



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

Included in this edition ...

- * News about our GHRA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!
- ❖ Details of the next GHRA meeting
- Village Cook Book update
- ❖ All Saints' Tower Fund update



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 <u>next</u> edition? For example:

- Are there any events happening in December 2010 or January 2011 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 or Sandra on with details, two weeks before the printing date if possible. Please note that Sandra deals with the advertising side of the magazine.

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Dates for your Diary ...



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****	Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm.		
Thursday 14th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.		
	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.		
Tuesday 19th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.		
Thursday 21st	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.		
Friday 22 nd	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday.		
	AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS!		
Saturday 23 rd /	NATIONAL APPLE DAY EVENT- PARK FARM FRUIT FARM,		
Sunday 24th	PORK LANE, GREAT HOLLAND		
	10.00am - 5.00pm		
Thursday 28th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.		
1000	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday		
	PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.		
Saturday 30 th	GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING		
>	10.30am Village Hall		
•	Halloween Fancy Dress at The Ship, 7.00pm.		
Sunday 31st	Quiz Night at The Ship.		



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Thursday 4th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.		
	Great Holland Friends: Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm.		
Friday 5 th	BBQ & Live Music at The Ship.		
Saturday 6 th	HOME MADE HOUR Village Hall 10-11.00am		
Thursday 11th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.		
	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.		
Tuesday 16 th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.		
Thursday 18th	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.		
	PCSO Surgery: Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am.		
Thursday 25 th	Mobile Library visits Rosery Mews.		
	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.00 midday.		
Friday 26th	Frinton Farmers & Craft Market: McGrigor Hall, 9.00am-12.00 midday.		
	AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS!		
Sunday 28th	Quiz Night at The Ship.		
Tuesday 30th	Mobile Library visits The Close/Orchard Drive/Laxton Grove.		

All Saints' Church

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Peter and Annie retired from full time ministry at the end of September and have embarked on the next stage of their life together. Here they are pictured outside All Saints Church with Bob their labradoodle.



They will become travellers for a time in their Tourer caravan as they try and discern where God wants them to be next!! They are heading off for the Hampshire area to be nearer their son's family in Fleet. They'll be regular visitors to Stansted airport in retirement as they visit their daughter's family in Germany (new grandson Sam, just arrived). They're glad they don't live in France where travellers tend to be deported! If you need to contact them you can do so through Liz Walters at the office on 675997 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings – you can always leave a message on the answer phone. They both leave with very happy memories of their time in Essex.

ARRANGEMENTS IN THE VACANCY

Now that Peter has gone, life goes on in the Church - and the office at the Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross CO13 0LT will continue to be used. Liz Walters, the Church Administrator, will be there as usual from 9.00am to 12.00noon on the usual number: 675997. The answer phone will be on so you can always leave a message in between times, though we can't guarantee it will be answered until the Wednesday. Our PCC Secretary is Judith Little on 813645.

All Saints' Church



The summary accounts for the Church Fête are set out below. A more detailed set of accounts is available from the Church Fête Committee.

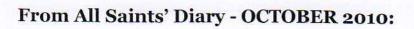
The surplus for the year at £4,057 is £172 less than 2009 (£4,229) but still a substantial total. The major reduction in income was for the various side shows - these tend to vary significantly from year to year.

As recently agreed an amount of c £446 comprising 10% of the surplus plus 50% of the Art Tent surplus is to be transferred to a Church Fête bank account in order to purchase permanent items (e.g. tables etc) for use in future fêtes.

Unsung hero: After countless years of dedicated and conscientious service, James Wright (Jamie) retired as Fête Treasurer. This was the first year when he was not actively involved "on the day". Jamie has been very much an "unsung hero" of past fêtes. His hard work in setting up floats, counting the cash, reconciling and preparing the accounts after the event has been a major and essential contribution to the success of Church Fêtes over the years. The Church and the village owe Jamie a great debt of gratitude for his quietly reliable "back stage" hard work over the years. The Fête Treasurer "team" for this year's fête have relied upon, and very much appreciated, Jamie's advice and help so that the Fête Treasury function was able to operate in accordance with Jamie's high standards this year. Thank you Jamie.

	2010 £	2009 £	Variance Better/ Worse £
SUMMARY			
Entrance Fees Stalls Sideshows Refreshments	526 1,308 1,850 720	524 1,370 2,051 740	2 (62) (201) (20)
Add: Donations	4,403	4,685	(282)
	4,673	4,850	(177)
Deduct: Expenses	616	621	5
FÊTE NET SURPLUS	4,057	4,229	(172)

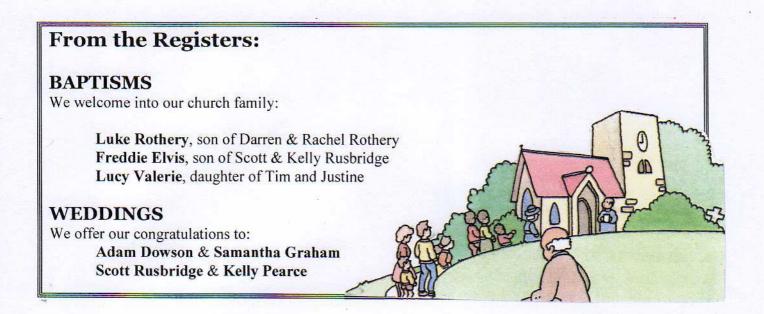
Tim Reynolds & Anne Fairbrother



Sunday	3rd	11.00am	FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL
Wednesday	6 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall
Saturday	9 th	7.30pm	Organ Recital by Peter Crompton in Kirby Church
Sunday	10 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.00am	Morning Service
Wednesday	13 th	2.30pm	CMS Mission Prayer Meeting at The Rectory
Friday	15 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	17 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Deanery Celebration at Brightlingsea
Wednesday	20^{th}	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group St Michael's Hall
Sunday	24th	8.00am	Holy Communion
·		11.00am	Morning Service
Sunday	31st	9.30am	Combined service at St Michael's, Kirby

From All Saints' Diary - NOVEMBER 2010:

Saturday	6 th	10 -12 noon	Home Made Hour in the Village Hall
Sunday	7^{th}	GIFT DAY	
		11.00am	Family Service
		3.00pm	Service for the Bereaved at St Michael's Church
Wednesday	10 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall
Sunday	14 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Act of Remembrance at the Village Memorial
		11.00am	Service of Remembrance
Tuesday	16 th	7.30pm	PCC in the Church Room
Wednesday	17th	2.30pm	CMS Mission Prayer Meeting at 6 Vista Avenue
Friday	19 th	2.30pm	House Group at 2 Rosery Mews
Sunday	21 st	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	24 th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Hall
Sunday	28th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		4.00pm	Advent Carol Service



CIVIC SERVICE 12th September at 11.00am

A civic service was held in All Saints Church, Great Holland on Sunday, 12 September. Church members and local residents welcomed many community groups including the Sea Cadets and Explorer Scouts, plus British Legion Standards. Thanks especially go to the bell ringers, choir and organist, together with those providing the refreshments. Councillor Robert Bucke, Town Mayor, Frinton & Walton Town Council, was joined by fellow town and district councillors for this special occasion which brought together the councillors and the community in which they serve. £325.20 was donated at the Civic Service, half of which goes to the Mayor - Robert Bucke's charities. £80 was sent to Christian Aid from All Saints'.

GIFT DAY AT ALL SAINTS'

Our Annual Gift Day for the work of the church in the community is on Sunday 7th November and you will find an envelope in this month's Village Voice. We are so grateful to God for the fact that we are able to proceed with the work on the Tower this year, which will hopefully be completed by November. Our Gift Day is an opportunity to give to God for the ministry of the church and I'm sure it will come as no surprise to you that the weekly cost of running All Saints' is around £500/ week!!! This includes insurance, heating, maintenance as well as the Parish Share to the diocese which goes towards supporting the incumbent (even though we don't have one at present!!). Contrary to popular opinion, each church these days has to support itself financially so every penny counts if we want to see our church flourishing. You can give your gift in the envelope to anyone you know who comes to church or hand it in at the Post Office or preferably come on 7th November and enjoy the service of thanksgiving.



Update on All Saints' Tower Restoration Project

By the time this report appears in Village Voice, the restoration of the tower will hopefully be nearly completed. Some very impressive scaffolding went up in July, taking over 3 weeks to erect! Work on the tower roof began in earnest in mid-August. Once the old roof was removed a temporary structure was put up to protect the construction of the new oak timber support for the new roof. This work is now well under way and work on repairing and replacing the worn bricks is about to start. With the scaffolding in place it was possible to examine the masonry very thoroughly and it now appears that the damage to the brickwork is more extensive than previously thought. However, some savings are possible in other areas of the restoration, so overall the estimated cost of the project should remain much as predicted.

One of our final fundraising events was a Golf Competition at Frinton Golf Club - this took the form of a 'shotgun' competition with all the competitors beginning their round of golf on each of the 18 holes starting at the same time! This has the advantage of everyone completing their round together and enjoying the prize giving (and a drink!) on the terrace afterwards. Two very successful raffles plus an auction for tickets to an Emirates football match boosted the day's takings to nearly £1,350 – another amazing result! Particular thanks must go to Michael Coffey for organizing the event for the Tower Restoration Fund.

We have also been very fortunate in getting a very generous award from a charitable Trust recently and this has boosted our funds to over £75,000 - our target for the project - so we hope that this will be sufficient to cover the cost.

Thank you again to all the many, many people who have supported this campaign over the past 18 months – there have been a few dark days when it seemed we would never achieve such a huge sum, but also many happy ones with donations and offers of help coming from unexpected quarters! I must also put on record my thanks to the Tower Committee - John Beale, Liz Walters and Geoff Gray - whose help and support has been invaluable, and also to the Tower Fundraising Committee - Anthea Coffey, Liz Oakley, Judy Taylor & Karen Withams - for all their hard work and energy.

We are planning to hold a Thanksgiving Service for everyone concerned with this restoration once the work is completed - date to be notified in due course.

Judith Little Chairman Tower Restoration Project September 2010

CHURCH HALL - ALL SAINTS', GREAT HOLLAND

The Church Hall is situated next to All Saints' and is available for bookings from the general public. The accommodation comprises a pleasant carpeted room with six easy chairs plus seating for about a further 20 people, a small kitchen with tea/coffee-making facilities and microwave, entrance hall and two toilets (one disabled). The hourly charge from May to September is £5 per hour.

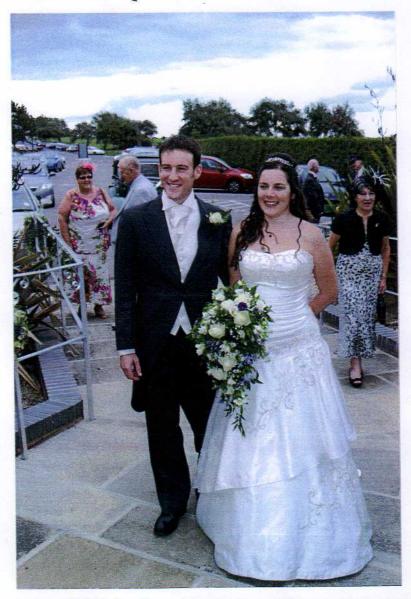
Further details and enquiries from Booking Secretary: Judith Little 813645.

WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMANTHA GRAHAM AND ADAM DOWSON

Sam, originally from Church Lane, Great Holland, and Adam, originally from Kirby-le-Soken, were married by the Rev. Peter Coley in St. Michael's Church, Kirby on 27 August.

Sam and Adam first met when they were both working at Frinton & Walton Swimming Pool a long time ago. Adam is now head of PE and Games at the Colchester High School and Sam works as an NVQ Assessor.



The wedding was attended by family and guests from all over and a good time was had by all, with the reception being held at Frinton Golf Club. All of the flowers for the bouquets, church and reception were arranged by the bride's mother Angela and her good friend Sue Masters. No honeymoon is planned as yet, as the happy couple are moving to a new home!

A massive "thank you" to all those involved (including Mozza and the Cortinas – best man and ushers) in making the 27th such a wonderful and special day.

5 SEPTEMBER — ALL SAINT'S WAS PACKED OUT FOR WHAT PROVED TO BE A VERY JOYFUL DAY

LUKE MATTHEW ROTHERY

Congratulations to Daren and Rachel on the baptism of their son Luke. They were doubly proud as their daughter Elizabeth joined in very confidently with some of the hymns on her recorder.



FREDDIE ELVIS RUSBRIDGE

Freddie was also baptised at the same Family Service. Freddie's mum and dad, Scott Rusbridge and Kelly Pearce, live at Greenacres, Clacton. Immediately after the baptism service there followed a surprise wedding.

What a cheer went up when Scott announced it to the invited guests and what tears filled their eyes. It wasn't entirely a secret to the regular congregation however since their banns had been read the previous three weeks! After the baptism the guests were led outside for coffee while the bride put on a suitable dress in the vestry and flower arrangements put in place on the pews. The choir from Kirby arrived and the couple

made their vows to each other after what must have been quite a hectic few weeks. The couple wanted to make their commitment to each other before God without all the razzmatazz. How refreshing! Kelly was given away by her mum. The best man was Paul Wilson who is also originally from the village and has been friends with Scott since they were at Kirby Primary School together. Kelly's sisters were the witnesses.

All Saint's was chosen since Scott's family has many connections with the church. His parents were married there, he was christened there and members of the family are buried in the churchyard.





A very joyous occasion for both families, and a double joy for the friends and family of Scott and Kelly. This was Peter's last wedding as Rector. Two baptisms and a wedding has a certain ring about it. Congratulations to them all.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

RECTOR: Post vacant.

CHURCHWARDENS: Mrs Pauline Knight, 'Apletre Piece', Kirby Road, Great Holland, CO13 0HZ (851370) and Mr Don Elam, "Hillrise", 139 Kirby Road, Walton-on-the-Naze, CO14 8RL.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Churchwardens (ex officio), Mrs Judith Little, Mrs Liz Walters, Mrs Rose Batten, Mr Don Osler, Mr Jamie Wright, Mr John Beale and Miss Vanessa Giles...

HON. SECRETARY TO THE PCC: Mrs Judith Little, Lambourn House, Little Clacton Road, Great Holland, CO13 0EY (813645)

VICE CHAIR TO THE PCC: Mr John Beale, 5 Malting Lane Kirby le Soken CO13 0EH (676472).

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

SIDESPERSONS: Miss Mary Clark, Mr Ken Green, Mrs Hilary Green, Mrs Pauline Knight, Mrs Rose Batten and Mr Wilf Barnes

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION TEAM: Mrs Sandra Mooney & Ms Linda O'Reilly (Joint Editors), Mrs Mim Wilson, Mrs Irene Lightowler, Mrs Michele Frere, Mary Prickett, Judith Little, Mrs June Forrest, Alison Martin, Charmian Goundry, Iain Bell, Mrs Eileen Derrick and Mrs Pauline Knight (Distributors).



The Great Holland Cook Book



A huge 'thank you' to all who have bought their copy of the delicious Great Holland Cook Book. After the months of preparation, compilation and fantastic contributions from generous recipe donors in and around the village, the unanimous view of all that have seen it, is that the finished article really is worth every penny. With generous support, we have so far sold three quarters of the 150 print run, so don't leave it too late before deciding to buy your copy.

Aside from containing a fantastic range of recipes from people in and around the village, it includes a number of Great Holland photos (both old and new). With heavy, colour pages, it has a great look and feel to it and makes for a fabulous Great Holland themed gift for friends and family too.

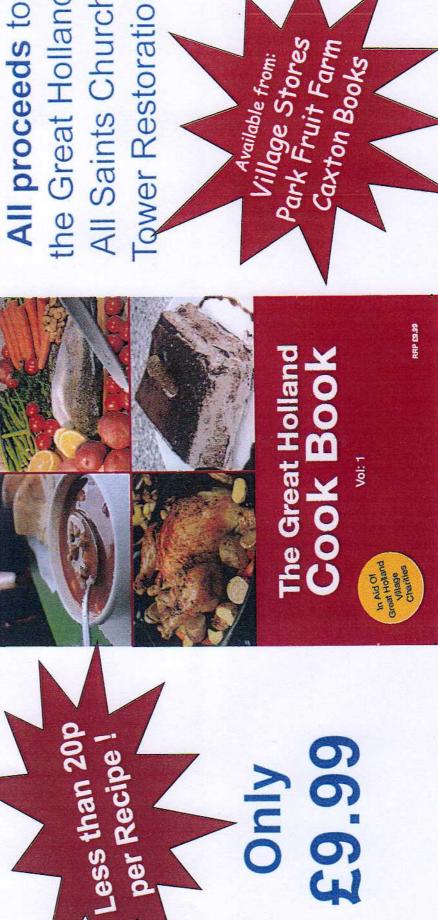
The book is available from: The Village Stores (Main Road) Park Fruit Farm (Pork Lane) Caxton Books (Connaught Ave., Frinton) Or telephone me on 07958 127647.

And most importantly, all money raised goes straight to the restoration of All Saints' Church Tower.

Karen Withams

Great Holland Charity Cook Book Buy your copy today

Packed with over 50 tasty recipes from in & around the delicious Village of Great Holland.



ower Restoration the Great Holland All Saints Church All proceeds to

Preserve those wonderful family recipes by Buying YOUR copy today.



In celebration of the Apple Event at the Park Fruit Farm (Pork Lane) - or to help use up the windfall apples that you may have in the garden - here is my mother's recipe for

Apple Chutney

3lbs cooking apples —peeled 1lb onions 1lb sultanas 1pt vinegar



- Cut apples into quarters
- Chop finely the onions
- Put all ingredients into a saucepan & bring to the boil
- Simmer for 1 1/2 hours
- Stir occasionally
- Leave to cool before bottling
- The longer the chutney cooks the darker it becomes!!!





Karen Withams





Home Made Hour

Thank you to everyone who supported our September Home Made Hour. The event raised £150.37 for All Saints' Church.

As usual, there will be no Home Made Hour in October. Our next Home Made Hour will take place on Saturday 6th November at the Village Hall from 10.00-11.00am.

Great Holland Methodist Church



From your Methodist Minister - Rev. Ray King ...



We were talking in the car the other day. I cannot remember what situation we were complaining about. I just remember that old saying coming to mind, *Every cloud has a silver lining*. Then I remembered that we also have a saying in the Bible. It comes from St Paul's letter to the Christian church in Rome. *All things work together for good*. I think the two sayings really mean the same thing.

We can usually find some good in a situation if we look hard enough. Of course some of you will be itching to point out that I have left something out. It is followed by the words, to those who love God. If we live our lives with a godly attitude, things tend to work out. If we embrace a situation fully we sometimes find that a difficulty leads to an opportunity.

It may be that we are led into a conversation with someone new. We may, through our inconvenience rethink a problem through and find a better way of approaching a difficulty. We do not always suffer less, but we can learn to suffer with patience. To summarise, so often, if we admit our helpless and turn to the divine, we so often find a new source of strength and inspiration. And lastly, if everything is going well, there is always someone else in need of either our prayers, a kind word or a helpful deed.

Ray King



REMINDER!

Just a reminder that we hold weekly coffee mornings in Great Holland Methodist Church Hall. They take place every Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00 midday. Please drop in for coffee, biscuits, toasted teacakes and very friendly company! We also have a stall of donated goods for sale.

Bridget Scott 1947 - 2010

Many people in the village will remember Bridget. Daughter of K.D. Crook, she and her partner, Clive, lived in Larges farmhouse from 1995 after her father passed away.

In recent years, she worked as a practice nurse at Station Approach Surgery in Frinton-on-Sea. On her retirement in 2007, Bridget and Clive fulfilled their ambition to live in France. They moved to Aigonnay where she found real contentment. However, after a year Bridget was diagnosed with cancer and, sadly, she passed away in August this year.

Anne Fairbrother

GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



LETTER TO GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS JULY 2010

Dear Neighbour,

PLANNING and PROPERTY MATTERS

58 Bed Dementia Unit.

Hanningfield Estates have submitted a new planning application to amend Conditions 6 and 9 of the appeal conditions stipulated by the inspector. The application number is 10/01019/FUL and can be viewed on the TDC web-site. We are not concerned with Condition 6 which relates to the timing of the provision of bike sheds. We are however concerned with Condition 9 which related to the traffic light scheme.

The plan that accompanies the application shows the pavement widening to the South of the bridge and the two new bus-stops as agreed in July. There is also no mention of works under the bridge or traffic lights. However the applicant is asking that this work be done before the first occupant moves in. This will be opposed by Frinton and Walton Town Council who will want the work done before the rest of the development commences. I support that objection and we can discuss it at the residents meeting on 30th October (see below). In addition we have still not seen the draft of the Unilateral Undertaking which is the planning agreement binding the applicant and subsequent owners and occupiers to bring forward and implement a Green Travel Plan. We will continue to press for this.

35 Bed Dementia Unit

I have no more information on this matter.

Caravan in Pork Lane

This has now gone. Many thanks to all those who got involved. In particular, a thank you the Planning Enforcement Team at Tendring DC who got it removed!

Gypsy and Travellers Sites

You will recall that earlier this year Tendring DC advertised for land to be made available for Gypsies and Travellers over the next 10 to 15 years. At that time the TDC requirement was for 25 caravan sites in accordance with the policy of the last government. The new government has altered the policy and the requirement now is for only 8. Consultants were appointed to advise TDC and their report was due to be delivered to TDC in June of this year. In due course a presentation will be made to members. Both Robert Bucke and I are monitoring the situation.

Junction of Kew Lane and Pork Lane.

The tarmac was in a poor stated of repair for over 12 months. Robert Bucke lobbied for its repair and the work was carried out in mid-September.

Land adjoining 2 Tudor Cottages

Robert Bucke is chasing to get the Highway Authority to cut back the overgrown brambles etc. that force pedestrians to walk into the road. Does anyone know where the owners live? A check has been made at the Land Registry, but the address given is not up to date. Any information should please be e-mailed to me (jpthorndon@aol.com) and I will pass it on to Robert Bucke.

Traffic in Pork Lane

This not strictly a planning matter but I could not let the occasion pass without copying an excellent email sent by Robert Bucke on 6th September. It needs to be read in conjunction with the clearly identifiable photograph elsewhere in this edition.

Dear John,

I witnessed this 'altercation' in Pork Lane this afternoon at about 2.45pm. The car driver had attempted to get out of the way of the lorry (who wouldn't!!), but in doing so, got himself lodged on the field and road verge, resting on the car chassis, unable to move. The only thing I can say about the lorry driver is that he attached a rope and pulled the car back onto the road, but I did not miss the chance to question why he was there at all. He was travelling from Clacton to Frinton, wanting to avoid Kirby bridge (too low). I told him that Thorpe was only one mile away, and that he should use that Thorpe route for his 'usual' journey, to avoid intimidating other traffic, not delay his own journey, and NOT damage the country lane which he clearly does on a regular basis. I also telephoned his employer Ken White Ltd, and whilst not making a formal complaint, I asked them to advise that driver to use the Thorpe route, and NOT Pork Lane. It might work, and I shall watch out for him (shouldn't be difficult) over the coming months. If anyone else sees that company vehicle in Pork Lane, please let me know so that I can follow up again as necessary. Thank you.

When I first saw Robert's e-mail, I thought this was a one-off and something of a joke. I stand corrected. Apparently, this is not uncommon along Pork Lane. Robert is talking to and writing to the vehicle's owners to complain and to get them to order their drivers to use another route. Can anyone seeing inappropriate lorries using Pork Lane and who can take a photograph and e-mail it to Robert at clir.rbucke@tendringdc.gov.uk, that will be most useful.

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The Environment Agency did reply to David Masters' letter. This is now being considered. The issue will rumble on

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Christmas Cards were well received at the Fete. Full details of costs and photographs of the winning entries appear elsewhere in this edition.

They will be on sale from the 1st October at the following locations:

- 1. Village Shop
- 2. Farm Shop, Pork Lane
- 3. The Churches
- 4. Sheila Watts who will supply her usual contacts including Great Holland Friends
- 5. The Ship Inn

Please remember we support the Village Hall and our Churches. Last year's surplus was not as much as we would have liked. Our aim is to do better this year. As agreed at a GHRA meeting we have printed 2500 adult cards and 500 children's cards which have been priced accordingly.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Sandra Mooney has organised a Christmas Social at the Orchard Tea Rooms, the Fruit Farm, Pork Lane for Saturday 11th December from 6.30pm to 8.30 pm. The emphasis is on informality and getting everyone into the Christmas spirit. Please see details elsewhere in this edition. The social is open to all residents in the Village, not merely members of the Association.

NEXT MEETING GHRA

The next meeting of the Association and the last for this year will be held at the Village Hall on 30th October 2010 at 10.30 am. All are welcome, especially new members. Please see the Agenda in this edition.

MEMBERSHIP

Talking of membership, the subs for 2011 are due at the end of this year. Anyone joining now will not have to pay anything for 2010. The subs will remain fixed for 2011 at £2.00 per head or £4.00 per household whichever is the cheaper. Please pay Denys and Lindi Strich at The Warren Church Lane CO13 0JS

RETIREMENT

By the time you read this, Reverend Peter and Annie Coley will have retired and will eventually end up on the South Coast. They have achieved a great deal in the years they have been here and have supported all aspects of Village life. The Association has sent them a card thanking them for all that they have done and wishing them all happiness in the future.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN POULTEN CHAIRMAN







SATURDAY, 11 DECEMBER 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

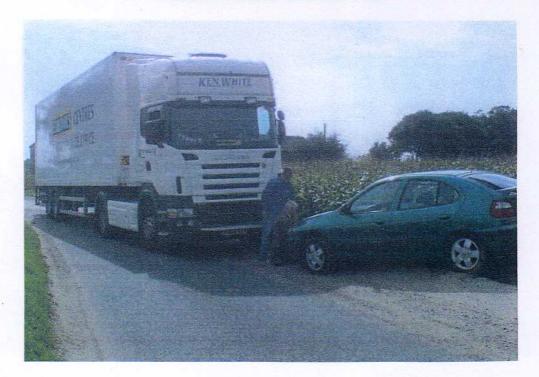


A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

ORCHARD TEA ROOMS, FRUIT FARM, PORK LANE

FULL DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ON 30 OCTOBER AND AT VARIOUS OUTLETS IN THE VILLAGE.

TRAFFIC IN PORK LANE



(Photo taken by Robert Bucke - see GHRA Chairman's Letter)

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MANOR ROAD ON SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2010 AT 10.30 A.M.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 15th May2010 (as published in Village Voice June/July 2010)
- 3. Matters arising (see Village Voice –June/July 2010)
- 4. PCSO Report.
- 5. Treasurers Report.
- 6. Planning Matters.
- 7. AOB

(NOTE. The meeting will close by no later than 11.30,am.)

NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME.

THE ASSOCIATION IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF GREAT HOLLAND

VILLAGE HALL BULLETIN

CAR PARK

The Management Committee would like to extend a big thank you to the staff at Frinton Farm Partners (Hall Farm) for their excellent work on the rear of the proposed car park. Also thanks go to Silverton Aggregates who supplied all materials at cost price. The Committee has been promised a substantial sum of money to complete the access to the rear of the Village Hall, but we would prefer to have the money in the bank before starting the work. This should explain the delay.

THE COMMITTEE ITSELF

Still requires more members. Our appeal at the Fete fell upon stony ground. To put it bluntly, if there is no committee the Village Hall would not be able to remain open.

John Knight Chairman to the Committee

Tel: 01255 851370

GREAT HOLLAND CHRISTMAS CARDS



(THE COMPETITION TO DESIGN THE CARDS WAS WON BY MIRANDA BOXALL AND HER DAUGHTER. PRESENTATION OF THE PRIZES OF \$25 TOKENS WERE MADE AT THE VILLAGE FETE.)

PRICES AS FOLLOWS:



 LARGE CARDS
 \$1.00 EACH

 PACK OF 5
 \$4.00

 TWO PACKS OF 5
 \$7.00



 SMALL CARDS
 80P EACH

 PACK OF 5
 \$3.50

 TWO PACKS OF 5
 \$6.00

POLICE SURGERY DATES

Come and meet Paul and Michele your local Police Community Support Officers for Great Holland at The Methodist Church, Rectory Road, Great Holland

Thursday, 28 October
Thursday, 18 November
(10.30 - 11.30)



NEWS

As you will appreciate, not all incidents can be reported in the magazine due to confidentiality. However, I can advise that the following incidents have been reported between 10 July and 12 September.

There was one incident of criminal damage where a front garden wall in Main Road had paint sprayed on it (this has now been removed); nuisance youth in Rectory Road; youths being noisy whilst walking home; vehicle seized in Kirby Road for having no insurance; 2 road traffic accidents in Clacton Road; concern for welfare where a disability scooter had broken down (flat battery); wheelie bin stolen in Little Clacton Road and an obstruction where two vehicles were parked on a pavement in Kirby Road. Advice was given to the owners and vehicles were moved off the pavement.

A cow got stuck in Holland Brook, Little Clacton Road. Police assisted the Fire Service with getting the cow out. I did feel sorry for the gentleman who dived into the brook, after stripping down to his boxer shorts, only for the cow to then climb out of its own accord. It did cause a chuckle.

As usual your local PCSOs and Police have been working very hard in your local area preventing crime. If you would like advice or there is a matter you would like to discuss please attend your local beat surgery. Alternatively, our PCSOs would be very happy to stop and have a chat as they are passing by.

It takes less than a minute for a thief to break into your vehicle and steal it or your belongings inside. Follow our advice to help keep your vehicle safe. Don't give thieves an easy ride!

- Park in safe areas. Choose somewhere busy and well lit with good surveillance. Areas
 where there are few people about, several escape routes and cars hidden out of view are
 attractive to thieves. Although it's not a guarantee of safety, figures show parking in a
 secured car park reduces the chances of vehicle crime by 70%.
- Use security devices. Think about wheel protection. Thieves target alloy wheels and tyres from steel wheels so protect them using locking wheel nuts which are inexpensive and easy to fit. Fitting an immobiliser or alarm system is a sure way to prevent your vehicle being stolen. Steering wheel and gear lever locks are effective, inexpensive and easy to fit. If you have a car stereo choose one that's removable or has a removable front cover. Make sure you take it with you when you leave the car and mark the stereo with a unique identifying reference.

- Keep doors locked and windows shut. It may sound obvious but unlocked doors and open windows are invitations to thieves so make sure your vehicle is secure even if you are only popping into a shop, paying for petrol or getting a car park ticket. It only takes seconds for a thief to make off with your belongings.
- Don't leave anything on display. Thefts from vehicles greatly outnumber thefts of vehicles so never leave your property on display on the dashboard or front or back seats. Removing valuables like radios, sat navs, mobile phones and laptops helps remove temptation. Don't forget to wipe away the marks left by the suction pad on your sat nav as they may lead thieves to believe it's in your car somewhere. Keep an eye out for devices on the market that can hold sat navs in place without using sucker pads. If you are unable to remove your property from the vehicle, lock it out of sight in the boot.

Some of you may be aware that Paul Brassey was pictured in the Local Gazette recently dressed in a very different uniform. He had to admit that the dress was much more comfortable. Paul joined members of staff from the local Spar shop in Connaught Avenue on 28 August to take part in a sponsored walk in aid of the NSPCC. The event raised approximately £700.



Photo: PCSOs Peter White and Wayne Burke with Paul Brassey (centre)

Finally, please contact myself or Michele if you need advice on Crime Prevention or to report anything that you may see or hear.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Chairman: Mike Vaughan-Chatfield CONTACT CENTRE: 01255 814801

Administrator: Paul Teague

WEBSITE: www.tendringneighbourhoodwatch.org



MONDAY 11 OCTOBER- IS A SPECIAL DATE

National Personal Safety Day is an annual event aimed at raising awareness of the simple, practical solutions that everyone can use to help avoid violence and aggression in today's society. It's about helping people live safer, more confident lives. This year's **SIMPLE STEPS** campaign aims to promote some easy, every-day precautions people can take to help avoid becoming a victim of violence on the streets, with particular emphasis on staying safe in our own neighbourhood. It takes three things for an aggressive or violent incident to take place — a victim, a perpetrator and an opportunity. By following the **SIMPLE STEPS** safety tips, we can reduce the opportunities and therefore the risk of becoming a victim

SIMPLE STEPS Personal Safety Tips

How to improve your safety when out on the streets:

Stay Alert – Remember, if you are wearing headphones or chatting on your mobile phone you will be distracted from your surroundings and will not hear trouble approaching.

Invest in a personal safety alarm – These can be used to shock and disorientate an attacker giving you vital seconds to get away.

Make sure you avoid danger spots – Stick to busy well lit streets whenever possible and avoid quiet or badly lit alleyways, subways or isolated parks or waste grounds. Take the safer route, even if it's longer.

Plan Ahead – Know where you're going and the best way to get there. Whenever possible, avoid long waiting times at bus stops and stations by checking the arrival times before leaving home.

Listen to your instincts - If you feel threatened, head for a safe place where there are lots of people, such as a pub, shop, garage etc.

Ensure you take the same precautions wherever you are — It's natural to feel more relaxed and comfortable in your own neighbourhood than when you are in an unfamiliar area but it's important not to get complacent about your personal safety when close to home.

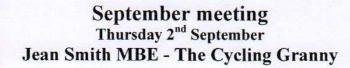
TO JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OR SHARE ANY INFORMATION ON OUR

ACTIVITIES USE OUR CALL CENTRE ON 01255 814801 or website on

www.tendringneighbourhoodwatch.org. You will like many others be glad that you did!

Help to make your community safer and more secure

Great Holland Friends



Listening to Jean Smith MBE giving her talk about cycling 17,000 miles around the country for a 'holiday' and then giving talks to collect donations for the Macmillan charity, gives an indication of the strength of character of this lady. During her journeys she must have met many difficulties and managed to survive them all. And of course, there was the question of her own security, never knowing what she may have to face along the way. Judging by the many questions fired at Jean during the talk, it was enjoyed by all. Ending the session with her journey from Lands End to John O'Groats, we think she left a satisfied audience.



October meeting Thursday 7th October Ed Forrest - Holiday in New Zealand

Ed Forrest has kindly offered to give a talk on his experiences during his holiday and will be showing pictures, kindly assisted by Denys Stritch. We are sure that the meeting will be as interesting as the last and that a good afternoon will be had by all.



November meeting Thursday 4th November Ernestine & group

We have a group of four giving a variety of popular songs accompanied by the accordion, drums and not forgetting the solo vocalist. This should prove to be a very entertaining afternoon.

Seasonal Craft and Gift Fayre

Saturday 20th November, 10.00am - 3.00pm Village Hall - Manor Road, Great Holland

We are again holding a Craft and Gift Fayre and look forward to your support. As this is near Christmas there will be items available for that special Christmas present. Entrance will be free and refreshments will be available. Items we will have on show will include:

- Hand blown glassware
- Classic style jewellery
- Garden ornaments
- Decorative eggs



- Home made marmalade, jams & cakes,
- ❖ Hand made greetings cards
- ❖ Wood turned items



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda's Dad for his contribution (his home made wine) to our Club raffles. We had the pleasure of meeting him at the Great Bentley Show and look forward to meeting him again - perhaps at one of our meetings.

APPOINTMENT OF TENDRING LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER FOR GREAT HOLLAND



I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Liz Bruce and I live in Walton-onthe-Naze. However, I was born Elizabeth Warner at 3 Rectory Road, Gt. Holland (some of you may already know my family or myself).

My family moved to 3 Kirby Road when I was 3 years old and I lived there until I married in 1970 at Gt. Holland Methodist Chapel.

Gt. Holland has always been close to my heart and I have kept records of many local events.

I am the Archivist for the Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust and keep local records for them. I am looking forward to being your Local Recorder and hope to do "potted" history topics in the future newsletters. If anyone has any information they think may be of interest to me or that will help me in collating recent events, please contact me on 01255 676960 or send to me at 55 Station Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, CO14 8DW.

RACE FOR LIFE





On Sunday 25th July at Essex University, Colchester, Christine and Pauline took part in the "Race for Life" to raise funds for Cancer Research. They both successfully completed the course and were kept cool by refreshing rain! Between them they raised a total of £500.

A big THANK-YOU to everyone who donated so generously.



NATIONAL APPLE DAY EVENT AT PARK FRUIT FARM SATURDAY 23rd & SUNDAY 24th, OCTOBER -- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Visitors will be able to take a tour round the orchard at the following times accompanied by Stephen Elsworth, who will give a talk and answer any questions.

Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. - Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Other attractions will include

- *Primrose Pork & Sausages, Brightlingsea
- Shire Foods crisps, popcorn, nuts sauces & old fashioned sweets
- Bramble Foods chutney, jam, sauces, etc.
- Grangeworth chickens, pork, ham, etc.
- Sladburys Farm Smokehouse
- Simon's cheeses and pork pies
- Lilley's Bakery
- Farmer Brown beer & extra virgin oil (tasting)
- Mr Milligan honey to try
- Rainbow Nurseries shrubs & plants
- Apple juice demonstration
- Gina's jam (tasting)
- Goodys Ceramics
- Pete Norfolk's Wild Animal Roadshow

(*being cooked – for you to try)

Refreshments available from our tea room





The Ship Inn

Special Events



Saturday, 30 October 7.00 p.m.

Halloween Fancy Dress Prizes for the best costumes Children welcome

Friday, 5 November 7.00 p.m.

BBQ Live Music

Great Holland Pits Nature Reserve:

Public Access



For thousands of years land has found its way into private ownership, so that the area that remains common land is very small. At various times rights of access were granted to people with footpaths, bye-ways and some remaining commons. Recently the law has been changed to grant public entry to other areas such as parts of the coast and moors, but many of these issues are still at the consultation stage.

In recent years non-government organizations such as the Essex Wildlife Trust acquired land on which they have permitted access by registering permissive footpaths. Many people ask if they may visit Great Holland Pits and the answer is yes. There is a car park and walkers are allowed to walk the established paths. This means that the Essex Wildlife Trust have to regularly check trees, bridges and other features in Health & Safety audits and do other work to maintain the site.

The 'Pits' has a car park with space for up to nine cars, and twice each year this may get filled to capacity; the time of the primroses in the fresh mildness of spring and the time of blackberries in the autumn. There are a smaller number of visitors at other times, walking dogs, taking children out or bird watching. We believe it important to allow people access to these things so that they will be inclined to support them and develop their own interest in nature.

We experience some unwelcome events on the reserves. Fly tipping is sometimes a problem, one which has at times been very expensive to deal with. Removal of burnt out cars and asbestos is very costly. Other rubbish is an unsightly nuisance, one which has to be dealt with mostly by volunteers. The present gate at the reserve was installed mostly to confine the worst of the fly tipping to the car park. However this often presents the entire reserve in a poor light because of the casual litter regularly ejected in order to keep some of our visitors' cars clean.

Some evenings there have been a great many young people arrive in cars in the evening and make a lot of noise. While they are probably seldom a real threat they are often perceived to be by some of the other visitors. I think the best hope of bearing down on anti social behaviour, though it looks a remote one, is that a new generation will try to train their children in a more thoughtful upbringing.

However often I arrive with a resigned sigh because of a new problem, it does not take me long to lighten up, as I look around. Towards the end of a summer it is always interesting to look at the results of the preceding winter. The last coppicing of willow has resulted in new growth already taller than me, and I am tall. Amongst the willow shoots there is a very strong stand of the delicate yellow flowers of Square Stemmed St John's Wort. Like its cousin the Perforated St John's Wort which is common at the reserve, it is believed by some to be effective against several medical conditions and depression.

The recent sighting of a fresh bright yellow male Brimstone butterfly, about which I wrote in a previous article, the large numbers of neat little Brown Argus butterflies and the first record of an impressive wasp spider, on its web in its small depression in the long grass, are all examples of reasons I enjoy each visit to the reserve.

Addendum:

The question of dog fouling.

For several years we have provided a bin for dog mess by the entrance. Dog owners adopt one of three approaches, the last approach being the worst:

- 1. Bag it and use the bin
- 2. Do nothing
- 3. Bag it and throw the bag in the vegetation



Garden reflections ...





October is a month when hopefully we can tidy up our gardens: do some necessary repair work and plant some winter colour after lifting any plants to place under cover during the frosty part of the year. Fuchsias usually treat us to a final flourish before settling down to their winter rest...

The Kirby Garden Club is having its usual Autumn Fayre at the end of October, on 30th. Any plants that have grown too large and can be split up to offer to some enthusiastic purchaser will be welcome.

The sunflowers have been quite brilliant - a splash of golden colour so appropriate for Harvest Celebrations: hearing the Church Bells ringing out and listening to the well loved Harvest Hymns and admiring the special flower arrangements in our two ancient Village Churches.

A lovely time of year to go away for a short break, absorbing the spectacular colouring of the countryside. For myself, fond memories of holidays in Derbyshire and the Cotswolds and the woods around Ruislip in Middlesex. A pleasant hour or so with a photo album will bring back memories. Then on a sunny, warm day, sauntering by a calm sea and enjoying our own colourful village - looking forward to the popular Parish lunches and Coffee get togethers...



During the hot spell of weather earlier on, Kerrygold exclaimed in a very determined way, 'Everyone is talking about holidays so I've decided to go away myself for a couple of days!' 'That's very adventurous of you Kerry. Where were you thinking of going?' I enquired. 'Oh not too far. Just the other side of the pond, in the shade under that heather bush. It's too hot to eat, but I'll have plenty of tasty water within reach.'

Needless to say Kerrygold cut short her holiday as we had a heavy rainstorm, soaking her. If that wasn't enough, the young cat from next door felt in playful mood, challenging her to a game of 'fisticuffs'!

'I might as well retire inside,' she sighed, 'maybe there's something tasty to eat?' she queried hopefully...

Soon after this escapade, in spite of Veterinary advice, Kerry gradually seemed to lose interest, sleeping much of the time. I kept a close eye on her and I feel she appreciated my presence. However, by the evening of Bank Holiday Saturday, after 18½ years, she passed quietly away.

I shall miss her gentle companionship, but give grateful thanks for having known her during my life. From remarks received over the past nine to ten years, it seems that readers of 'Garden Reflections' have been entertained by her exploits!

Audrey Hill

BREAKFASTS FOR WOMEN

in Association with Christian Viewpoint invite you to breakfast to hear

FREE TO BE THE REAL ME

Talk by Sarah Chaplin

Saturday, 9 October 2010 8.45 – 11.00 am The Columbine Centre Princes Esplanade, Walton-on-the-Naze

Tickets £7.50

Ring: 01255 429501

(Please order tickets by September 30th)

Sarah was born into a Christian family in Wales – she became a Christian at the age of 12. Having been born without a left forearm or hand, her personal faith journey held some challenging moments. After a varied educational background, majoring in geography and geology, she was employed as a cartographer. She is married to Glen and has four children. They have spent time in Zambia and Cornwall.

Tickets for this event can be obtained by post (with a stamped addressed envelope) from Alison Gooding, 11 Kingsman Drive, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8UL. Please make cheques payable to "Breakfast for Women".

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

FRINTON & WALTON MASONIC HALL (ADJACENT TO KIRBY CROSS STATION)

SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 10.00 AM - 1.00 PM

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND BISCUITS, CAKE STALL, BOOK STALL AND RAFFLE.

ENTRANCE IS FREE



Frinton & District Floral Club

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At
The Parish Church Hall, Old Road, Frinton - on - Sea
At 2.30 p.m.
(New Members & Visitors very welcome)

On Friday, October 22 Linda Harman "Pot Luck" Members Exhibits - Autumn Colours On Friday, November 26 Lynn Barrow "A Victorian Christmas Autumn Luncheon"

Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

Tuesday, 12 October 7.30 p.m.
Postcard Fair
Venue: McGregor Hall

Tuesday, 9 November at 7.30 p.m.
Taste of Turkey
David Martland

Events take place at St. Cedds Hall, Old Road, Frinton-0n-Sea (unless otherwise stated). New members are always welcome. Contact Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for details of how to join.

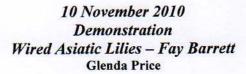
(Charge for non-members to attend events is £2.)

Tendring Creative Sugarcraft

We are a friendly group of ladies and gentlemen who meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except August at 7.30 p.m. in Holland-on-Sea Methodist Church, Kings Avenue. We enjoy demonstrations and workshops on a wide variety of sugarcraft themes which would suit both beginners and those with previous sugarcraft experience.



13 October 2010 Workshop Orchids, Freesia and Roses





Everyone Welcome
Visitors £3, including refreshments
For further information please call Jane on 01255 814877





WHAT'S ON IN YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	J Evening 2
Sunday	- 10		Private Booking 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Monday		Private Booking 2.30 – 3.30 pm	Paul Rees Karate 6.30 – 8.00 pm 07793 597646
Tuesday		Carpet Bowls 2.00 – 4.00 pm Contact: Les Miller 671214	Links Karate 5.30 – 7.30 pm Contact: Paul Harris 07766 170848 Badminton 8.00 – 9.30 pm 671300
Wednesday			Aerobics 7.00 – 8.00 pm Contact: Claudine 862505 Dog Training
, .(8.00 – 9.00 pm (as above)
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30 - 11.30am Contact: Des Exworth 679610	Great Holland Friends 2.00 – 4.00 pm (1st Thursday of the month) 677610	Circuit Training Fitness Class 6.45 – 7.45 pm Contact: Paul Hammond 677804
C.			Phoenix Badminton 8.00 – 9.30 pm 224980
Friday	Fitness Class 10.30 – 11.30 am		Links Karate 5.30 – 8.30 pm Contact: Paul Harris 07766 170848
Saturday	Home Made Hour 10.00 – 11.00 am 1st Saturday in the month (NOT January, February, August or October)		

Regular club users: £9 per hour / Casual users: £10 per hour (with effect from 1st January 2010). Contact Michele Frere on (676304) to book.

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