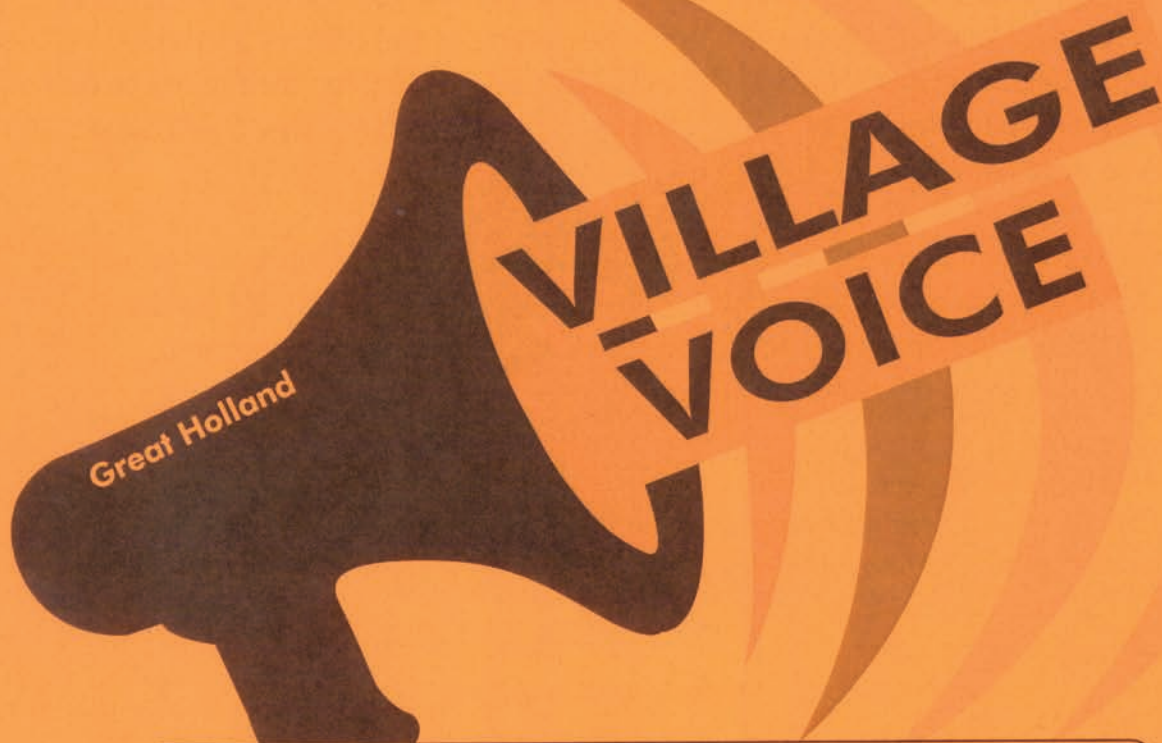


Great Holland



October 2019 and November 2019



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FROM THE EDITOR

The village fete was a great success and a very big thank you to those who made it happen, especially Sue, Nickie and Bee. The setting of the rectory garden creates the perfect backdrop and thanks to the Eagle family for continuing to let us use their garden and kitchen. We are lucky to have such a lovely traditional fete, as so many of them are falling by the wayside.

It was also so good to see that the Home Made Hour in September was so well attended. If you are not a regular please give this event a go. You will not be disappointed. There are many other functions advertised in the magazine. Please support them whenever you can.

Thanks to our regular contributors as well as those who contribute from time to time. The variety of articles helps to make the magazine much more interesting. Have an enjoyable October and November.

Best wishes,

Vanessa

Bus Timetable Changes

John Smock has sent details of changes to First Essex bus services as follows:

- A difference to an evening weekday commuter bus departing Colchester at 18.00.
- A completely different Sunday service for the Frinton area with fewer buses, but through buses from Walton to Colchester.
- The 97 will call at Brook Retail Park for all your B&Q, Tesco and Currys shopping needs.
- At some stops the bus times will be altered by 1 or 2 minutes from the current timetable.

You can check on: www.firstgroup.com/essex

Thanks to John for this information.

Welcome To the October/November edition of the



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

- Are there any events happening in December 2019 or January 2020 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 Vanessa on 670165 with details (email: vanessaagiles@icloud.com), two weeks before the printing date if possible. Please note that Hazel (671767) deals with the advertising side of the magazine. All contributions to the Village Voice should be received by 10th November.

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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 - 5.00 p.m. Contact:  Ilze813909	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
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
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 pm Contact: Ilze 813909 	AVAILABLE TO HIRE Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300
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 £15.00 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on 830136 to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)			

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Essex Police	Non-Emergency	101
Crime Reduction Officer	David Gillies	101
Crimestoppers	National Line	0800 555111
Citizens Advice	(Clacton)	0844 4770808
Tendring Dial-a-Ride	Hurlingham Chambers, 61-65 Station Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SD	436962
Colchester General Hospital	Turner Road, Colchester CO4 5JL	01206 747474
Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. Winter opening times (16 th October – end Of February): 9.00 am – 4.00 pm Summer opening times (1 st March – 15 th October): 9.00 am – 5.00 pm <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	

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Tuesday 31st December 2019



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to
12.30^{am}

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Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who supported our June and July Home Made Hours.

Our next Home Made Hour takes place on Saturday, **2nd November from 10 am – 11 am**. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, savouries, scones, etc, and occasional plants/garden produce. We also have a raffle.

The money raised at our friendly Home Made Hours is shared between All Saints' Church and Great Holland Village Hall. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events. Can you 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 surplus fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. 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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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

We're closing in to our Harvest Festival at All Saints, it's on the 29th September at 11am and you're all welcome.

A recent Bible passage reminded us at church of the hard work that farmers do.

A passage reminding Christians to keep going in their trust of Jesus uses 3 illustrations.

The first is "be like the soldier", whose number one focus is to obey their commanding officer – in this case, Jesus.

The second is "be like the athlete", who is to obey the rules – there are many temptations to cut corners in the Christian life.

And the third is "be like the farmer", who works hard.

There's no Help for Heroes for the farmers, and the National Lottery doesn't buy them trainers and track-suits – they simply work hard, week after week.

A number of us will have noticed their early mornings and late nights over the past months.

And so, as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving, we say thank you to God for those who serve us in this way. Do join us as we do that on 29th September.

And to finish the point the Bible makes, the Christian is to be like the farmer - working hard at following Jesus because it's worth

Mark Holdaway

September 2019

ALL SAINTS' DIARY

October 2019

Sunday	6th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	9th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group – Parish Room
Sunday	13th	8.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Joint Holy Communion with Kirby Morning Worship Crossways Church – Baker Hall
Sunday	20th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	23rd	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group – Parish Room
Sunday	27th	11.00am	Morning Worship

November 2019

Saturday	2nd	10.00am	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	10th	8.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Combined Holy Communion with Kirby Remembrance Sunday Crossways Church – Baker Hall
Sunday	17th	11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Bereavement Service – St Michael's Church
Wednesday	20th	11.00am	All Saints' Bible Group – Parish Room
Sunday	24th	11.00am	Morning Worship

GREAT HOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH

October 2019

Dear friends,

In the news reports a few weeks ago, in the midst of the last heatwave, there was a story about the excess heat from London Underground that is going to be used to heat people's homes and businesses. The plan is that by the end of the year a heat pump will capture the excess heat from a Northern Line station and be used to supply heat and hot water to properties. This is hoped to be the first of such projects across the Underground Network. Currently enough heat is wasted in London that could meet about 38% of the total energy demand according to figures by the Greater London Authority. It seems that a new approach to recycling has been found.

The impact that we, as humans, have on the environment is rarely out of the news. Whether it is about food waste, the fuel we use in cars or heating we are being constantly reminded that the more developed the world becomes the greater the impact there is on natural resources. Recycling is a way that we can minimise this.

We are reminded in Psalm 24 that 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.' As we remember that the earth is indeed the Lord's; that God created the world and everything in it, we know that in reflecting this in the way in which we live brings honour to God's name.

Recycling in all of its forms can be part of this. In recycling plastic, garden waste and glass we can bring honour to God's name in this way through our care for the environment and for future generations. It is in working together that we are able to rejoice in God's wonderful creation.

The recycling of warm air might seem in one sense to be so simple. Taking the air that is not needed in one place and channelling it to another does make some sense. Yet this is an innovative way forward. There will be a variety of infrastructures needed to make it happen but the concept is delightfully simple in its own way.

At this time of year we give thanks for the harvest that has been safely brought in. It is a time where we remember that God created the world out of love and that God came to earth in Jesus. As we look at the world around us let's celebrate together the God who is alive today through the Holy Spirit. Let's rejoice in the world that God has created and in which we live and seek to care for it in any way we can.

God bless
Chris

Dates for your Diary

October

Thursday 3rd October.	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12 noon.
Saturday 5th October.	NO HOME MADE HOUR IN OCTOBER
Thursday 10th October.	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 noon.
Thursday 10th October.	Deadline for Photo Competition Entries.
Thursday 17th October.	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 noon.
Saturday 19th October.	GHRA Meeting: Village Hall,
Thursday 24th October.	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 noon.
Saturday 26th October.	Autumn Fayre at Great Holland Methodist Church, Photo Competition Winner to be chosen.
Thursday 31st October,	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 noon.

November

Saturday 2nd November	Home-Made Hour in the Village Hall, 10am – 11 am.
Saturday 2nd November	Fish & Chip Quiz Night, Village Hall, 6.30 for 7 pm. £7.50
Thursday 7th November	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12noon.
Thursday 14 November	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12 noon.
Thursday 21 November	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12 noon.
Thursday 28 November	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am - 12 noon.

News of forthcoming local events is often given to us some time in advance. Details are printed in good faith in Great Holland Village Voice, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in the 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.

OCTOBER

*“Corn and grain , corn and grain ,
All that falls shall rise again”*

October leads us gently into autumn. The days are still mild, the light is golden and the colours are glorious. This is the perfect time of the year to go walking in the countryside and on the beach.

Why is October called October?

October gets its name from the Latin word octo, which means eight, and was named by the Romans during a time when the calendar year began with March rather than January as it does now. The Anglo-Saxon name for this month was “Winterfylleth”, which comes from the words for winter and the full moon.

Special Days

October 9th – **Yom Kippur** This is the holiest day of the year for Jewish people, when they ask forgiveness for their sins.

October 27th – **The clocks go back!** We didn't always bother with changing the clocks. In the old days, people went to bed when the sun went down and got up when it rose. Midday was several minutes earlier in the east of the country and several minutes later in the west. This meant that clocks across the British Isles showed different times. The building of the railway network changed all that as the time had to be the same all over the country. Then a man called William Willett suggested to parliament that if the clocks changed, we could enjoy more daylight in the autumn and the winter months. So, since 1916, the clocks go back one hour in October to “save daylight” and in March the clocks are put forward to the original time.

October 31st – **All Saints' Eve.** This is a Christian festival also known as All Hallows' Eve, which is how we get the name Halloween. It is traditional to light candles for those who have died and to spend time praying and remembering loved ones who have passed away. As far back as the 16th Century people had parties playing games, especially apple bobbing. Before pumpkins were brought over from America, people would use turnips or other root vegetables to make carved lanterns. These were carved with ugly faces in the hope that they would scare away evil spirits.

NOVEMBER

*In November the trees are standing all sticks and bones.
Without their leaves, how lovely they are, stretching
their arms like dancers.*

Why is November called November?

The word November comes from the Latin word for the number nine, novem, as November keeps its name from a time when the calendar had only ten months. The Anglo-Saxons called this month Blotmonath, which means blood month, as it was traditional at this time of year to kill farm animals and preserve meat for the winter months ahead.

Special Days

November 1st – **All Saints' Day**. This is a celebration of all Christian saints, particularly those who have no special feast days of their own.

November 5th – **Guy Fawkes or Bonfire Night**. This is an annual commemoration of the day in 1605 when a man called Guy Fawkes was arrested for conspiring to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Nowadays people spend the evening going to firework displays, standing around a big bonfire and eating hot dogs.

November 11th – **Armistice Day (Remembrance Day)**. Before the First World War, this day was originally known as Martinmas or St Martin's Day. St Martin is the patron saint of the poor. The day was spent celebrating the change of seasons and getting ready for winter. Since 1918, November 11th has become much better known as Armistice Day, a time for remembering those who were killed in the First and Second World Wars and other wars that have since followed. In 1919 the first two minute silence was held to remember the dead. In 1939 this two minute silence was moved to the Sunday nearest to 11th November so that all people could commemorate it. People traditionally wear a red poppy, a symbol of remembrance and hope.

November 24th – **Stir-Up Sunday**. This is the last Sunday before Advent and is the day people traditionally made their Christmas puddings. Everyone would take a turn to stir the pudding and make a special wish for the year ahead. Traditionally the pudding is stirred from east to west in honour of the three Wise Men who came from the east to visit baby Jesus.

Autumn – Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.

John Keats sums up the time of year so well in this simple line; there are other quotes I could use but they are less encouraging. When autumn is upon us I hope you will agree that encouragement is what we need, so I will do my best!

We have had an unusual and changeable summer with lovely hot days for splashing in the sea followed by quite strong, if not cold winds, which have caused serious problems in our gardens with the soil being baked dry. In spite of the rain we have had it will take some time and a great deal of rain to remedy matters. There are, however, many consolations with the changing weather which can cheer us up as the days seem to grow shorter with incredible speed and the nights grow chilly. The changing colour of the leaves is probably what we most associate with autumn and the mix of colours can be quite wonderful and can be seen in many gardens, fields and public places.

The garden is a good environment for growing smaller and more delicate plants; the earliest of the autumn flowers is probably the Cyclamen, neapolitanum being the most prolific and flowering from late August through September and well into October, followed by their dark green mottled leaves which form a spreading carpet throughout the winter. There are also the Colchicums and the autumn Crocus which can surprise us with their sudden spectacular appearance. Later on we have Nerines with delicate flowers on stems that sometimes look as though they will not be able to hold up the flowers in the inclement weather which we are subject to at this time of year. I look forward to the first of the autumn leaves in my garden - the Amelanchier, Snowy Mespilus, giving a stunning display to herald the arrival of others to follow.

There are many fruits we can enjoy at this time including apples, pears and plums; my autumn raspberries will continue into the chill weather until it becomes too much for them and the blackberries, which are particularly good this year with very large and plentiful fruits will do the same. One of my favourites is the quince with dusty fruit that is beautifully scented and makes the most delicious jelly! Many of these, as well as rose hips, berries and seed heads will help to decorate the Church for our Harvest and Thanksgiving Service in Great Holland Church, filling this lovely old building with colour and scent from all the gifts that God has provided.

Rethna Flaxman

GT. HOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH

AUTUMN

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26TH OCTOBER 2019

10.00AM TO 1:30PM

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Tuesday 5th November: Dr Simon Cox, former President of Essex Birdwatching Society and licensed bird-ringer. A presentation, illustrated with photography, entitled 'Circle to Circle in Search of Birds'.

Admission to meetings: visitors £8; members £5. Many other events take place throughout the year, including fayres, outings, coffee mornings, etc. For more details visit us at Crossings Cottage, Station Approach, Frinton, on Tuesday mornings or at www.fwheritage.co.uk.

GREAT HOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH

PHOTO COMPETITION

Subject: VIEWS/LANDSCAPE

Size of photo 6" x 4" (150mm x100mm)

**Entries to be returned to Dennis at 27 Severn Road, Clacton, Essex
CO15 3RB**

By 10th October 2019.

**Winner to be chosen by public attending
The Autumn Fayre, Saturday 26th October 2019.**

Cash Prize for winner.

**Please put your name & home phone number on back of photo.
(One entry only.)**

Daniel Land's Blog

Autumn 2019

Dunking

I do hope you are having a lovely summer, the air show and the combines in the fields usually make it for me – bit of a traditionalist and I love farming as many of you will come to find out.

True to fashion, I somehow ended up getting gunged at the village fete – I seem to attract this type of thing and many a smile filtered around the field as the chord was pulled. Thanks to everyone that played a part in helping to organise another cracking event, including the Eagles who supply the amazing venue.



Methodist Coffee Morning

I visited the Methodist Coffee morning and met such a friendly group of people who welcomed me with open arms. The tea and cake, was of course, wonderful and I hope to be back there in the very near future.

Out and about

I have now met many of you as I venture around and respond to your calls and emails. Barbara, if you are reading this, you are my intrepid adventurer and thanks for all the company and laughs we have shared.

I was able to get some quick movement on footpaths that needed cutting by the County Council - thanks to landowners who keep the paths that cross their fields maintained too.

I have given support to those who have expressed their concerns about the village green having parking bays added. I must thank Pete for the wonderful cake that was supplied to us at one of the meetings.

Homemade is a great place to get cake firstly, but also meet and speak to local people at the Village Hall. I love these types of events as they are the glue that sticks communities together, if you can support the ladies with some cakes then contact Sue Jenkins. Homemade is the first Saturday of most months from 10am in the hall.

As Chairman of TDC this year I am so proud to represent you all and champion the good work that goes on not only in Great Holland but across the district.

It is my intention to write a blog in the Village Voice moving forward and I shall also be updating my activities on the village Facebook group as well as a specific Facebook page I set up two years ago www.facebook.com/greatholland

If there is anything you need then please do get in touch.

Speak soon

Daniel Land

District Councillor for Beaumont, Great Holland & Thorpe

Thanks for your support; you can contact me in the following ways

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Answers to last month's puzzles.

- Bridge over Troubled Water by Simon and Garfunkel
- Dancing Queen by Abba
- Eye of the Tiger
- I Heard it on the Grapevine by Marvin Gaye
- I Will Always Love you by Whitney Houston
- Rock Around the Clock by Bill Haley and The Comets
- Rolling in the Deep by Abba
- You're so Vain by Carly Simon

PUZZLE PAGE

Library Conundrum

Three books have been returned to the library: Across the Lake, One Hundred Degrees and One Long Night. One is a thriller, one is a romance and the third is science fiction. The three authors are Carter, Davies and Walker. The following facts also apply:

- Carter's book has a shorter title than the thriller.
- One Long Night's author is earlier in the alphabet than the science fiction writer.
- The thriller has neither a D in its title nor in the name of its author.

Using this information, can you work out the author and the genre of each book?

Fab Forewords

Can you unscramble the following words and then pair them up?

- ANELORE
- BERPACAKP
- BIRGY
- BREAMUINS
- DUEJ
- GEETROTH
- KACB
- LOWLEY
- MECG
- NEAL
- NEPNY
- TEG
- TRIWER
- YEH

Answers in the next issue.

Answers to last month's puzzles on the previous page.

PROVERBS AND QUOTATIONS

Japanese Proverbs

The nail that sticks up gets hammered down.

You can't eat the rice cake in a picture.

Man takes drink; drink takes drink; drink takes man.

Fish and visitors stink after three days.

Even monkeys fall from trees.

Even a broken clock is right twice a day.

Latin Quotations

Sic transit gloria mundi - Thus passes the glory of the world.

Vita brevis, ars longa – Life is short, art is long

Tempus fugit – Time flies

Vene, vidi, vici – I came, I saw, I conquered

In vino veritas – in wine is truth

Caveat emptor – Let the buyer beware

Nil desperandum – nothing is to be despaired of

Many thanks to Paul Hutchings who sent in a small booklet of various sayings, quotation and proverbs. More will be included in future issues.

FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

PART 3: THE OPENING OF THE NEW VILLAGE HALL

This is the final part of the history of the Village Hall on Saturday 16th October 1909

According to a local paper at that time: “the occasion was a unique one. The absence of proper accommodation for uplifting the youth of the locality and to bring happiness to the middle-aged and comfort to the old people spurred on the promoters to such an extent that within twelve months the land had been secured, the building erected, and nearly all the expenses either collected or secured. This had been a wonderful piece of work, and an example which the “dead and alive” villages in the agricultural district might well follow.

The building had been erected from designs by Mr W Hayne JP of Frinton, and the builder being Mr A E Farr of Frinton.



The large hall was capable of seating comfortably 350 people. There was a permanent platform at one end of the building, which on this Saturday had been most tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens. By means of revolving shutters the hall was divisible into three. One portion was for everyday working and was used as a village library; another portion was to be used as a reading room, and a third as a compartment for lectures, addresses and other meetings. Of all the many features in connection with the new hall the extension of the village library and the establishment of the village band stood out prominently. The band, under the very able leadership of Mr Manning, consisted of forty

performers and had attracted notice throughout the entire division of the county. The village library was being constantly added to and at that moment consisted of 1,500 volumes, many of which were handsome and expensive books – the Sir Robert Peel Trustees having made a grant of a large number of high-class works. All the bookshelves had been made by the boys of the carving class, and all the painting, staining and varnishing had been the outcome of voluntary effort.

Help had come from all quarters – Mrs Lillian Hicks gifted the freehold site; tons of cement were given from one gentleman, 100 loads of gravel from another; whilst unlimited shingle was gifted from the Lord of the Manor. Free cartage was donated by Mr Lucas of Holland Common, Mr Bareham of Holland Green, Mr Farrow of Kirby Cross and Mr John Moore of White Lodge, Kirby. A grand Broadwood piano was presented from a local lady; a sweet-toned American organ from two local gentlemen; Mr Edgar Hogdkins gave a splendid outside clock; Mr Stedman, of Clacton, gave an inside clock. Many other kind people had donated chairs, various furnishings and monies.

The opening ceremony was fixed for 6pm and the hall was filled with an enthusiastic and admiring crowd. The flags and palms, ferns and flowers added to its beauty and nothing but praise for the new building could be heard. Visitors from the neighbouring villages continued to arrive, those unable to get in crowded around the windows.

There followed many speeches. After the proceedings were over the band continued for some time playing in Mrs Ratcliffe's yard opposite the new hall. The crowd remained for a considerable time admiring the construction of the hall and listening to the inspiring strains of the band.

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder.



Book Review – The Seagull by Ann Cleeves

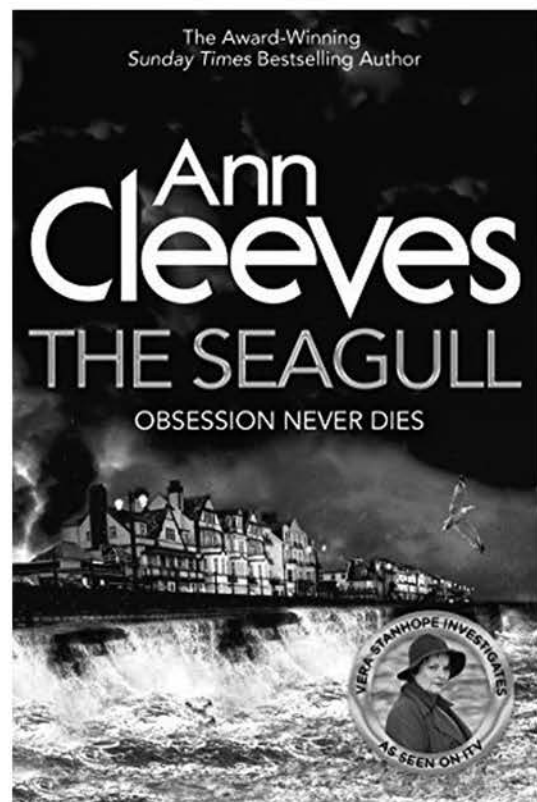
The Seagull is Ann Cleeve's eighth novel in her bestselling Vera Stanhope series, about corruption deep in the heart of a community and fragile and fracturing family relationships.

Prisoner and former police officer, John Brace, offers information about the whereabouts of the body of Brian Marshall, a criminal who mysteriously disappeared over twenty years earlier, in return for protection for his family. When a search team investigates they find not one body but two!

This cold case takes Vera back in time and close to home as her father, Hector, was part of a gang of four, including Brace, Marshall and a mysterious stranger known as the Prof. Her father and his associates used to frequent The Seagull, a decadent and now derelict nightclub. Was Vera's father involved in what happened to Marshall?

The Vera novels have been made into an excellent tv series starring the marvellous Brenda Blethyn as Vera. However, the books allow for more detailed examination of the characters and here we gain a much greater understanding of her relationship with her dead father, and to some extent, her mother. I fully recommend the whole series of novels, which start with The Crow Road. Ann Cleeves is also the author of the Shetland series, also highly recommended.

Vanessa Giles



Ann Cleeves is appearing at the Frinton Literary Festival on Thursday 17th October. I am eagerly awaiting this event, further details of which can be found on the opposite page.

Frinton Literary Festival Programme

Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th October 2019



Thursday - Ann Cleeves

We are delighted to welcome **Ann Cleeves**, the author behind ITV's Vera and BBC One's Shetland. She has written over twenty-five novels and is the creator of detectives Vera Stanhope and Jimmy Perez – characters loved both on screen and in print.



Friday - Alan Johnson

The former Home Secretary and Labour MP will be sharing his passion for music described in his latest book ***In My Life, A Music Memoir***. A nostalgic celebration of music: honest, entertaining and poignant, offering a new perspective on the singular life of *Alan Johnson* the man.



Saturday - Janet Ellis

Janet Ellis, MBE is probably best known for presenting the BBC children's television programmes Blue Peter and Jigsaw between 1979 and 1987. In 2016, she published her first novel, ***The Butcher's Hook*** which was shortlisted for the Desmond Elliot prize. Her second novel ***How It Was*** will be published in August this year.



Sunday - Vaseem Khan

Vaseem Khan works at UCL for the Department of Security and Crime Science and in his spare time has written a delightful series of crime novels set in India featuring retired Mumbai police Inspector Ashwin Chopra and his sidekick, a baby elephant named Ganesha.

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13th July – Clacton Road: Abandoned Vehicle/Stolen Vehicle – report of a vehicle that had ignition barrel damage and appeared abandoned. Registered owner contacted who stated that the vehicle had broken down and that they were awaiting recovery.

28th July – Clacton Road: Theft from motor vehicle – keys stolen from inside a vehicle, entry gained into the rear garden of a property and various tools and a set of ladders were stolen. This occurred between 13.00 hours and 16.15 hours.

5th August – Pork Lane: Abandoned Vehicle – report of an abandoned vehicle near to the water works. The vehicle was removed prior to police arrival.

8th August – 999 call received but no voices heard. Police attended and spoke to the occupants. The number was accidentally pressed by a young child playing with the phone.

17th August – Little Clacton Road: Theft - suspects unidentified stole a piece of high value from outside the victim's property. A part index of the vehicle containing the suspects was taken. Enquiries are on-going with the officer in the case.

19th August – Church Lane: Burglary – Suspect unknown walked through an open garage door and tried to steal a cooker from within. The cooker fell off the sack barrow causing it to smash, and the suspect promptly left. House to house searches were carried out but there was no CCTV or anything for the forensic teams to work on.

22nd August – Pork Lane: Fly Tipping: Report of 10 bin bags and old furniture and carpets being dumped in the road. Police attended and removed bags from the road to avoid an accident. The items were collected and disposed of by Tendring Council.

29th August – Main Road: Criminal damage – unknown person(s) smashed a leaded window at Great Holland Methodist Church. No suspects were seen and there were no further lines of police enquiries.

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Butterfly Quest Fulfilled, and Barn Owl Nest Box Success

In the last Village Voice I was about to attempt to observe the last of the British butterfly species that I had not seen before, the Mountain Ringlet. As the name suggests this meant visiting mountains, and in England this meant the Lake District. I had a number of potential sites to try so I drove to the closest, a Fell called Hartsop Dodd. I parked and set off through a gate on what turned out to be an unclearly defined maze through Bracken and steadily up and up. The sunny periods were intermittent, but on the summit of this fell a few of these most elusive butterflies could be seen and followed with my camera, whenever the sun came out. In the pleasure of ascending the hill I scarcely noticed the considerable climb which took me to an altitude of 2,200 feet. At the top I was thrilled with the view, having not climbed in the Lake District for at least 30 years.

Though I have seen all the British 58 species now, there is another in Northern Ireland, the 'Cryptic Wood White', so possibly I have another species to chase.

I returned to Essex with a message from local farmer David Wilkin about one of our three Barn Owl Boxes at Great Holland Pits. He had checked it in June and it had had 5 eggs in it. Knowledgeable about the period of gestation and fledging periods he arranged a trip to check our box, with a view to ringing any chicks.

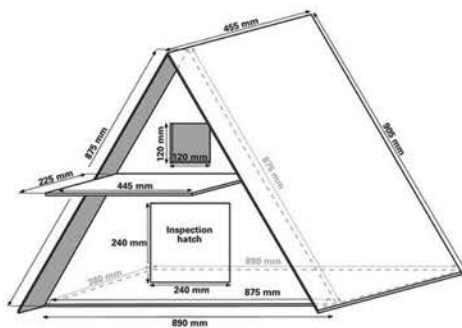
This box is known as an A frame, a gable shaped box set at the top of a pole with a platform outside a round access hole. These boxes were designed in Malaya to encourage Barn Owls which are native to all continents apart from Antarctica, to afford them nesting quarters on plantations where they are beneficial in controlling rats and mice. David was an early adopter of these boxes in eastern England putting up some 1000 boxes in the last 21 years. He has in that time placed rings on some 1500 Barn owls not to mention many Little Owls, Kestrels Tawny Owls and other birds such as Stock Doves.

When these boxes were first installed in Britain many people were sceptical as Barn Owls were very scarce. Traditional Barns were disappearing while modern

ones were often sealed or had no suitable ledges for nesting, while the rough pasture where the owls hunted, was progressively turned over to arable cultivation, which is not attractive to the prey. However the pole boxes turned the problem around and Barn Owls are now doing well, in places where there is pasture that is not grazed too heavily.

When the boxes are checked during daylight, the owls are normally inactive. A towel is used to block the entrance and a panel is removed to allow access. In our box the female bird was taken out, complete with the ring that David had applied previously. There were also 2 owlets, definitely at different stages of development but both had full stomachs, suggesting there were plenty of voles, their chief prey. The parent bird and the young ones were also weighed and the proportions of certain flight feathers is measured which enables a time interval since the hatching to be calculated. In turn they were given leg rings. Though this small brood was quite late, the owls stood a good chance of fledging successfully. We were particularly pleased with this result because for several years Jackdaws had taken over the nests.

Bob Seago





GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius, Myrna Liles and Jane Kurzewel
Treasurer: Liz Oakley **Secretary:** Vanessa Giles
Planning Officers: Alan Rusbridge

I would like to introduce myself to you all as I join Paul and Myrna as a joint chair of the Great Holland Residents Association.

Hubby Vic and I are relatively new incomers to the village moving here in November 2016. Prior to that we lived in Brentwood for 30 years where we brought up two children until they left home around that time. I enjoyed an interesting working life commuting into and around Central London, latterly Southwark and Covent Garden, until taking an early retirement.

We currently have a Golden Retriever called Phoebe, a cat and two new kittens.

Our experience of village life thus far has been dramatically different to demands of living on the Green Belt with the M25 and Crossrail development on our doorstep and it has taken some time to adjust to how things are done locally. I have been struck by the number of current residents who have lived all their lives in the village and those having been brought up here who may have moved away, only to return when the opportunity has arisen.

One possible similarity between Brentwood and Great Holland however has been the extent and rate of change faced in both places over the last few years. There has been no escaping this for Vic and I as we are currently facing the redevelopment, new house building and a car park to the immediate north, south, east and west of our bungalow plot. Experience has taught me that there are invariably two sides to every coin. Each proposed change will offer benefits as well drawbacks to local stakeholders and ultimately we are in it together.

By taking an active role in the Residents Association and as part of the village community I hope to have a more informed opinion, an open mind and a long healthy retirement here in the beautiful Essex countryside. I hope you'll be able to attend the next GHRA meeting in the Village Hall on 19th October and feel able to enjoy the updates from local experts and participate in the discussions.

See you there

Jane Kurzweil

Nellie Spencer – 100th birthday celebration 20th Oct 2019



Born Nellie Ivy Canning 20th Oct 1919 in North London

Schooling at Page Green School, Tottenham where she met Walter Spencer her childhood and only ever sweetheart! They eventually married in 1940 after he had been conscripted into the Cambs. regiment, and soon after he was shipped off to Singapore and then captured by the Japanese.

During the war, Nellie was active as an ARP warden in her street in Tottenham in the flat she shared with her mother.

Nellie and Walter were parted for about 3 ½ years, but never again afterwards. In 1980, they relocated from Hertfordshire to Great Holland. In 2000 they celebrated their diamond wedding.

Nellie lost her husband to cancer in 2007, but has remained in the bungalow ever since, still looking after herself and preparing her own meals. She enjoys great support from local friends and neighbours and two sons – Keith and Christopher – who are regular visitors.

Her special day will be celebrated with invited friends and family, at Harbour Lights, Walton, on Sunday 20th Oct.

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Thorpe Surgery Newsletter September 2019

Greetings again everyone! It is sometime since I have written a newsletter myself as the most recent editions have come from Doctors Carla and Mathew. At the time of writing I am in the midst of allocating our 'flu jab clinics which seems very unseasonal in August but they are being delivered in 4 weeks-time and we have nearly 2000 to administer! If you are eligible you may book an appointment on-line or in person, there are of course other organisations providing flu jabs but we have ordered enough for all our eligible patients that usually have one. I have heard that there may be some supply issues but so far we seem to be unaffected-fingers crossed.

Our two new Paramedics-Sam and Peter- are settling in well, they are carrying out the vast majority of home visits as well as running their own same day clinics. They are a valuable addition to our same day team that includes Zoe and Diana. Doctor Michelle is returning from maternity leave in the middle of September which will increase our doctor appointment availability; we now have Doctors Hannah, Emily, Michelle and Mathew holding regular clinics.

Nurse Leighanne has safely delivered a baby girl and is looking to return to work in January, she is also going to finish the Advance Nurse Practitioner Course in 2020. Our triage nurse Kelly is going to undertake a prescribing course which is due to complete in September 2020. This will be a fantastic boost to our clinical triage system as she will be able issue prescriptions to patients in her own right, which will speed the process up.

The gardening club has re-named itself **Friends of Thorpe and Kirby Surgery**. Jane Hipkin is the co-ordinator and has plans for coffee mornings, a book club and possible trips to the theatre etc. If you would like to join or help in any way contact Jane at the surgery, it's going to be a good way of getting to meet new people and share experiences of living with illness or loneliness.

There is a lot going on locally with Primary Care Networks and various NHS contracts, the surgery at Thorpe is maintaining our independent stance by not becoming involved in the move to PCNs and folk can support us and make their wishes known via our PPG group, contact the Secretary at ppg.thorpesurgery@nhs.net The PPG is also on Facebook at **Thorpe-Le-Soken Surgery Patient Participation Group** where the most up to date patient group and surgery information may be found.

To close I hope you have all had a fabulous summer and look forward to seeing many of you at the flu clinics.

Best wishes

Karen Austen

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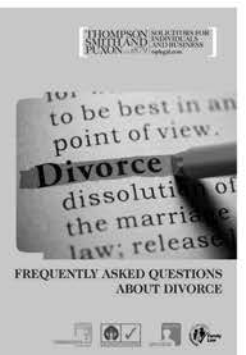
have put together a comprehensive guide to Moving Home. In the guide you will find lots of useful information on the buying and selling process.

The guide can be downloaded from www.tsplegal.com/movinghome, alternatively contact Carly Callaghan, Residential Property solicitor, for advice.

Family Problems?

The Family Law team at TSP advise on all aspects of Family and Divorce Law including relationship agreements, relationship breakdown, children issues and financial orders. They have also put together a comprehensive guide to Divorce in which they outline the main points to be aware of and answer some frequently asked questions. The guide can be downloaded from www.tsplegal.com/divorce.

Marcus Price, is able to offer a free initial telephone chat to assess your circumstances and provide general information.



FRINTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Frinton Methodist Church, Fourth Avenue, Frinton.

7.15 for 7.30 pm

Thursday 3rd October:

A talk by an officer from the Meteorological Office.

Competition: 3 stems of Nerines

Thursday 7th November:

A. G. M. followed by a quiz.

Thursday 5th December:

To be arranged. Please phone secretary for information.

NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME!

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



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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: visitors £3; members £2, which includes refreshments.

Tuesday 8th October - "Postcards from ... Frinton's Front" Talk by John Barter.

Tuesday 12th November – Members' Competition with Board of Your Choice.

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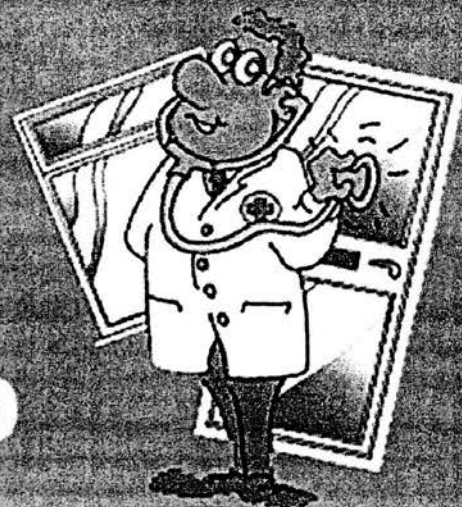
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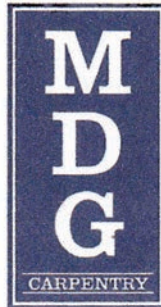
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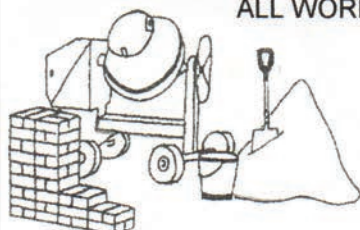
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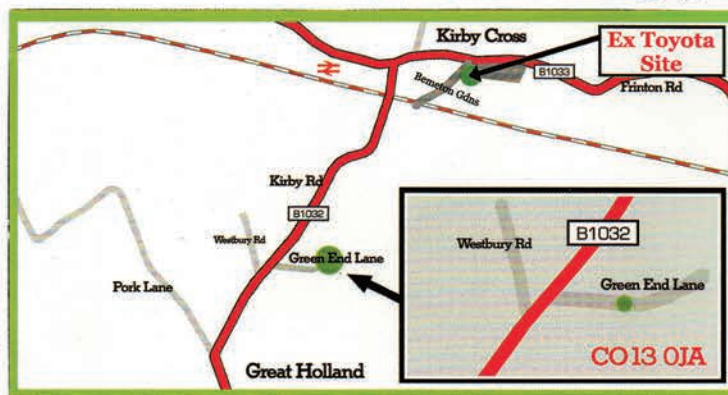
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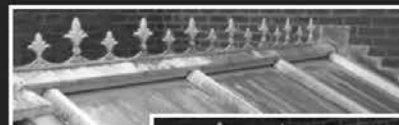
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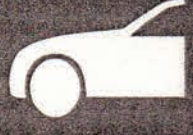
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