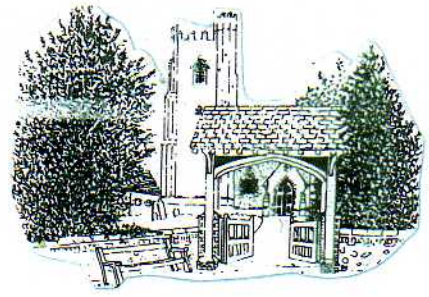
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| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday<br><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am<br><b>Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland:</b> 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm. |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am</b>  |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Film night:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.  |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday   |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.<br><b>Mobile Library</b> visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am   |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Coffee Morning:</b> Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday   |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Autumn Fayre:</b> Great Holland Methodist Church, 7.00pm. More details inside magazine.  |



To include events for **December 2016** or **January 2017** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on **852195** or Sandra on **672453** by **15<sup>th</sup> November** if possible.



# All Saints' Church



## Rector's article

Life is busy. For many it simply seems to get busier and busier.

2016 has been a busy year at All Saints', with a number of events put on within Great Holland to remember and commemorate 150 years since All Saints' was rebuilt. The year will continue to be busy – we looked at Christmas dates this week.

So let me say something into all the busy-ness, both yours and ours.

I want to extend an invitation to you to join us in church, not at just our events, and despite all you've got to do.

Of course if you're not a Christian believer, I don't expect you to come to church. You are always most welcome, but I could see why you might rather not. I hope you'll read on and see why you might like to join us.

But if you call yourself a Christian, why would you rather be anywhere else?

Now, of course you might choose a different church than All Saints' and that I understand.

But if you call yourself a Christian and miss out on church pretty much all of the time, let me pass on two things.

First, church is meeting with your brothers and sisters in Christ. We are family and families get together. Failing to go to church is like belonging to a family but never seeing the others. You miss out. And your family misses out. We need one another. And a big part of the purpose of church is to encourage and help one another. A famous minister was asked "why do I need to go to church?", and he responded by taking a glowing coal from the fire and leaving it on the hearth. The coal gradually cooled.

But it's not just that. Going to church is something very human, but it is also something superhuman. It is more than any mere club or mutual support society. The second, and in fact the primary, reason why we go to church is to meet with God himself. Yes, God is everywhere. God does not live in the church building, sure. But the gathering of the people of God around the Word of God is where our Lord has promised to be with us in a special way to bless us. It might not always seem the glitziest show on earth, but it is special. Or so we believe by faith, if not always by sight.

Join us on Sunday!

Mark





## From All Saints' Diary - OCTOBER:

|               |                        |                |  |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Morning Worship with Sunday School</b>  |
|               |                        | <b>12 noon</b> | <b>Harvest Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall.</b>   |
| Wednesday     | 5 <sup>th</sup>        | 2.00pm         | Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall  |
| Saturday      | 8 <sup>th</sup>        | 10-3pm         | Deanery Conference at Alresford  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>8.00am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion (joint with Kirby)</b>   |
|               |                        | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Morning Worship</b>   |
| Wednesday     | 12 <sup>th</sup>       | 11.00am        | All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room   |
| Saturday      | 15 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30 - 4.00pm  | <b>Chelmsford Anglican Bible Conference</b> at Chelmsford Central Methodist Church. Kev Murdoch will be speaking on Hebrews. |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>  |
| Wednesday     | 19 <sup>th</sup>       | 11.00am        | All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room   |
|               |                        | 2.00pm         | Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Morning Worship</b>   |
| Tuesday       | 25 <sup>th</sup>       | 2.30-4.00pm    | 'Teapot' at the Baker Hall. Pop in for tea, cake and a chat.   |
| Saturday      | 29 <sup>th</sup>       |                | <i>CLOCKS GO BACK</i>  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Morning Worship</b> with the Revd. Tony Pugsley   |



## From All Saints' Diary - NOVEMBER:

|               |                        |                |   |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Wednesday     | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 2.00pm         | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall  |
| Saturday      | 5 <sup>th</sup>        | 10.00-11.00am  | Home Made Hour in the Village Hall  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Morning Worship with Sunday School</b>   |
|               |                        | <b>4.15pm</b>  | <b>Bereavement Service at St Michael's Church</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>8.00am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion (joint with Kirby)</b>  |
|               |                        | <b>10.50am</b> | <b>Act of Remembrance at the Village Memorial followed by Service of Remembrance at All Saints.</b> |
| Wednesday     | 16 <sup>th</sup>       | 11.00am        | All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room  |
|               |                        | 2.00pm         | Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall  |
| Thursday      | 17 <sup>th</sup>       | 1.00pm         | Parish lunch at St Michael's Church Hall  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>   |
| Wednesday     | 23 <sup>rd</sup>       | 11.00am        | All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Advent Morning Worship</b>   |
| Wednesday     | 30 <sup>th</sup>       | 11.00am        | All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room  |



## PARISH LUNCHEES 2016/7

With exception of the Harvest Lunch all are held on the third Thursday of the month at 1.00pm in St Michael's Church Hall.

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Harvest Lunch: | Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October at 12 noon |
| November:      | 17 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| December       | 15 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch          |
| January        | 19 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| February       | 16 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| March          | 16 <sup>th</sup>                          |

### **The Parish Room - All Saints' Great Holland ...**

... situated next to All Saints' Church in Church Lane, is available for bookings from the general public. The accommodation comprises a pleasant carpeted room with six easy chairs, plus seating for about a dozen people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). Cost of hire is £5 per hour from May - September and £7 per hour October - April (to cover extra heating and lighting costs). To hire the Hall please contact **Judith Little** on **813645**.

### **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 OEY (813645)

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

**HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC:** Ann Peters

**VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC:** John Beale

**HON. TREASURER TO THE PCC:** Sheila Watts c/o The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross CO13 0LT (675997)

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

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## **Hands up if you enjoyed the fête!**

... and please keep your hand up if you helped out at the fête this year. A big, big thank you goes to all those who still have their hand up.

To those who put their hand down: we need more helpers. The fête cannot take place without a veritable army of helpers, and more volunteers are desperately needed if we are to continue with this lovely tradition.

If you didn't help this year, will you volunteer for next year? Perhaps you could help to set things up or to clear up afterwards. Or could you run a stall with one or more friends, or bake cakes for sale?

We will also need items for the vintage stall and the silent auction.

If you can help in any way, please contact Sue Jenkins (01255 850317) or Nicky Stack (01255 677984).

**Your fête needs you!**

Thank you.

Great Holland Church and Village Fête Committee

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## **Fête charity 2017**

10% of fête proceeds are given to a local charity or cause each year.

Do you know of an organisation or individual worthy of our 2017 donation? We are seeking nominations so the fête committee can select the beneficiary before the 2017 fête takes place.



# GREAT HOLLAND CHURCH AND VILLAGE FÊTE 2016 HELD SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AT THE OLD RECTORY

The summary accounts for the fête are given below:

|                         | 2016<br>£           | 2015<br>£           | Variance<br>Better/<br>(Worse)<br>£ |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>SUMMARY</b>          |                     |                     |                                     |
| Entrance Fees           | 903                 | 902                 | 1                                   |
| Stalls (see detail)     | 2,069               | 2,294               | (225)                               |
| Sideshow (see detail)   | 1,595               | 1,681               | (86)                                |
| Refreshments            | 737                 | 735                 | 2                                   |
|                         | <u>5,304</u>        | <u>5,612</u>        | <u>(308)</u>                        |
| Add: Donations          | 306                 | 495                 | (189)                               |
|                         | <u>5,610</u>        | <u>6,107</u>        | <u>(497)</u>                        |
| Deduct: Expenses        | 785                 | 817                 | 32                                  |
| <b>FETE NET SURPLUS</b> | <u><u>4,825</u></u> | <u><u>5,290</u></u> | <u><u>(465)</u></u>                 |

The breakdown of stall and sideshow takings is as follows:

|                                | 2016<br>£    | 2015<br>£    | Variance<br>Better/<br>(Worse)<br>£ |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>STALLS</b>                  |              |              |                                     |
| <b>Fete stalls</b>             |              |              |                                     |
| Books                          | 99           | 95           | 4                                   |
| Bric-a-brac                    | 171          | 239          | (68)                                |
| Cakes                          | 178          | 186          | (8)                                 |
| Mum's Pantry                   | 250          | 178          | 72                                  |
| Plants                         | 150          | 195          | (45)                                |
| Silent auction                 | 510          | 759          | (249)                               |
| Vintage stall                  | 433          | 433          | 0                                   |
| <b>Commission stalls</b>       |              |              |                                     |
| (e.g. gifts, cards, charities) | 278          | 209          | 69                                  |
|                                | <u>2,069</u> | <u>2,294</u> | <u>(225)</u>                        |



|                              | 2016<br>£    | 2015<br>£    | Variance<br>Better/<br>(Worse)<br>£ |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>SIDESHOWS</b>             |              |              |                                     |
| <b>Fete sideshows</b>        |              |              |                                     |
| Bowling                      | 32           | 34           | (2)                                 |
| Coconut shy                  | 243          | 228          | 15                                  |
| Darts                        | 65           | 47           | 18                                  |
| Face Painting                | 48           | 58           | (10)                                |
| Golf/Putting                 | 113          | 104          | 9                                   |
| Guess the weight (Cake)      | 0            | 20           | (20)                                |
| Gunging                      | 0            | 84           | (84)                                |
| Hobby Horse Racing           | 21           | 20           | 1                                   |
| Hole in the Church Roof      | 46           | 44           | 2                                   |
| Hoopla                       | 77           | 56           | 21                                  |
| Key Game                     | 65           | 71           | (6)                                 |
| Little Church                | 6            | 0            | 6                                   |
| Lu Ball                      | 85           | 81           | 4                                   |
| Lucky dip                    | 13           | 14           | (1)                                 |
| Odd Socks                    | 10           | 21           | (11)                                |
| Pea & Puff                   | 6            | 12           | (6)                                 |
| Peg It                       | 12           | 11           | 1                                   |
| Pick-a-Straw                 | 37           | 44           | (7)                                 |
| Pot Luck                     | 0            | 18           | (18)                                |
| Ring the Bottle              | 29           | 26           | 3                                   |
| Roll for a Pig               | 47           | 46           | 1                                   |
| Roly Bowly (Bagatelle)       | 21           | 14           | 7                                   |
| Skittles                     | 59           | 61           | (2)                                 |
| Smack the Rat                | 30           | 36           | (6)                                 |
| Spotted Dog                  | 51           | 63           | (12)                                |
| Tombola                      | 424          | 416          | 8                                   |
| Ultimate Lemon               | 10           | 17           | (7)                                 |
| <b>Commission sideshows</b>  |              |              |                                     |
| (e.g. bouncy castle, ponies) | 45           | 35           | 10                                  |
|                              | <u>1,595</u> | <u>1,681</u> | <u>(86)</u>                         |

The surplus for 2016 at £4,825 is £465 less than 2015 (£5,290).

These funds will be distributed as follows: £3,861 All Saints Church; £482 fête reserve (to be used for new and replacement items for future fêtes) and £482 local charity (to be decided). Last year's charitable contribution £529 was donated to the Village Hall to help with the costs of building and refurbishment.

As always, the committee sincerely thanks everyone who contributed in any way to this year's fête.

Anne Fairbrother  
Treasurer



GREAT HOLLAND CHURCH AND VILLAGE FETE  
HELD AT THE OLD RECTORY  
ON 6 AUGUST





## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Jane will be holding another coffee morning at her home on  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 10.30 - 12.30pm**  
(Glendale, Main Road, CO13 0JN, opposite the Post Office).



This year she will be holding it in memory of Steve Ward who died nearly three years ago and was a member of the Church Bellingers for many years. I'm sure you will remember him and hope you can support Jane again this year.

Thank you.



## Home Made Hour

Thank you to everyone who supported our September Made Hour and for the generous donations of home made goods and produce. **As usual, there will no Home Made Hour in October**

Our next Home Made Hour will take place on:  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** 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 and occasional plants/garden produce. Refreshments are available and we also have a raffle.

Our friendly Home made Hours help to raise funds for All Saints' Church. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events, 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**.

## Walton & District Community FoodBank

Dear All,

This week we have a few shortages. Please may we have:

- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard or Rice Pudding
- Fruit squash

With many thanks as ever for your generous support

Kind regards, Dick Bloxsidge, Administrator,  
**07926 015276**



# Great Holland Methodist Church



**Dear friends**

How many of you are in possession of a mobile phone? How many of you have ever stopped and reflected on what the world looks today, compared to what it used to look like when you were growing up?

Did you know for example that in a world of approximately 7 billion people, there are approximately 6 billion mobile phones. Have you stopped to think of how a teenager does not know a world without mobile phones?

Have you ever wished for the older days to come back?

This is exactly what the people of Israel were doing in Ezra 3. The people of Israel started to rebuild the temple. When the temple was started to be rebuilt '...all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy.'

Many of the older priests, Levites and family heads wept because they remembered what it looked like, and what they were seeing in front of them, looked nothing like they were used to. They wept because they wanted to old, the familiar, the known back. What they were faced with in their present, was different, new, and in their minds not as good.

Yet, at the same time, I imagine those that had not seen the former temple, the ones that are shouting for joy. This is their present, this is their reality, and in their reality they are seeing a beautiful temple being built for the Lord.

In Ezra we read that the sound of both groups, was mixed, and it was heard from a long way away. What do you make of it? What do you make of the older generation that were weeping for the old and the familiar, and of the new generation, who didn't understand what had gone on in the past, and they rejoiced with who God was for them in the here and the now?

Should any of those voices be silenced? I wonder if we could learn from each other, I wonder if we could encourage one another.

It would have been so wrong if the older generation had discouraged the younger generation from their worship, their understanding of who God was, their expression of joy. It would have also been so wrong if the younger generation had not listened to the wisdom of the older generations. In fact, in Ezra we read that Levites twenty years old and older were appointed to supervise the building of the house of the Lord.

They needed each other in this new place, and time that they find themselves in. They need to be able to work together, to express themselves and they need to look at God with every step.

They needed to build the temple of God together, and in doing so God was giving this people that had seen hardship a new beginning in the place that once had been Jerusalem.



Today we might be feeling the same....The world is changing so rapidly, how are we to sing the Lord's song in such a strange land?

How are we going to enable a worship to a people that does not know anything different, in a way that makes sense to them?

As we try to answer those questions, this is what the Lord said of the temple that was being built just then. "The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former" (Hag. 2:9). It was to this temple that the Lord Jesus Himself would come and bring the greater glory. Take courage dear friends. The latter glory will be greater than the former. Amen!

God's blessings,  
Revd. Eva Walker

## Forthcoming social events at Great Holland Methodist Church



### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October Sequence Board Game

You are invited to come and play the Sequence Board Game. It is easy to learn and good fun. Tea and coffee and light refreshments available.

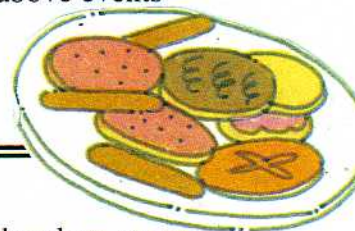
### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November Film Night

Free entry. Ice cream and popcorn available.

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November Autumn Fayre 10.00am - 1.00pm

There will be various stalls. Tea, coffee and ploughmans lunches available.

Please telephone Anne Lott on 675065 for more information about any of the above events



## WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

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 friendly company. We also have donated goods and hand made cards for sale.





# GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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**Chairman:** Paul Fletcher-Tomenius **Vice-Chairman:** Robert Caines  
**Treasurer:** Denys & Lindy Strich **Secretary:** Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius:  
**Planning Officers:** John Poulton & Eddie Forrest

Dear Friends,

You now know the worst! The ridiculous application to build 240 houses off Halstead Road was given the green light by the Inspector on appeal. Still, we can all look forward to traffic lights at the roundabout to deal with the congestion problem! We all had the 'benefit' of that method when they did the road works a few months back.

It makes interesting reading to see the decision itself, because it really does highlight the fundamental flaws in the present system. One person, appointed from a central government panel has the power to decide. This panel comprises 'industry oriented' people, surveyors, estate agents and the like, all with a predilection in favour of development and developers. The important point is that local opinion is a side issue and generally treated with the same contempt as that of our own council. The inspector in this case treated the issue of traffic congestion with contempt. Basically, he said it was no worse here than anywhere else and so it simply was not relevant!

The argument runs, of course, that local opinion will never agree to anything. First of all, that is not true and most people want sensible development in sensible places. Secondly, there is no reason for government not to set legally binding requirements for development land in each area, but then leave it entirely to the locality how that target is met. That would work. It would produce good results too. We would all insist that brown field sites were used first. We would all insist that congestion was treated as a priority and that large developments were built near roads with sufficient capacity. None of this is difficult and it would not be difficult to find general agreement. The system is rotten, because it rides rough shod over local opinion.

Did any of you get to the local plan consultation at Weeley? We did. We immediately went to the plan for Great Holland and noted no changes, or nothing radical, anyway. Settlement boundary and conservation area all where they should be, so nothing to worry about, eh? Good old TDC! Thank you for listening to us! Hang on a minute! Was it just a nasty dream that TDC has waved through back land building on two sites outside the settlement boundary and inside the conservation area in the last few months? Is it an illusion that three large houses have just gone up along a busy, noisy road, creating ribbon development and filling in the gaps between us and Kirby Cross? Is it not so that a new cul de sac will be built at the end of Rectory Road?



This is the problem when you have a council like TDC. There is nothing wrong with the plan, but TDC just ignore it in practice whenever it suits them and they won't be any different this time. The problem does not just apply to planning matters.

There is a developing problem of highway sales of motor vehicles, here in Great Holland and on the main road though Kirby Cross. Councillor Bucke has repeatedly demanded action and been repeatedly fobbed off, saying there is insufficient evidence. I don't think we want businesses operating on the highway. There are rules about it, but this culture of arrogance seemingly pervades every aspect of TDC responsibility.

There is one thing you could help me with. I think it would be a good idea to have someone give a SHORT talk about a matter of local concern at GHRA regular meetings. I do mean short, a maximum of 15 minutes. Any suggestions, please?

Best regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA

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## **DO YOU WISH TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN GT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION?**

As from the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, any Resident wishing to renew their membership, or join Gt Holland Residents Association can do so by calling into The Manor Public House, where John and Olivia have very kindly agreed to collect subscriptions on the Association's behalf. You can also still join at any of our meetings throughout the year.

Envelopes will be provided. Please insure your name, address and contact phone number are written on the front of the envelope where indicated, and subscriptions sealed inside.

Subscription costs are listed below:

£4.00 per year per household of 2 plus residents.

£2.00 per year per household of 1 resident only.

We are very grateful to The Manor for their very kind offer and help.



# POLICE NEWS

## INCIDENTS .....

I am unable to include all incidents that have been reported due to their sensitive nature (reports from 16/07/16 – 18/09/2016).

**1 Motor Vehicle found, Main Road** : Vehicle had been stolen in Clacton

**Obstruction in Rectory Road** : No offence

**Missing person** : Found safe and well

**Motor Biker came off his bike across the Marshes** : Biker was OK

**Hedge Fire, Main Road** : Fire Brigade attended

**Suspicious circumstances** : Two males in Little Clacton Road acting strangely. No trace on Police attendance.

**Abandoned Vehicle** : Clacton Road. Council are dealing with this.

## OTHER .....

### Burglaries

Good news – burglaries have gone down. No reports for a while now. Keep up the good work being vigilant and securing property.

In general it has been a fairly crime free summer. Here's hoping the winter is the same.

### Community Speed Watch

78 people were caught speeding in Little Clacton Road on 24 August within a period of 2-1/2 hours. If you are interested in joining this successful group please email me with your details and I will contact you. The training is about an hour and after that you can go out with 2 other volunteers and hopefully keep speeds down in the area.

### Active Citizen

Across the UK there are numerous examples where members of the public are volunteering in roles to support local policing activity. Essex Police are creating their own Active Citizen programme, expanding an existing volunteer framework which will enable even more members of the public to be able to become involved in supporting their local community through volunteering with their local police. Active Citizen will incorporate a number of existing volunteer programmes such as Special Constables, Dog Watch and Volunteer Police Cadets but goes much further. Opportunities will be tailored according to availability, capacity and capability of the volunteer and imagination is key to success.

Some examples of opportunities include: patrols of the streets to assist the police in keeping people safe, setting up crime prevention stands, distributing crime prevention leaflets and assisting with back office functions. Available to volunteers from the age of 16+.

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You can contact either me or Michele by calling 101, Extension 487553, or by email (see below).

Keep safe.

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

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[michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk)





# WE ARE RECRUITING ACTIVE CITIZENS

**Have you ever thought of volunteering for Essex Police to help prevent crime in your area?**

- Do you have any time to spare?
- Want to help make a difference in your community?
- Assist with providing a high visibility presence?
- Work in partnership with police and council teams?
- Do you need voluntary experience to further your studies or career?

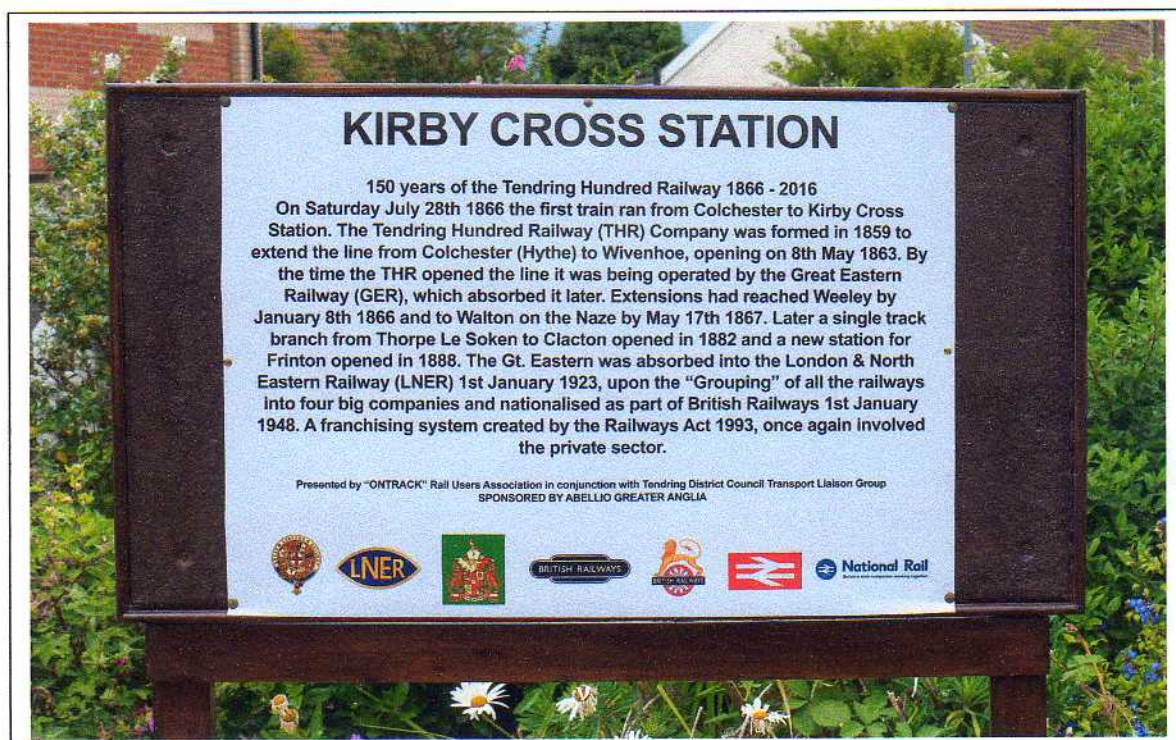
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED AND WANT MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING AN ACTIVE CITIZEN, PLEASE EMAIL [active.citizen@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:active.citizen@essex.pnn.police.uk)





# CEREMONY TO MARK THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF KIRBY CROSS STATION

Frinton and Walton mayor, Jack Robertson, unveiled a copy of a plaque that will be put up once the future of the station has been settled. Mark Platt, Chairman of Tendring Transport Liaison Group, said that despite talk of the station being demolished he hopes it could be used again in the future. Frinton and Walton Town Council have indicated an interest in leasing the building if the terms are suitable.







THE MANOR

**We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.**

**We are pleased to announce that even though we have only been open a few months, we have been nominated and now shortlisted in two categories in the Tendring Blue Ribbon Awards.**

**We now have our autumn menu and bookings are now being taken for the Christmas Period.**

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### **LATEST NEWS ON THE VILLAGE STORES**

**We have been requested by Roger Frere of Frinton Farm Partners to include the following statement in this edition of the magazine:**

**“I am pleased to report that we are in negotiations with a very local person who would like to run the shop and Post Office. They seem very enthusiastic about the idea. Fingers crossed that the Village will have a shop again.”**



2016

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rebuilding of All Saints'

All Saints' Church, Great Holland, CO13 0JS

# Concert

## Tendring Male Voice Choir

**Saturday 22 October, 7pm**

Interval Refreshments

£5 ticket from 675997 or [mdjholdaway@gmail.com](mailto:mdjholdaway@gmail.com)

All proceeds to [St Helena Hospice](#)

We have a new advertiser ...

'Exclusive'

of Thorpe-Le-Soken

Tanning, hair, beauty and nails. Please see their advert at rear of magazine.

**IF YOU CONTACT ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS,  
PLEASE TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW THEIR ADVERT IN VILLAGE VOICE!**

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The Editors



## Can anyone help, please ...?



Does anyone have - or know someone who has - a farm, horses, livery stables etc or just a large garden? If so, do you care enough about nature and the preservation of honeybees to help by allowing me to use a small corner of a piece of your land on which I could put a couple of beehives?

I have just completed a nine-month beekeeping course and am an active member of the Colchester Beekeepers Association, but I still have a lot to learn about honeybees. So if you would like to join me on this quest, please let me have access to a small corner of your land.

I would need access once a week so I can care and look after my bees and who knows, if we have a good season next year you'll get some delicious honey.

I am a local resident of great Holland, so if you can help would you please contact me on my mobile: **07807422156**

Many thanks  
Keith

### **Frinton & District Horticultural Society**

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**'The Secret Life of Garden Birds'**  
A talk by Mike Logan Wood



**Competition: A Stem of Chrysanthemum**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**AGM followed by Quiz**

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



**Dr Carla Mahmoud**  
**Dr Mathew Kattukaran**

Tel: 01255 861850  
Fax: 01255 860330



**Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery**  
**High Street**  
**Thorpe-le-Soken**  
**Essex CO16 0EA**

### **Surgery Newsletter-October**

The end of the month has come again-rather too quickly for me but at the time of writing (beginning of September) this is a time of preparation in schools and in medicine. Schools and universities are preparing to receive an influx of new pupils as are universities and the NHS is preparing for winter and the forthcoming junior doctor strikes.

Here at Thorpe our main focus at this time of year is making sure all our vulnerable patients are protected against flu, by carrying out an effective campaign we will hopefully prevent hospital admissions over the winter period by vaccinating children, older people and those with asthma and diabetes. This should mean that there will be less flu in circulation for the rest of the population. Our first clinics are 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September and we will be running more at both Thorpe and Kirby at a variety of times for the convenience of our patients-see the surgery website and signs in the waiting rooms for more details. Jabs are on offer in the community but we hope that our patients will support us by choosing to be immunised at the surgery.

We have appointed a new receptionist to our team, Clare started in September and is looking forward to 'learning the ropes'. The recording service for repeat prescriptions continues to be monitored, for those patients choosing to order by telephone we ask that the recording service is used, in the future the receptionists will cease taking requests over the telephone in line with other surgeries. Whilst there are some patients that do not like leaving recorded messages this service is another option for patients needing to order medication along with on-line, by post or using the surgery prescription request post box.

More and more patients are requesting access to their records, this is easy to do but a form must be completed first and identity proved to ensure that patient records are secure. Once set up online access will give patients the opportunity to order medication, view test results, problems, immunisations and book appointments. On line ordering of medication means that the patient has control of what is ordered, this request passes electronically to the doctor who in turn authorises the request and then sends the prescription electronically to 'the spine'. Patients that have nominated a pharmacy are then able to collect their medication directly from the pharmacy a couple of days later. This is the system preferred by the surgery as it reduces the risk of errors but we will continue to take recorded messages, patient letters and repeat slips.

There was a PPG meeting in August, a number of Kirby and Great Holland residents attended with concerns about the reduction in opening hours at the Kirby Branch. I was able to reassure patients that there was no reduction in the number of appointments on offer but that surgeries were compressed into the mornings meaning that we are able to use our resources more effectively, the addition of a midwife holding weekly clinics was also reported. To find out more about the work of the PPG contact [ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net](mailto:ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net)

Best Wishes  
Karen Austen

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## Predators and prey

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A petition to parliament has just closed. 123,075 people signed to support a ban on the sport of 'Driven Grouse Shooting'. While I have no general objection to shooting or some of the activities that shooting requires, I supported it.

Traditionally grouse shooting consisted of walking up the hill, sometimes with dogs and shooting the flushed grouse. More recently a lucrative industry grew up where the shooters were taken up to shooting points, while others were employed to drive the grouse over their guns. The problem is that this form of the sport required moors grossly over populated with grouse. This was achieved by among other measures stringent control of predators. So far so good, but in practice the control has also illegally targeted protected species, including eagles, peregrine falcons and principally Hen Harriers. While the industry denies involvement in illegal activity, a series of compelling events provide evidence that some do. Moreover a scientific study on Langholm grouse moor demonstrated that Harriers really do make driven grouse shooting uneconomic to run, hence the petition to ban this form of the sport. RSPB have promoted a half way set up where grouse moor businesses would have to be licenced, and moor owners would risk losing their licence if criminal activity was proven.

Hen harriers are down to 3 pairs in England with rather more in Scotland, the English habitat ought to support around 300 if they were not persecuted. In Essex we still see occasional Hen harriers in the winter, and what a sight they are. The male is a beautiful light grey with dark wing tips and the female more dappled with a notable ringed effect to the tail feathers.

A number of people nationally are stating their view that predators in the country are causing all sorts of problems. While I have no argument with legal control of predators I reject the notion that humans should control everything to maintain a 'balance'. Populations of everything from Wrens to Grouse will be healthier if the sick and unfit are taken out of the population. Predator numbers are also controlled by the availability of their prey. The natural world has balanced itself since long before people came along with guns, traps and poisons.

This summer we have been undertaking a Dormouse survey, which I will describe after we finish it in December. Anyway there are healthy numbers at Great Holland Pits, and we have a pair of one of their chief predators the Tawny Owl present. So there is a food chain which starts with plants. Food items for Dormice include flowers, seeds, accessible invertebrates such as caterpillars, and later fruits and nuts. At least one of our Dormice had 5 kits. Overall the population builds up in the autumn, but it is balanced in the year by predation, mishap and perhaps disease and starvation. Sometimes the winter is too warm and they wake out of hibernation too early before food is plentiful. The presence of the owl taking a proportion stabilises the population.

The Tawny Owls also had their problems this year. In April there were four eggs in the box. During a visit a few weeks later we expected to ring the owlets, but in the meantime Jackdaws had covered the eggs with twigs for their own nest. Should this be a cue to attempt to control Jackdaws? I don't think so. Of the scores of Owl boxes several in this area have been taken over by Jackdaws but Tawny Owls also raise a surplus from time to time.

I have continued to monitor Holland Brook. People have expressed to me their wish to 'control' Otters. While there are still signs of them along the river, there are also signs of a lot of fish. It does the fish no favours to free them from predation. Sick fish are the first to be caught by an Otter, Heron or Kingfisher.

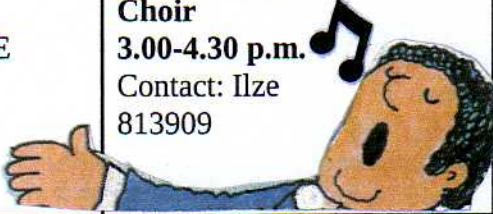



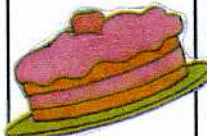
**Bob Seago**

Warden, Great Holland Pits



# What's on in your Village Hall?



| Day              | Morning  | Afternoon  | Evening   |
|------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | AVAILABLE  | AVAILABLE  | AVAILABLE   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | AVAILABLE  | <b>Tendring Male Voice Choir</b><br><b>3.00-4.30 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Ilze 813909  | <b>Cardio Vascular</b><br><b>6.45-7.30 p.m.</b><br><br><b>Pilates</b><br><b>7.30-8.30 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Claudine 862505  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |  <b>Fantari Dance and Fitness</b><br><b>9.30-10.30a.m.</b><br>Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740<br><br><b>Gentle Tai Chi with meditation</b><br><b>11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Ruth 07724 133702 | <b>Carpet Bowls</b><br><b>1.45-3.45 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Les Miller 671214<br><br> | <b>Links Karate</b><br><b>5.30-7.30 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Paul Harris 830136<br><br><b>Badminton</b><br><b>9.00-10.30 p.m.</b><br>671300<br><br> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Yoga</b><br><b>9.30-11.00a.m.</b><br>Contact: Srina 07835 730593  | <b>The Coastal Singers (mixed voices)</b><br><b>2.30-4.30 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Ilze 813909   | <b>Aerobics</b><br><b>7.00-8.00 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Claudine 862505  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Tai Chi</b><br><b>9.30-12.30p.m.</b><br>Contact: Des Exworth 679610<br>(additional classes are available)   | AVAILABLE  | <b>Belly Dancing</b><br><b>7.00-8.00p.m.</b><br>Contact: Almeira Carmichael 07900 241630/ 01255 678297  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | AVAILABLE  | AVAILABLE  | <b>Links Karate</b><br><b>6.00-8.00 p.m.</b><br>Contact: Paul Harris 830136   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |  <b>Home Made Hour</b><br><b>10.00-11.00a.m.</b><br>First Saturday of the month<br>(NOT January, February, August or October)   | AVAILABLE  | AVAILABLE   |

## Rate for hire of Village Hall

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

Updated May 2016





## Beginners Yoga class at Great Holland Village Hall

Just a reminder that as shown on the timetable opposite, a Yoga Class now takes place at our Village Hall on Wednesdays from 9.30am - 11.00am. Teacher Srina provides step-by-step guidance on breathing techniques, yoga postures and proper relaxation. If you are interested in joining the class or just want to find out more, please contact Srina on **07835 730593**.

## Tending First Ladies

**Our meetings take place at at the Methodist Church Hall, Frinton at 2.30pm.**

We welcome everyone to our friendly group that usually meets on the first Monday of each month - although this can vary due to Bank Holidays. We charge £2.00 entrance at each meeting to cover the cost of the room hire. A speaker talks for about 30 minutes and then tea and homemade cakes are served. There is also a raffle.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:**

**Karen Moss**

Special Care Baby Unit

### **SOCIAL EVENT**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October:**

**Soup, Sandwich & Dessert**

12.00 - 2.00pm

Tickets £5.00



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Jonathan & Jasmine Fraser**

The Hat and The Mouse (in Connaught Avenue, Frinton)

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



## Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

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

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

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Antiques Road Show**

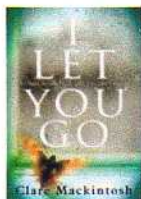
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**Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details**

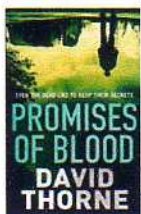


## Frinton Literary Festival Programme Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Crime & Wine – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Frinton Tennis Club 7.30pm. Tickets £15

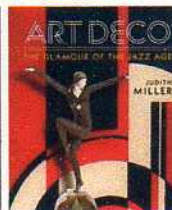


Clare Mackintosh spent twelve years in the police force, including time on CID. However, she left the police in 2011 and now writes full time. Clare's debut novel, *I Let You Go*, was the fastest selling title by a new crime writer in 2015. Clare's next book, *I See You*, will be published in July 2016.



David started his working life in advertising and then moved to writing comedy sketches, gags and scripts for the BBC and Channel Four. In 2010 he moved to Essex, and was immediately inspired to write *East of Innocence*, the first in a trilogy of crime novels starring Daniel Connell – disgraced ex-City lawyer now scraping a living in Essex.

### An Evening with Judith Miller – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Frinton Tennis Club 8pm. Tickets £10



Judith Miller is an expert on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow and has co-hosted the popular BBC series *The House Detectives*, ITV's *Antiques Trail*, and Discovery's *It's Your Bid*. After her presentation, Judith will be happy to value your antiques and collectables and sign copies of her latest book *Art Deco: The Glamour of the Jazz Age*.

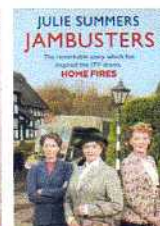
### The Philomena Dwyer Literary Lunch with Rosie Thomas

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Frinton Tennis Club 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets £28



Rosie Thomas has written twenty two novels and a travel book, drawing widely on her travel experiences. A keen adventurer for pleasure as well as research, she has climbed in the Alps and Himalayas, driven halfway around the world in a competitive car rally, lived and worked on a tiny research station in Antarctica and explored in Ladakh, Kashmir and Central Asia.

### Afternoon Tea with Julie Summers – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – McGrigor Hall 2.30 for 3pm. Tickets £15



Julie Summers is the author of eleven works of non-fiction, including the best-selling book *Jambusters* which inspired the ITV drama series *Home Fires*. Last year she published *Fashion on the Ration* which was selected as one of *The Times* history books of 2015. The book accompanied an exhibition at the Imperial War Museum which opened this Spring.

Tickets available from:

Caxton Books and Gallery 37, Connaught Avenue FRINTON-ON-SEA

Or call: 01255 851505

Or email: [info@caxton-books.co.uk](mailto:info@caxton-books.co.uk)



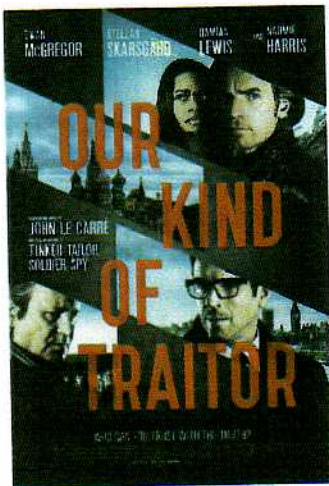
**PROGRAMME FOR CINEMA-ON-SEA**  
McGrigor Hall, Ashlyn's Road.  
Matinées at 3pm. Evenings at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00.



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Matinée at 3pm & Evening at 7.30pm**  
**Florence Foster Jenkins**

*Certificate: PG Running Time: 1 hour 50 minutes*

**Florence Foster Jenkins** is a delightful British-French biographical comedy-drama starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. In the 1940s, New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins dreams of becoming a great opera singer. Unfortunately, her ambition far exceeds her talent. The voice Florence hears in her head is beautiful, but to everyone else it is quite lousy. Her husband St. Clair goes to extreme lengths to make sure his wife never finds out how awful she truly is. When Florence announces her plans for a concert at Carnegie Hall, St. Clair soon realizes that he's facing his greatest challenge yet.



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Matinée at 3pm & Evening at 7.30pm**

**Our Kind of Traitor**

*Certificate: 15 Running Time: 1 hour 50 minutes*

This is a classic John le Carré espionage thriller, where a couple finds themselves lured into a Russian oligarch's plans to defect, and are soon positioned between the Russian Mafia and the British Secret Service, neither of whom they can trust. A tense drama reminiscent of Hitchcock in the 1960s starring Ewan McGregor, Damian Lewis and Naomie Harris.

**Wine, Soft Drinks & Ice-cream for sale before the film  
& during the intermission**

**Next Film will be on 10<sup>th</sup> December – *Me Before You***  
Next year's programme will hopefully include:  
***Eye in the Sky & Bridget Jones's Baby***

For more information contact Sally or Judith at Caxton Books  
01255 851505 [www.caxton-books.co.uk](http://www.caxton-books.co.uk)

**CAXTON BOOKS EVENT:**  
**The Book of Tides by William Thomson**  
**Talk and book signing**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**  
at Walton & Frinton Yacht Club: 3.00pm

Ticketed event. For further information/to buy tickets, please telephone Caxton Books on **851505**



## FROM THE ARCHIVES .....

### The Local Home Guard

Since the war had begun the Government had received countless enquiries from men of all ages who, for one reason or another not engaged in the military, wanted to do something for the defence of the country. In 1940, because the Germans were rapidly advancing in France, a call went out to all men 'not presently engaged in military service between the ages of 17 and 65' to volunteer to fight off an invasion within a new force that was to be named 'THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS'. It was the brainchild of General Sir Walter Kirke and Brigadier W. Garden-Roe.

From the start it proved a success, especially in the undefended East Anglian areas. In the first week a quarter of a million had volunteered and women also joined up. In Essex alone there numbered some 40,000 men by 1942. In the early days they lacked uniforms, but wore black armbands with LDV on them hastily made by the WVS.



Home Guardsmen: Kirby Platoon, 'D' Company, photographed on Gt. Bentley Green.

*Left to right*

*Back row:*

Ernest Coote, John Stooke-Vaughan, Harry Elvish, Fred William,  
Tom Slowgrove, Sid Whipp, \_\_\_\_\_ Hempson, Ray Pinner, Fred Hudson(?).

*Middle row:*

Cory Harris, Frank Glading, Eddy Harris, Charles Martin, George Cockrell(?),  
\_\_\_\_\_ Harris(?), Abe Potter, Hubert Maddison, Arthur Bugg(?).

*Front row:*

Sam Scott, George Townes, Walter Miller, Bert Flemming, Jack Wilson,  
Stan Martin, Bill Theadom, Herbert Kay, Frank Grey.

In August 1940 the name 'HOME GUARD' was introduced. They patrolled the coastal and backwater areas and guarded railway bridges and electrical sub-stations; built defences and road blocks; and removed sign posts and street names.

In the beginning the organisation was run with chaos but, by the time of the great stand-down in Autumn 1944, the Home Guard soldiers who manned A.A. guns and searchlight batteries could be counted alongside the rest of Great Britain's fighting forces.

I am currently researching the local Home Guard and have many unanswered questions – e.g. was there a 'Spigot' gun in the Tendring area and, if so, where was it allocated? etc.

My grandfather was in the local platoon but is no longer with us as he was of the older men at the time and would be 120 years old – but a young boy or girl who may have joined could still be around albeit in their 90s. If you have a relative, friend or neighbour who was in the Home Guard and would be willing to speak to me please contact me on 01255 676960.

September 2016

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder



# Engains W.I.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in The Village Hall, **Little Clacton** at 7.30 p.m. We are a lively and jovial bunch and would welcome new members. If you are interested in joining our group, please do come along as our guest. Details of our October and November meetings are as follows:

## **Fashion show** by **Edinburgh Woollen Mill**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Little Clacton Village Hall**



**Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

**ADMISSION £2 ON THE DOOR - INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS**

**HOSTED BY ENGAINS WI**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda on 01255 483665 or 428562**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Nothing Like a Dame**  
**Sue and Horry Parsons**

## **Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland**

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 3rd November** 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**

## **Local events**

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

The Editors