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Great Holland Village Voice

Next GHRA
meeting is on
Saturday
14th October



On a Crisp Autumn Day...



October & November 2017



to the October/November 2017 edition of Village Voice.

Included in this edition...

- The agenda for the GHRA meeting on Saturday 14th October
- Details of a fund-raising quiz at the Village Hall
- Our Village & Church Fête 2017: report, photos and accounts
- Letter from the Chairman of GHRA



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 2017 or January 2018 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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Falling Leaves



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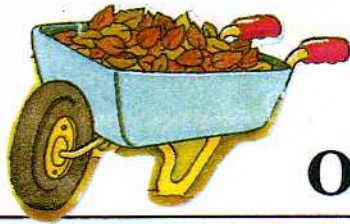
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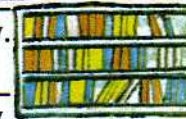
Dates for your Diary ...



October




Thursday 5th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 7th	WEA Day Course in Frinton - 'Social Development reflected in popular music 1950-1964'. More details inside magazine.
Thursday 12th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 14th	 Meeting of Great Holland Residents Association Village Hall, 10.00 for 10.30am
Thursday 19th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am.
Thursday 26th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Saturday 28th	Autumn Sale at Great Holland Methodist Church: 10.30am - 2.00pm. More details inside magazine.



November



Thursday 2nd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am. Meeting of Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland: 2 Great Holland Court, 2.00pm.
Saturday 4th	Home Made Hour: Village Hall, 10.00-11.00am.
Thursday 9th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 16th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday. Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am.
Saturday 18th	 Fund-raising Quiz Night Village Hall More details inside magazine.
Thursday 23rd	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.
Thursday 30th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews, 10.00-10.30am



To include events for **December 2017** or **January 2018** in the Diary section of the next edition of **Village Voice**, please contact Linda on **852195** or Sandra on **672453** by **15th November**, if possible.



Rector's article

Don't be like a pigeon.

At our Harvest Festival we remembered how right it is to give thanks to God who gives us so much.

Harvest is excellent at reminding us that God provides the beauty of the seasons and the abundance of our food.

But the Bible encourages us to remember even more - God provides far more than food; in fact far more than far more than we can ever imagine and we're encouraged to remember all that he gives us and to remember it often.

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."

Perhaps this quote from G. K. Chesterton sums it up best - "You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink."

And so the message is... Don't be like a pigeon.

I'm told that Pigeons are the only birds that drink by suction, whereas all others drink by gravity. So every other bird, when it drinks, has to lift its head in order to drink. A Pigeon is able to drink while still looking down.

So then, as we receive all that we do from God, look up and give thanks to God for all he gives us and do it often.

Mark

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**.



From All Saints' Diary - October:

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	4 th	11.00am 2.30pm	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall
Sunday	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion (joint with Kirby)
		11.00am	Morning Worship
Saturday	14 th	10-4.00pm 1.30pm	Chelmsford Anglican Bible Conference at Chelmsford Central Methodist Church. Speaker Bishop Rod Thomas, the Bishop of Maidstone Wedding of Taylor Nash & Alixandra Harris
Sunday	15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
		2.30pm	Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall
Wednesday	18 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	24 th	2.30-4.00pm	'Teapot' at the Baker Hall. Pop in for tea, cake and a chat.
Saturday	28 th		<i>CLOCKS GO BACK</i>
Sunday	29th	11.00am	Morning Worship

From All Saints' Diary - November:

Wednesday	1 st	11.00am 2.30pm	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall
Saturday	4 th	10-11am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	5th	11.00am 4.15pm	Morning Worship Bereavement Service at St Michael's Church
Sunday	12th	8.00am 10.50am	Holy Communion (joint with Kirby) Act of Remembrance at the Village Memorial followed by Service of Remembrance at All Saints.
Wednesday	15 th	2.30pm 11.00am	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
Thursday	16 th	1.00pm	Parish lunch at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	22 nd	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room
Sunday	26th	11.00am	Advent Morning Worship
Tuesday	28 th	2.30-4.00pm	Christmas 'Teapot' at the Baker Hall
Wednesday	29 th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group in the Parish Room



PARISH LUNCHEAS 2017/18

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

November: 16th
December: 14th Christmas Lunch

2018

January: 18th
February: 15th
March: 15th

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDING

We offer our congratulations to:

Taylor Nash and Alixandra Harris being married on 14th October



Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

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

Our next Home Made Hour takes place on **Saturday 4th November** from 10.00-11.00am. 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. 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**.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Ann Peters

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: John Beale

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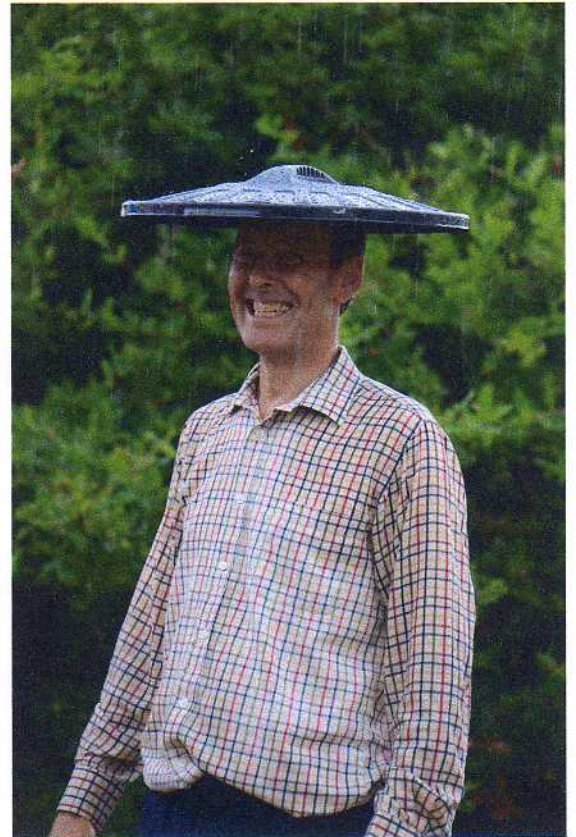
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THE VILLAGE FETE

The Great Holland Church and Village fete committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year a success, although the weather did leave a lot to be desired with a very heavy downpour just as Frances Wood said those infamous words "I declare this fete open". As in true British tradition we carried on regardless; the stalls kept selling; the teas kept being poured and the Barnaby Family just invited people under their tarpaulin to have a go on the tombola.

Many people stayed despite the weather and this allowed us to make just over £3000. The committee's chosen charity this year is the Home Support Group Trust (Charity Number 284514). This is a local charity that helps and supports patients with cancer who live in the local area. The charity will receive 10% of this year's funds.





If you feel you would like to be involved in the Fete we are always looking for new people to help. So please feel free to contact the Chairperson, Sue Jenkins, on 01255 850317.



GREAT HOLLAND CHURCH AND VILLAGE FÊTE 2017 HELD SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST AT THE OLD RECTORY

The summary accounts for the fête are given below:

	2017 £	2016 £	Variance Better/ (Worse) £
SUMMARY			
Entrance Fees	617	903	(286)
Stalls (see detail)	1,718	2,069	(351)
Sideshow (see detail)	1,190	1,595	(405)
Refreshments	382	737	(355)
	<u>3,907</u>	<u>5,304</u>	<u>(1,397)</u>
Add: Donations	151	306	(155)
	<u>4,058</u>	<u>5,610</u>	<u>(1,552)</u>
Deduct: Expenses	1,048	785	(263)
FETE NET SURPLUS	<u><u>3,010</u></u>	<u><u>4,825</u></u>	<u><u>(1,815)</u></u>

The breakdown of stall and sideshow takings is as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £	Variance Better/ (Worse) £
STALLS			
Fete stalls			
Books	100	99	1
Bric-a-brac	134	171	(37)
Cakes	346	178	168
Mum's Pantry	143	250	(107)
Plants	265	150	115
Raffle	154	0	154
Silent auction	0	510	(510)
Vintage stall	250	433	(183)
Commission stalls (e.g. gifts, cards, charities)	326	278	48
	<u>1,718</u>	<u>2,069</u>	<u>(351)</u>

	2017 £	2016 £	Variance Better/ (Worse) £
SIDESHOWS			
Fete sideshows			

Beat the Goalie	64	0	64
Bowling	35	32	3
Captain Blackbeard	18	0	18
Coconut shy	145	243	(98)
Crazy croquet	12	0	12
Darts	25	65	(40)
Face Painting	36	48	(12)
Golf/Putting	86	113	(27)
Hobby Horse Racing	12	21	(9)
Hole in the Church Roof	30	46	(16)
Hoopla	41	77	(36)
Key Game	63	65	(2)
Little church	0	6	(6)
Lu Ball	47	85	(38)
Lucky dip	17	13	4
Lucky ladder	12	0	12
Odd Socks	0	10	(10)
Pea & Puff	0	6	(6)
Peg It	9	12	(3)
Pick-a-Straw	34	37	(3)
Ring the Bottle	15	29	(14)
Roll for a Pig	19	47	(28)
Roly Bowly (Bagatelle)	0	21	(21)
Skittles	32	59	(27)
Smack the Rat	18	30	(12)
Spotted Dog	61	51	10
Tombola	336	424	(88)
Ultimate Lemon	8	10	(2)
Commission sideshows			
(e.g. pony rides, bouncy castle)	15	45	(30)
	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>(405)</u>

The surplus for 2017 at £3,010 is £1,815 less than 2016 (£4,825). Quite an achievement, considering the weather on the day.

These funds will be distributed as follows: £2,408 All Saints Church; £301 fête reserve (to be used for new and replacement items for future fêtes) and £301 local charity (Home Support Group Trust). £200 of last year's charitable element £482 has been used to pay for Village Hall clock repairs and the remainder is to be used for other village benefits.

The committee thank the many people and organisations who contributed to this year's fête.

Anne Fairbrother, Treasurer

Great Holland Methodist Church

Below is an introductory article from Rev. Chris Preece, who has succeeded Rev. Eva Walker as the Minister for Great Holland Methodist Church.

Dear friends

As I sit to write this we are now well and truly in the midst of Autumn and the fields around us are in a real state of change. They have completed their 'cycle' of planting, growing and harvesting for this year and the time is now coming to look ahead to the future.

For some it is the time of year where, if growing fruit and vegetables, there seem to be a lot of tomatoes or plums all coming together which need preserving in some way. Maybe this is through making jams, chutneys, or freezing the fruit that is picked.

Autumn as a season brings so many rich colours. Likewise, the colour of the harvest produce is so vibrant as it is the time of year where we celebrate harvest. The reds, yellows, and oranges seem to have a different dimension to them as the nights draw in. They make us feel cosy and have a sense of warmth and security about them.

Autumn can also bring a sense of winding down for the winter but within that there is the need to look ahead to next year as well, especially from a farming perspective. It seems to bring some sort of timelessness where the past, present and future all come together. In the book of Hebrews we are reminded that 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.' We are given the assurance of Jesus' presence in our lives in the past, present and future. This should make us rejoice!

We can rely on Jesus to provide all that we need. Our wonderful living God is alive today and is responding to the world now and for the future. So, let's rejoice in Jesus whose character is so constant and who responds to the needs that there are with love and compassion for each and every person.

God bless
Chris

Harvest Festival weekend

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and came to see our beautifully decorated church, with the decoration of each windowsill representing a different verse of a Harvest hymn. The weekend raised in excess of £300, half of which was donated to a local children's charity.

Autumn Sale at Great Holland Methodist Church

Saturday 28th October

10.30am - 2.00pm

There will be various stalls. Refreshments and ploughmans lunches available.

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.

SITUATION VACANT!



Some of you may have known the late Audrey Hill, a very keen gardener who lived in Halstead Road.

For many years, Audrey contributed regular gardening articles for publication in Village Voice. Her articles detailed what she was doing - or planning - in her beautiful garden, and were always full of handy, seasonal advice as well as tales of the antics of her feline companion, Kerrygold. Audrey also enjoyed visiting gardens around the UK, and provided interesting articles about her travels.

We would like to resurrect the gardening page, and are looking for another enthusiastic gardener to provide articles - preferably via email - on an occasional or regular basis. Would any of our readers be interested in doing so?

We produce Village Voice every two months, i.e. to cover February/March, April/May, June/July, August/September, October/November and December/January. A black and white copy of the magazine is delivered to all 425 or so households in Great Holland. Current and back editions can also be viewed (in colour) on our village website: www.essexinfo.net/greatholland/.

If you are interested in writing gardening articles for the magazine, please contact me. The next edition is due for publication towards the end of November.

Linda O'Reilly
01255 852195/linda.oreilly@catlover.com





GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Friends,

Well, I have solved the mystery of how developers get away with closing our roads for periods of time that seem to bear no relationship whatever to the works involved. I had rather assumed that Essex County Council was just a bit slack on the monitoring side! Well, that was sort of right. They tell me they don't monitor them at all!! So what seems to happen is that an application is made for a street works licence, a fee is paid and that's it. Roughly speaking, the licensee then just gets on with it. There seems no one checking whether the closure is actually necessary, whether the time period is reasonable or whether the works are completed expeditiously. So my impression that developers or other contractors just please themselves is about right.

I surely can't have been the only one who noticed long periods when nothing happened to the road works out in Kirby Road this side of the bridge or in Manor Road. The contractors in both cases just did what suited them. I can't say I blame them really, although some concern for an inconvenienced public would have been good, because the system means they were within their rights.

What a system! Does it deserve the name, "system"?!

Back in 2016, First Avenue in Frinton was totally refurbished. Not for that road the removal of paving slabs and replacement by asphalt (as is normal and as happened in Manor and Rectory Roads), but vastly expensive renewal of slabbed pavements along its entire length, plus total resurfacing. We wondered at the time how much it cost and how it could be justified for an allegedly cash-strapped council.

Finally, I asked Robert Bucke to find out the cost and Essex County Council has now supplied the figure. I suggest you sit down if you are not already doing so.

ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS (£1.15 MILLION).

It's tempting to think Robert is pulling my leg, but no. That is the figure supplied by ECC in response to a Freedom of Information request.

I am not even prepared to discuss whether this decision made any sense, whether it was fair or whether it could be justified. This was off the scale of stupidity or justice or financial mismanagement. I am now investigating how this decision was made, by whom and on the

basis of what recommendation. The obvious conclusion was to think that one or more elected representatives or senior employees of ECC lives there and influenced the outcome, but that does not appear to be the case.

Does this past expenditure in Frinton concern Great Holland? At a time of scarce resources when we cannot get potholes repaired in village roads, this monstrous misallocation of money should outrage everyone. You never know. I might get an anonymous phone call offering to refurbish all Great Holland's roads and pavements if I shut up and go away! So, if that happens and I write nothing more about First Avenue, you will know how corrupt I really am. All I ask is a Christmas card from every single resident.

There's a little footnote to all this. A local resident has asked why The Close did not have its pavements asphalted at the same time as Rectory and Manor Roads. They have broken and uneven slabs just the same as those two roads did and nothing was done. The dangers to the elderly, infirm and those with mobility problems are self-evident. Presumably, it was an economy measure and I think it might have happened in the same financial year as the First Avenue scandal. I have asked why The Close was discriminated against in this way and here is the "answer"!!

Dear Councillor Bucke

Thank you for your email below.

After further investigation we can advise that we are aware of a single footway defect outside 12-14 The Close, Great Holland. However, in line with our maintenance strategy, this has been risk assessed as a low priority and did not meet our criteria for immediate attention. Low priority issues will not receive action in the foreseeable future and therefore we are unable to provide a timeframe for appropriate action to be taken.

We understand you may be disappointed with this information but we are sure you will appreciate that due to the wide ranging function of highway maintenance, it is essential that we have a robust prioritisation process that allows us to focus on the areas of greatest need.

We should advise that the footways throughout The Close receive an annual routine safety inspection; the most recent being undertaken in August 2017. At the time of the most recent inspection, there were no further footway issues identified that met the criteria of our Maintenance Strategy to warrant any further action.

All defects meeting our criteria as set out in our Maintenance Strategy are recorded, assessed and prioritised according to the level of severity and the risk to public safety. Those issues that are urgent or require prompt attention because they represent an immediate hazard are made safe, sometimes with a further/permanent repair carried out a later date.

We are currently following an asset led approach to maintenance which focuses on the worst condition footways, we currently have a budget allocation of £9 million to address footways across all of Essex. This is divided fairly based on condition and footway length for each of the 12 districts in Essex.

In closing, we wish to thank you for contacting us and we trust that the above clarifies our position in respect of this matter.

Kind regards

Customer Service Team

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This, of course, does NOT answer the enquiry. We asked why The Close was not done at the same time. This is blatant evasion and we will follow this up

BUT, BUT we got lucky! Because the right hand does not know what the left hand is doing, we have the vital information we need to return to the First Avenue scandal. The total budget for "THE WHOLE OF ESSEX" (their words, not mine) is £9 million and yet they spent £1.15 million on one single road!! Essex County Council simply refuse to say how this was decided other than they identified "an urban cluster"!!! Understand now? No! Me neither, but then you are not meant to, since the "answer" is a device without meaning. It really means, "We can't admit the decision is indefensible and so we will take a leaf from the philosopher's notebook and ensure that not a single word can have meaning attributed to it!"

Needless to say, they have not heard the last of this.

You may have noticed that I have not mentioned Tendring District Council this month. I don't want anyone to worry. They will be back.

Best regards to you all,
Paul Fletcher-Tomenius
Chairman GHRA

ALL SAINTS CHURCH GREAT HOLLAND PEAL OF BELLS

On Saturday 19th August a Peal was rung at All Saints to celebrate the marriage of Dawn Peal to Paul Withams, both ringers at this church, and also to mark the 100th anniversary of the building of the vestry. The peal consisted of 5024 different changes (each bell was rung 5024 times in a different order) in a method called Bristol Surprise Major and lasted for 2 hours 54 minutes. The ringers were as follows:-

- Treble : Brian E Whiting (Conductor) (Offton)
- 2. Neil V Avis (Colchester St. Leonards)
- 3. Anne R Bray (Kirby-le-Soken)
- 4. David G Salter (Ipswich)
- 5. Brian G Meads (Coggeshall)
- 6. Paul A J Bray (Gt. Holland)
- 7. Ian J Culham (Mistley)
- Tenor : David L Sparling (Kirby-le-Soken)

Should anyone have any questions about bell ringing or be interested in learning to ring you would be most welcome to come along to ringing at All Saints to see how it's done or email me at paulajbray@sky.com.

Paul A J Bray
(Ringing Master, All Saints)

Leaving All Saints following their wedding in August

Dawn and Paul Withams



Ringling the bells at the wedding

*******DOG LOVERS LOOKING FOR DOG LOVERS*******

A while back my husband and I lost our beautiful dog and, as all dog lovers know, it's a devastating time. We are now considering a new small to medium adult dog from a homing centre, possibly the Dogs Trust.

We are looking for someone who would like us to look after their dog for them during their holidays, etc. and in return look after our new dog, when we get her, for our holidays. This is not a business and it is not intended for exchange of money, but for peace of mind of having someone that you know to care for your dog in exchange for you looking after ours. We are retired people. We already know a very nice person that has looked after our previous dog as a business but of course, there is a need to book well in advance and sometimes this is not possible or, when making the enquiry, they are fully booked.

We have always had dogs and our new one will have much time spent on her so she can be as well behaved and trained as all our past dogs. If this is something you might consider and would like to discuss please call me – Sandra – on 01255 676996 (Great Holland Village).

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Last year the Fete Committee kindly agreed to get the outside of the hall fixed and this has taken over 6 months to complete.

The main roof on the hall has been overhauled and repaired where necessary and this was completed by JL Roofing who came in £300 under budget. We have had snow guards fitted around the roof to stop any loose tiles falling off and causing damage or injury.



Whilst up on the roof James from JL Roofing kindly washed the Cupola for us.

We have currently submitted an application to the Communities Initiative Fund (Essex County Council) to allow us to address the damp issue in the hall. We should hear in November whether we have been successful.

Please come along and support our cake and quiz night which is happening on 18th November 2017. This is to try and raise some money to have the hall decorated throughout.

If you wish to be involved in any way with our village hall, please contact Sue Jenkins on 01255 850317.



**GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
ARE HOLDING A**

'FUND RAISING QUIZ'

ON SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2017

VENUE : VILLAGE HALL, MANOR ROAD

TIME : 7.00 FOR 7.30 P.M.







**TICKETS : £5.00 PER PERSON
WILL BE ON SALE
AT THE ORCHARD TEA ROOM, PARK FRUIT FARM,
AND BY TELEPHONING 672453**

**HALF TIME BREAK FOR TEA/COFFEE AND CAKE
(BRING YOUR OWN GLASSES, LIQUID REFRESHMENTS &
NIBBLES)**

**THE COMMITTEE ARE LOOKING TO RAISE FUNDS TOWARDS
THE COST OF DECORATION OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

(MAXIMUM NUMBER FOR EACH TEAM IS 8)

What's on in your Village Hall?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Monday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze813909 	Cardio Vascular exercise 6.45-7.30 p.m. Pilates 7.30-8.30 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Tuesday 	Fantari Dance and Fitness 9.30-10.30a.m. Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740 Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 1.45-3.45 p.m. Contact: Sheila 851855 	Links Karate 5.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136 Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300 
Wednesday	Yoga 9.30-11.00a.m & 11.00am-12.30p.m Contact: Srina 07835 730593	The Coastal Singers (mixed voices)2.30-4.30 p.m. Contact: Ilze 813909 	Aerobics 7.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Claudine 862505
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30-12.30p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes available)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Friday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday 	Home Made Hour 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Rate for hire of Village Hall

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

Frinton & District Horticultural Society

Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue

7.15 for 7.30pm

Thursday 5th October

The Trees of the River Stour

A talk by Neil Catchpole

Competition: Three stems of Nerines



NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!



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



Tendring Cats Protection

Grand Christmas Fayre

Saturday 4th November, 10.00am - 1.00pm

McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea

Come along and purchase all your Christmas needs for you, your family and of course, your cat.

Stalls will include Raffle, Tombola, Crafts, Cakes, Produce, Jewellery, Puzzles, Bric-a-brac and CP Goods and remember, please bring your own bags!

Refreshments available

FREE admission but donations of cat food would be appreciated



Local events

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

The Editors

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An LPA is a legally binding document which you can enter into whilst you still have capacity to make decisions for yourself, to give someone of your choice the power to manage your affairs and make decisions for you when you can no longer do so or, in relation to finances, when you would prefer someone else to take over the burden for you. The person you appoint to make those decisions for you is known as your Attorney and the person making the Power of Attorney is known as the Donor



Fiona Ashworth, pictured centre, leads the Colchester and Clacton-based TSP Wills and Estates team.

You can put an LPA in place by visiting a solicitor and taking advice but you can also do-it-yourself online. Unfortunately we do find that, in some circumstances, LPAs that are made online are open to abuse because the Donor, who has not received any specific advice and often does not fully understand the importance of putting in place guidance and restrictions on the use of the Power by the Attorney, has allowed the Attorney to make the online application for them, in many cases giving the Attorney full control and free access to funds when that may not have been what was actually intended.

If you were to visit us to make your LPA we would only take instructions from the Donor, not the intended Attorney. We insist on seeing the Donor on their own, to establish their capacity, and to ensure that it is their wish to appoint the person as their Attorney. The Solicitor or other legal adviser who meets with the Donor is specially trained to assess capacity, but if we have any doubts we would request that the Donor's Doctor counter-sign the LPA, to certify that they are satisfied the Donor has capacity to enter into the document.

We also advise our clients on restrictions that they might consider putting in the LPA and ensure that the Attorney is required to keep accurate financial records, and that these can be delivered to the Court of Protection should they be requested. In summary, LPAs are important documents to consider putting in place. Make sure, however, that you get advice from your solicitor, and do not allow anyone to set them up online on your behalf.

The Thompson Smith and Puxon Wills and Estates team is based in both Colchester and Clacton. In addition to advising on Lasting Powers of Attorney the team can help with Wills, Estate Planning and Administration (Probate) and Lifetime Planning. They can be contacted using the details below.

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Saturday 7 October 2017

10.00 a.m. - 3.40 p.m.

(coffee from 9.30 a.m., lunch break 1.10-2.10 p.m.)

at the Methodist Church Hall

Ashlyns Road, Frinton-on-Sea, CO13 9ET

Fee: £12.00

Book in advance on 01255 676734

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Changes

Contrary to people's belief that nature is reliable and unchanging year on year, it is in fact never static, with long time, geological cycles of ice ages, warm periods and inundations, seasonal cycles punctuated by extremes, and populations of plants and animals that fluctuate according to all sorts of trends and changes, natural and man-made.

The human species having evolved in African savannahs, with their grasslands and light scattering of trees, has since modified all other places on Earth to create equivalent landscapes suitable for supporting human life. So our Neolithic ancestors cleared the dense forests and ever since people have drained the swamps, constrained the rivers and where it suited them quarried the rocks. But agriculture changes and quarries such as Holland Pits are given other uses. Many plants and animals use such man made spaces but these also change according to natural processes.

Over the last 40 or more years the open ground has become dominated again by trees. The species that benefited from the open sun warmed land have declined. The many ponds that were the legacy of the gravel extraction have started to fill up with leaves and wood, while rain moved grit in from the surroundings. Pond inhabitants such as newts and dragonflies were squeezed. Cliffs that were vertical when the reserve was created slumped and became covered with vegetation. They were no longer nest sites for Swallows or Kingfishers. The butterflies of open grassland were partly shaded out by trees while the bare ground favoured by solitary bees and grasshoppers were becoming damp, shaded and unsuitable.

At the pits we have recently hired an eight ton digger. It was used to address the changes detailed that we planned at Essex Wildlife Trust.

We were able to remove tons of sludge from part of one of our largest ponds; placing it behind a bund to prevent it slumping back in. Some banks which had been completely shaded should again be suitable for types of dragonfly that depend on bare soil for basking. The digger was also used to create some more soil scrapes like the one we pioneered as an experiment two years ago at the pits. That project resulted in a resurgence of a number of delicate plant species such as the Trailing St John's Wort, and a whole range of insect species, unable to cope with lush grassy places which the scrape cut through.

Finally the digger was used to construct a bank for nesting kingfishers. Essentially vertical cliffs are never stable very long so unless they are regularly maintained they slump. Therefore we have constructed a wall out of concrete posts and boards to retain a lot of sand back-fill beside a pond bank. Embedded in the wall and behind it, are some tubes designed as Kingfisher nest cavities. Such systems have been successful in many places, and Kingfishers are regular visitors at the Pits each year.

As I often comment, a gravel pit is a totally unnatural habitat, but one which becomes particularly rich in lots of wildlife quickly, but then soon becomes less interesting as the succession of plants squeeze out many of more delicate ones. They also tend to become damp long grass habitats or places dominated by trees, so not suitable for the life which likes open grass swards and bare ground.

Managing projects is a new experience for me and quite scary as the purpose and practical considerations including funding have to be identified and agreed by trustees. Notwithstanding that I am intending to organise a project for one of the other ponds next year.

Bob Seago

Warden

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Recently, we had a cycle event which passed through part of Great Holland. Well, from the archives I have come across an article in the local paper of a very different 'cycle' race through the village!

On the 31st March 1928 there was a sporting motorcycle trial involving local Motor Clubs, for motorcycles only, over a course of 41 miles starting and finishing at 'the jetty', Clacton-on-sea. Every effort had been made by the Trials Sub-committee to make the event a success. The organisation of the course was marked over the roads with white dye and over the various rural sections with very conspicuous green and red flags – the visiting riders declared that they had never ridden over a course that was so well marked or competed in such an adequately organised event.

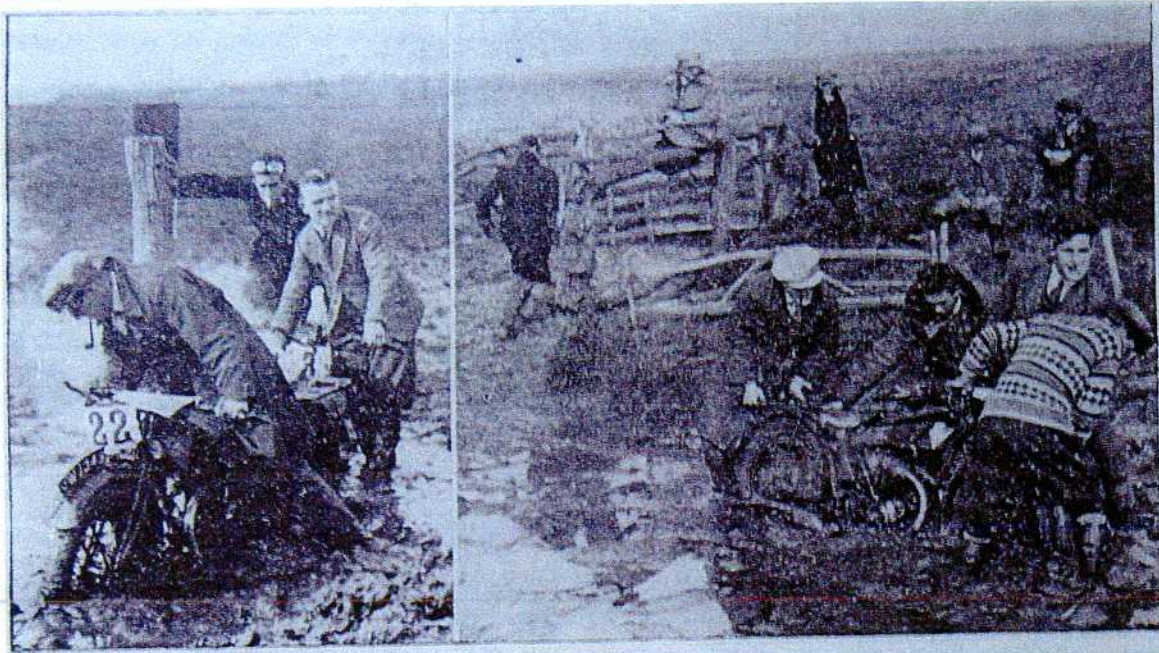
The start was at 'the jetty' in Clacton where an enclosure had been kindly placed at the disposal of the competitors and officials by the West Clacton Estate. Here competitors were checked in; given their numbers and route card; and filled with oil and petrol. A large clock in a prominent position gave the official time, an innovation which was greatly appreciated by competitors and observers. Punctually at 12.31 p.m. Nathan Alberts of Clacton got away on his *New Imperial* and, thereafter, at intervals of one minute the other competitors left riding away between a lane of spectators.

The route lay from the jetty, up Wash Lane, via Alton Park and St. Osyth to Bockings Elm, where a right-hand turn took riders to Great Clacton and so via Thorpe Road to Thorpe Memorial. After reaching Landemere and Lower Kirby the competitors came to the first observed section in Dead Lane, a narrow overgrown track coming out on the main Frinton Road. On this section the observers kept watch and quite a number of riders lost marks for failing to make a non-stop ride through the section. It may be noted that an average of 15 miles an hour was set, and that the four observed sections had to be passed through non-stop or marks were lost. A mile or so from the main road and the riders came to Green Lane, a short but treacherous rural section where again observers had to debit many riders with marks.

After touching Great Holland the competitors came to Sladbury's Farm, where Mr Edwin and Mr Bob Giles had kindly allowed the route to pass over their land. Here were some of the most difficult conditions and both riders and machines were sorely tried. More than one machine sank up to their axles in mud and, but for the fine assistance of marshalls and assistants, many of the riders could not have continued. A narrow plank bridge took the machines across the stream. Barely a mile of main road and once again competitors had a trying rural section crossing the marshes between Little Holland and Frinton, over a plank bridge across a fleet and so on to the Holland Cliffs to come out onto the main road at the Grove. Here a rider from the Colchester Club took a double crash on his diminutive *Francis-Barnett*, only to continue as though nothing had happened. On through Jaywick brought the riders to Bovill's Hall, Little Clacton where there was plenty of rough going and two water splashes. The last observed section was near Plough Corner.

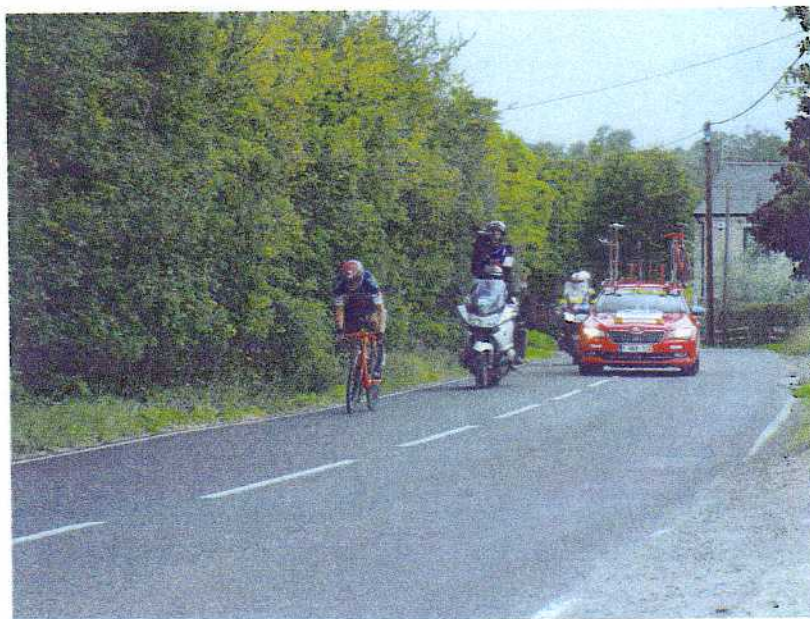
After touching Weeley and St. Osyth Heath the competitors passed through St. Osyth Village to the beach where the last rural section was along the beach to the jetty.

The trial presented many amusing incidents. One rider broke a chain on his first mile but is said to have repaired it with barbed wire from the hedge. Many riders took a tumble, but there were no accidents. One machine was dragged from two feet of mud by the united efforts of four helpers. Its rider set the control levers, kicked the starting pedal and the engine roared into life to finish in 9th place. The machines finished covered with mud and water, but it was only surface dirt and mechanically they were in splendid condition.



In the Mire on Sladbury's Marshes

September 2017
Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder



Tour of Britain Stage Five
Time Trial

Photo Courtesy of John
Robertson, Little Clacton
Road

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 14th November
Steve's Surprise
Steve Kentfield

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details

Tending First Ladies

We welcome everyone to our friendly group that meets on the first Monday of each month (although this can vary due to Bank Holidays), at **Frinton Methodist Church Hall** at 2.30pm. We charge £2.00 entrance at each meeting to cover the cost of room hire. A speaker talks for about 30 minutes before tea and homemade cakes are served. We also have a raffle.

Monday 2nd October:
Linda Bruce
Pearls

SOCIAL EVENT – ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday 25th October:
Soup, Sandwich & Dessert
12.00 - 2.00pm
Entrance: £5.00

Monday 6th November:
Celia Gwynn (Spinner)
After the Yarn



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

Friends and Neighbours of Great Holland

Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 5th October** and **Thursday 2nd 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