

Great Holland



February 2019 and March 2019



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WELCOME

As you will know, Sandra and Linda have left the Village Voice after many years of faithful service. Before they left, they asked if anyone else would take on the responsibility of producing the magazine as so many people would be sad to see it go. A little group has got together – Vanessa Giles, Hazel Martin, Pauline Batten and John Beale – and we are going to try to keep the Village Voice delivered to every house in the village free of charge as K D Crook (some of you will remember him!) wished so many years ago.

This edition will be our first attempt and so we hope that you will excuse any errors or omissions. Please let us know of any problems so we can get it right next time. One of the big changes we are making is that it will be professionally printed now. The printer at St Michael's is getting a little old and is not going to be replaced, and there should be very little difference in the cost of producing Village Voice. It will also save a lot of time in personally printing the magazine.

Many thanks to all past producers of the magazine. We hope we can keep up the good work.

Vanessa A Giles

Facebook Page

Our village now has its own Facebook page!

If you would like to join us and keep up to date with issues that concern us, just search for Great Holland Community News and ask to join.

Sue Jenkins

Welcome To the February/March 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 April 2019 or May 2019 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: vanessaagiles1@outlook.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 March.

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Dates for your Diary

February





Thursday 7th February	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am – 12 midday.
Thursday 14th February	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am - 12 midday.
Thursday 21st February	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am - 12 midday.
Thursday 28th February	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am – 12 midday.

March

Saturday 2nd March	Home-Made Hour in the Village Hall, 10am – 11 am.
Thursday 7th March	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12 midday
Wednesday 13th March	Barn Dance! Methodist Church, 6.45 for 7 pm. Book early - space for 40 only! Contact Liz on 676960 or Anne on 675065
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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.

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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CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS'

Our Rector, Mark, is currently away for a short time on 'paternity leave' welcoming a new addition to his family. He and Claire have recently adopted a baby boy and we wish them and their children much joy and many blessings with their new son/brother.

Christmas at All Saints' was as busy and joyful as ever starting with the Carols outside the Manor Pub on 12 December. Olivia and Jon kindly let us use the forecourt again and also provided some wonderfully festive 'snow' and lovely mince pies – a huge thank you to them both. The carol singers were very ably accompanied by 3 doughty musicians, Ray & Amanda Smith and Ilze Robertson – and our grateful thanks to them too for playing so well with frozen fingers!

At the Christingle Service on 22 December the families had fun assembling the Christingles and having the meaning of the various components explained. The children particularly enjoyed eating the sweets!

The Candlelight Carol Service on Christmas Eve was as popular as ever with the church full to capacity. Carols were sung and lessons were read and the wonderful Tendring Male Voice Choir led by Ilze Robertson more than added to a memorable evening celebrating the birth of Christ. The festive spirit was continued after the service with hot mulled wine and mince pies – a very happy Christmas!

Many thanks to Sue Masters and all the ladies who help with flower arranging for decoration the church so beautifully this Christmas and our continued thanks to Alan and Jill Nash for their tireless upkeep of the churchyard.

Mark will be back in harness for our next issue of Village Voice, but in the meantime a very happy and healthy New Year to all our readers from everyone at All Saints'.

The Parish Room – All Saints' Great Holland

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

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From the Diary – FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 6th 2.00pm Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall

Sunday 10th 8.00am Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's
11.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 17th 11am Holy Communion
Wednesday 20th 2pm Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Thursday 21st 1.00pm Parish Lunch at St Michael's Church Hall

Sunday 24th 11.00am Morning Worship

For the dates of All Saints' Bible Group, please see the Church noticeboard

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Sunday 24th 11.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 31st 11.00am All-age Mothering Sunday Service

Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who supported our January Home Made Hour and for the generous donations of home made produce.

There will be no Home Made Hour in February. Our next Home Made Hour takes place **on Saturday, 2nd March 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

Rector:	Rev. Mark Holdaway, The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, CO13 0LT (675997)
Churchwarden:	John Beale, 5 Maltings Lane, Kirby le Soken, CO13 0EH (676472)
Parochial Church Council:	Churchwarden (ex officio), Sheila Watts (ex officio), Don Osler, Vanessa Giles, Ilze Robertson, Graham Hughes and Ann Peters.
Hon. Secretary to the PCC:	Vanessa Giles
Vice Chair to the PCC:	John Beale
Hon. Treasurer to the PCC:	Sheila Watts c/o The Rectory
Sidespersons:	Rose Batten, Don Osler and Sheila Watts.
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Great Holland Methodist Church

Dear friends,

Just as I sat down to write this, I had a quick look through the news stories on the internet. Brexit was naturally a main feature but as I looked through other stories as well, I noticed yet again how so much is filled with tension and disagreement. The world seems to be so short of good news stories. It's easy to get swept into the disagreement of who said what and the implications of it and sometimes this is exactly the right thing to do.

As a contrast, over the last few days I have also been struck by how warm, helpful and generous people can be. Ranging from a cup of coffee at exactly the right moment, to stopping to ask if someone is ok and if they need help, to practical expressions of support, they have all been there. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this sort of thing was reported more? The good news stories are truly there, we just need to share them with each other.

This set me thinking about the contrast that there seems to be between life portrayed in the news and the experiences of daily activities. Certainly, many of the items we see on the news are of national importance and have wide-ranging implications. Of course, it is right that we hear about them. But maybe there is also that element which makes disagreement easier to report on because it is more unusual.

We live in a world of contrasts. It is part of what makes the rich tapestry of the world in which we live. God created the world to be at peace and when Jesus returns peace and reconciliation will be restored. Ruth told her mother-in-law, Naomi, that 'where you go, I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.' This is a true sharing of each other's lives with gratitude, love and support at its heart and this is what we are called to do.

As we go about our daily lives over the coming weeks why don't we search out the positive parts of life? Will we be the ones to offer the cuppa at the right moment or the practical support? If we are the ones in need at that instant will we be the ones to gratefully accept the care offered and then give thanks to God for the sharing of love, care and support amongst each other? As the words of the song say, 'Love makes the world go around.' Let's be the ones to make that happen and then share the good news with those around!

God bless
Chris

Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust

Collecting and preserving artefacts, documents, maps and memorabilia – anything relating to Social History at Frinton-on-Sea, Walton-on-the-Naze and surrounding villages.

We meet for Winter Social evenings at The McGrigor Hall, Ashlyns Road, Frinton-on-Sea, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 5th February: “The Island of le Rey” – speaker David Whittle, Vice-Chairman of The Harwich Society.

Tuesday 5th March: “Everyday Life in Ancient Egypt” – speaker Egyptologist, Frances Boardman.

Admission to meetings: visitors £3; members £2.

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



Invite you to a

Barn Dance

Wednesday 13th March

6.45 pm for 7 pm.

£5

Includes tea/coffee, etc.
(Regret only space for 40.)



Sharing Supper – bring a plate of food.

(No alcohol, please)

Tickets from: Liz – 676960 or Anne - 675065



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

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

Although this Club was started for those who collect, or are interested in, postcards, you do not have to have this as a hobby to join our friendly social evenings and enjoy the talks/presentations given by guest speakers on a wide variety of subjects. Visitors and potential new members will be made very welcome. The entrance fee to our meetings is: visitors £3; members £2, which includes refreshments.

Tuesday 12th February – “Essex History – continued”. Speaker – Rev. Robinson.

Tuesday 12th March – “Birds & Animals on Cigarette Cards”. Speaker – Ralph Bridgeman.

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details.



Frinton & District Horticultural Society

**Frinton Methodist Church Hall, Fourth Avenue
7.15 for 7.30 pm**

Thursday 7th February “Gardeners Question Time”.

Thursday 7th March “Talk & Pictures Essex Wildlife Trust”
Speaker Bob Seago, warden of Gt Holland Pits.

Competition: Hellebores – 3 blooms in a dish.

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.

FEBRUARY

“Surely as cometh the Winter, I know there are Spring flowers under the snow.”

R.H.NEWELL (1836-1901)

February starts off cold and dark but by the end of the month we will have two hours more daylight and spring will just be around the corner!

Why is February called February?

The Roman month Februarius was named after the Latin term Februum, which means purification. This links to the purification ritual Februa held on February 15th (full moon) in the old lunar Roman calendar.

Special Days

2nd February – **Candlemass**. This is a Christian festival which celebrates the day when Jesus was taken to the temple for the first time. The festival, which always takes place on 2nd February, marks the end of the Christmas season. At Ripon Cathedral in Yorkshire, people celebrate by lighting 5000 candles to symbolise Jesus bringing light into the world.

5th February – **Chinese New Year**. This year Chinese people all over the world will be celebrating the Year of the Pig. There will be festivities in big cities throughout the UK. Chinese New Year is a noisy and colourful occasion. There are firecrackers, lion and dragon dances, music, parades, lanterns and special foods such as noodles. People wear red clothes for luck and to ward off evil spirits. People born in the Year of the Pig are believed to be patient and hard working. The Years of the Pig include 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995 and 2007. The Chinese zodiac has a 12 year cycle so the next year of the Pig will be in 2031!

14th February – **St Valentine’s Day**. This originated as a Christian feast day honouring one or two early saints named Valentine. There are martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines including a written account of St Valentine of Rome’s imprisonment for performing weddings for soldiers, who were not allowed to marry, and for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. Valentine’s Day is recognised as a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love in many regions of the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.

MARCH

“March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb”

March can be quite cold and blustery to start with – or even snowy! – but by the end of the month it should feel as if Spring is in the air at last.

Why is March called March?

The Romans called this month Martius, after the god of war and farming. It might seem a strange combination but both war and farming began again in March after the long winter months. The Saxons called March Lentmonath, which means “lengthening month”, because of the way that daylight increases during this time. It is also where we get the word “Lent” from.

Special Days

1st St David’s Day (Wales)

5th **Shrove Tuesday** This gets its name from the ancient Christian practice of being shriven, which means being forgiven for your sins. Lent always begins on a Wednesday so people went to confessions the day before. The name Pancake Day comes from the custom of using up all the fattening ingredients before Lent so that people were ready to fast.

6th **Ash Wednesday** – beginning of Lent. The official name is “Day of Ashes”, so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one’s forehead in the sign of a cross.

17th **St Patrick’s Day (Northern Ireland)**. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. It is said that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

20th Spring equinox (first day of Spring)

31st **Mothering Sunday/Daylight saving (clocks go forward)**. Mothering Sunday was originally a day to give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. It was believed to be essential for people to return to their home “mother” church to make it a true family occasion. Children in service (often as young as ten) were permitted to use the day to visit their families. Over the years it increased its scope to include giving thanks to all mothers.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

of the meeting on SATURDAY 19th January, 2019 at 11.30am in the Village Hall

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from David Masters and Chris Keston.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of 6th October 2018 were accepted.

Matters Arising

The Chair stated it has been agreed that Frinton and Walton Town Council would deal with the installation of a defibrillator at the Village Hall. Sue Jenkins confirmed that the precise location had now been agreed.

PCSO Report

The PCSO Report was delivered by Stafford and Amy.

After The Rain was a victim of a burglary.

The driving licence of an elderly man driving erratically in Pork Lane was taken away. There was no news about the missing swan, but the matter was being looked into by the Wild Life Officer.

Speedwatch was reported as being active and there had been one session in the village conducted by a police officer in which a number of speeding tickets were issued.

Amy agreed to take up the request that Pork Lane should be included as a Speedwatch location.

There was a general discussion about speeding in Pork Lane and it was agreed that the removal or relocation of the sign indicating the 30 mph limit should be referred to Mark Platt.

The hedge at the corner of Pork Lane and Main Road has still not been cut, although a resident saw a Council inspection which apparently was made after dark!

It was agreed this should be referred again to Councillor Bucke.

Planning Report

The 41 new dwellings at Beaumont Care Home have now been approved.

A second bungalow next to Farndon in Pork Lane has been approved.

In Pork Lane an application to build five bungalows behind the new ones, (The Paddocks), was refused by TDC and is now at appeal. A second application to build another five bungalows adjoining these and using the same access was recommended for approval by the planners but refused by the Planning Committee, this will probably promote another appeal. Why the planners recommended approval is a mystery and a matter of great concern to us. The application to build five more bungalows behind the two new ones has been refused in spite of a recommendation by the Planning Officer that it should be granted.

The conversion of an existing farm building to residential use at Birch Hoe Farm was approved.

A further application has been made to build at the rear of Larges Farm cottage. This is almost identical to the previous application which was refused.

An application has been made to demolish Seaview opposite the Manor and build a detached house of sympathetic design. GHRA will submit observations and ask that firstly consideration be given to restoration of the existing building, which is described as a “positive building” in the Conservation Area Management Plan and the Village Design Statement.

There are a number of important pending appeals.

The three bungalows adjacent to the current development next to The Veldt.

Two self-builds in a field in Pork Lane beyond the two new bungalows.

It was commented that both of these proposals follow on from TDC to allow ribbon development in both Pork Lane and Little Clacton Road. Both represent a major threat to the village.

The next Local Plan Committee will take place at TDC’s offices at 6.00 pm on 29th January, 2019.

There was a general discussion of infrastructure, particularly sewerage capacity and roads. The agenda includes a revised timescale for the emerging Local Plan with the likely adoption date of winter, 20/21!

There was a general discussion of infrastructure, particularly sewerage capacity and roads. It was pointed out that developers can be asked for Section 106 contributions toward improvements to facilities and services.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer began by thanking Denys and Lindy Strich for their help in managing the changeover of the Treasurer’s role.

The existing balance is £3696 with £242 cash.

There were 73 members at the end of the financial year.

The treasurer explained the new membership forms and appealed for permission to use email addresses to facilitate future distributions.

Great Holland Facebook Page

Sue Jenkins reported that this is now operating satisfactorily and it is hoped that it will be another means of broadcasting local news and allowing residents to ask questions, for example, regarding reliable traders.

Paul Withams, our webmaster, confirmed that there is a link on the website to the Facebook Page.

Village Noticeboard

Sue Jenkins reported that Frinton and Walton Town Council decided in December that the village noticeboard should be moved from the old post office, which has been converted into two flats, to the village hall. She will ask whether a key can be made available locally.

Village Voice

Vanessa Giles explained the intentions of the new team. The existing format will be retained for the time being, although professional printers will be used, since the church printer is getting rather old and the cost is not much greater.

The new team comprises:

Vanessa Giles, editor

Hazel Martin, production

Pauline Batten, distribution

John Beale, advisor

The Chair recorded the thanks of the community to the whole team.
House to house distribution will be retained.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Great Holland Residents Association will be the AGM which will be held on **Saturday, 11th May, 2019 at 10.30 am in the Village Hall.**

Any Other Business

Sandra Mooney reported that many of the daffodil bulbs planted years ago at the expense of the Town Council (FWTC) had been destroyed by the developer of the new bungalows along the main road. They were located on the kerbside opposite the new properties by Larges Farm. It was agreed to ask Councillor Bucke to ask the developer to replace them.

Sandra also reported that she had complained regarding vehicles being parked in the field in Pork Lane beyond the two bungalows. Some had been removed and she asked that residents keep an eye on this and report any further incidents to the Planning Enforcement Officer, Neil Foreman.

The new playground is structurally complete and should be opened shortly after the final inspection.

The Chair put to the meeting David Masters' suggestion that the grass triangle at the bottom of Little Clacton Road should be converted into a mini roundabout. This received widespread support and Denys Strich pointed out that this would resolve the present, narrow access from the main road. It was agreed to ask Mark Platt to put the suggestion to Essex Highways, as well as the easier alternative to simply widen the road on to the existing grass verge. The hedge has still not been cut

There was a general discussion again about the problem of infrastructure, particularly the lack of medical facilities and the impact of the hundreds of new homes in the area. The Care Commissioning Group of the NHS had objected to the Beaumont development on these grounds but still states that its policy is not to ask for any section 106 contribution for any development under 50 dwellings. The meeting felt this was an illogical position.

A resident complained that the light from the new LED bulbs which are now being placed in street lights produce a harsh intrusive white light. He had complained in writing to the County Council and, having once suggested they could install baffle plates, they were now refusing to do so. The Chair suggested that the correct procedure now is to take the matter up through either Councillor Bucke or Councillor Platt.

The meeting closed 12.50 pm.



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius **Vice-Chairman:** Robert Caines
Treasurer: Liz Oakley **Secretary:** Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius
Planning Officers: Eddie Forrest

Dear Friends,

I had not expected to be writing this letter. Village Voice was probably history after last month's issue. But here it is again with a bright future! We should feel a debt of gratitude to Sandra Mooney and Linda O'Reilly for their many years of work producing the village magazine and also to the new team taking over the reins this month. I know there are many people who do voluntary work, frequently for more than one organisation, but there is always a shortage of volunteers and never a queue for vacant posts. GHRA has experienced the problem first hand and may well do so again in its search for a new secretary in May.

Village Voice had been around so long and had become such a fixture, perhaps we were all guilty of taking its appearance for granted (Sandra and Linda excepted, of course). My daughter edits a village magazine in Gloucestershire and it really is quite a task, I assure you. Good luck to the new team and thank you all.

We still don't know the outcome of the application to continue the ribbon development of Great Holland along Pork Lane. We still don't know why the Head of Planning recommended approval, flying in the face of recently agreed policy. I hope to have more on this later.

The biggest new concern is an application to demolish The Old Bakehouse (aka "Seaview") and build a large, new, detached house in its place. This is the old, double fronted house facing The Manor. Our view is that this building is part of the village history and should not be demolished. It has been neglected, of course and made to look even more dilapidated by the decimation of shrubbery, but it is eminently ripe for restoration. We do not say it is an architectural gem, but it is historic and a nice old house. It isn't listed, of course, but it is referred to as "a positive building" in the Great Holland Conservation Area Plan. When the planning officer dealing with it was pressed to explain, he said this meant it is "a non-designated heritage asset" and this would have to be taken into account in assessing the application.

Well, what does all that mean! It certainly means that Great Holland residents think this house is part of the local heritage and should not be lost. Before I came to the village, there was a huge effort to create the Village Design Statement in 2010 and that involved very widespread, effective consultation. We can, therefore, be confident of the local view. Bearing in mind that that the house falls within the Conservation Area, you would think we could be quietly confident of a good outcome here. While not a contender for Tendring District Council's Fan of the Year, I have good reason to be anything but confident.

TDC recently allowed the demolition of Studio Cottage in Church Lane, which was also "a positive building" in the plan. They gave permission to build a large detached house in the front garden of The Cottage in Church Lane. They gave permission to build two huge detached houses on the site of Great Holland Nursery in Church Lane. ALL of these fall within the Conservation Area and, in each case, that received barely a mention in the relevant planning officer's report.

I have argued repeatedly that TDC Planning Department is dominated by a culture of disrespect for the planning system and therefore disrespect of local opinion. Pork Lane and now Seaview are both opportunities to either show me wrong or, at the very least, that there are planning officers and Planning Committee members prepared to defend the conservative approach to development implied by Conservation Area status. How difficult is it to understand that this status means that priority should be given to preserve the general character of an area. How is that end served by demolishing a building of character that is clearly capable of full restoration?

Best Regards to you all,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius

Chairman GHRA

POLICE NEWS

INCIDENTS

There have been a few incidents in the village as follows:

- Report of nuisance mopeds in Little Clacton Road. No trace on police arrival.
- There was concern over a resident who hadn't been seen for a while. Thankfully they were in hospital and had forgotten to inform the neighbours.
- A large metal shed was blown across the field in Pork Lane. It was not known who the shed belonged to. Shed has now been removed.
- A vehicle was driven into a front garden hedge. The driver was located and enquiries are on-going.
- A member of the public was caught by a passing vehicle whilst they walked down Little Clacton Road on the part with no pavement. Medical attention was sought for the member of the public. It is believed that there are on-going enquiries with the driver of the vehicle.
- Report of the swan from Frinton Farm, Church Lane going missing between 11.20 am and 15.10 pm on New Year's Eve. If you have any information please let us know.

If you need to report a crime you can either dial 101 or go online at <https://www.essex.police.uk/>.

Or, if you see or hear anything suspicious please dial 101 or 999.

Regards

Michele

REMINISCENCES

During a clear out of old papers I came across a memento I had saved from a crossing of the Atlantic on the old RMS Queen Elizabeth.



In the 1960's I was given the opportunity to obtain a 'green card' to work in the US and duly moved to New York where I eventually took up employment with a company called Richardson Merrill. After a stint of approximately 2 years as a member of staff I was allowed to take an extended leave and took the opportunity to travel home to England for a visit in

October 1968 on the final North Atlantic Eastbound Crossing. **50 years – where has time gone?** We had a tremendous send off from New York and as we left the berth the ship was saluted by other vessels blowing their horns and the NY Fire Department's river boats sending columns of water into the air.

On Sunday, 3 November, the Commodore of the Fleet hosted a dinner and made the following toast, "As this final Atlantic voyage draws to a close, we remember the many happy occasions and the many good friends we have known during the ship's 494 voyages."

Things I remember about the voyage: certainly the bad weather we encountered for a period of time – getting around the ship entailed hanging on to anything that came to hand. Luckily I was not seasick. Although we travelled cabin class we ignored the 'do not enter' signs for first class and attended several entertainments in that area. One such event was an ad hoc presentation by Frankie Howerd (FH). A few days before we sailed we had attended a preview of a play on Broadway called 'Rockerfeller and the Red Indians' in which FH had the lead part. Unfortunately it came off after three productions, hence FH returning home on the QE. He was not my kind of comedian but the performance on that night (although a little risqué) certainly improved him in my eyes.

Knowing a member of the crew certainly enabled us to visit parts of the ship other passengers were unable to do. One such visit was down to the belly of the ship where the prop shaft turned the propellers. There was a lot of water slopping about and we were told that was one of the reasons the ship was being sold. It would take too much money to put her right. In the engine room the heat was unbearable.

Having cruised on more modern ships I can confirm nothing compares to the majesty of those that have gone before. Every time I look at the menu I retained I close my eyes and remember days gone by.

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Happy New Year!

We'd all like to thank you for your help and support over the past year. We all know how many changes the service is undergoing across the NHS in general and in general practice.

When I moved to Essex in 2007 I was attracted by the small village practice with 'Old Fashioned Family medicine' – unbeknown to me were all the changes about to be implemented!

The current drive, I'm sure you are all aware, is called 'Working to Scale'. NHS England would prefer large medical centres with everything under one roof – like the WIC and ACE model. Going hand in hand with this is the fact that there aren't enough GP's – considerably less now than when good old Jeremy said he was going to increase the number by 5000 by 2020! The problem is there are so few GP's available to recruit. Our area is not particularly attractive to GP's either, as we are considered a bit 'rural and remote.' Also, there's a change in the way the service is provided.

Back in the day, ½ the jobs I would do as routine are now done by nurses. At that time, nurses didn't have a university degree and the course was entirely different. Today, our nurses are qualified to Degree level and our Nurse Practitioners (Matron's/Nurse Prescriber's) have qualifications to Masters level.

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All of these actions are to try to make your experience tailored to your needs and to provide easy navigation. I do see people missing out on monitoring and follow ups because they think the doctor is always the best person to see. That's not always the case.

I'd like to remind everyone that this system is only as good as the information you give it – honest information will result in effective allocation.

The receptionists are trained to respond to 'Red Flags' – so if you perhaps exaggerate your symptom's – in the hope of a sooner appointment - you may get triaged to a more acute source than ourselves, because we may feel we cannot meet the acuteness of your needs – and we are doing this for your safety.

Lastly – thanks for reading this. I am sure there will be those amongst you who disagree entirely with the above. However, this is now our system and most surgeries like us have adopted triage.

I think its unavoidable going into the future and general practice will be a different place.

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Fishing tales: Fifty years at the Pits!

Diaries become very interesting years later, even when they only record everyday events. Almost 50 years ago on 23 July 1969 I wrote in my fishing diary that I had caught 12 tench and 4 roach at Great Holland Pits. It said I started early in the morning. I caught some more fish there in August. Curiously there is no mention of these events in my other little Letts diary. Trying to decipher my handwriting I searched without success to find any previous visits which I think I had made.

During those days, the pits was not a nature reserve. It was still the work place of several employees of the Alresford Sand and Ballast Company. As I understand it, the sand was no longer quarried there, but brought in from other places, to be screened and processed by the considerable plant that remained. I know that there were signs about saying that it was private property, and in common with some of the other anglers I would cycle in, hiding behind a tree when one of the machines was approaching. I don't think the men were all that bothered as it was quite a regular place for people to fish.

I went to Reading University that autumn, but with my family living in Holland On Sea, I often visited the pits when on vacation, and was delighted in 1971 that I learned that it was being acquired by the Essex Naturalists Trust, as a nature reserve. Essex Naturalists Trust was renamed Essex Wildlife Trust more recently. It had two part time staff then, now over 200 all told, with a whole lot more volunteers. Nowadays there are almost 100 such reserves but this was one of only about 10 across the county then. It was purchased for £12,000 and in those days included a very useful Nissen Hut, which was later partially burnt down by vandals.

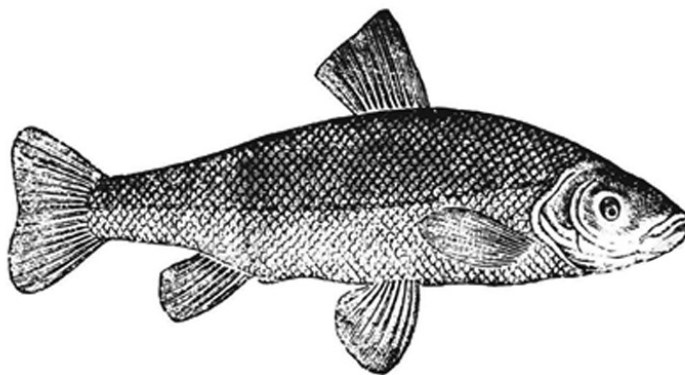
The fish in the pits have changed rather for the worst in recent years. The tench and roach were there from the start, and I remember Rudd also being present. Sometime after my involvement it became apparent that Three-spined-sticklebacks had colonised most of the ponds. The next change occurred when the gravel pits at Thorpe Le Soken were being silted up by gravel washing, and the fish, predominately Common and Mirror Carp, had

ever diminishing water depth. At that time there was no gate on the reserve and a number of people had been introducing carp to the pond. This was not welcomed as these fish become big, and not only wipe out much of the invertebrate life but they stir up the sediment.

In the 1990s during a very warm spring they spawned and there was a resulting multitude of fish. We invited the Environment Agency to catch them using electro fishing gear and they were distributed free of charge to three fishing clubs. They caught a lot but not all. The tench and the rudd were returned to the water. These, particularly the carp could still be seen sunning themselves in the spring on the surface. However they seem to have gone now, most probably because of the duckweed which has dominated the pond for 5 years. This blots out light penetrating the pond and thus prevents water weeds from keeping the water replenished with Oxygen. Most fish can't tolerate this. We hope recent cutting back of trees may improve the situation but fertiliser run off may be the most significant problem.

Village Voice has long been a publication logging events in the village and this will continue in its new form, as a diary documenting changes in the parish.

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Why are we paying more Inheritance Tax than ever before?

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In April 2018 the Government revealed that the amount of Inheritance Tax raised was more than double the 2009/10 amount. However, this figure has, as you would expect, been influenced by the significant increase in property prices during the intervening years.

These findings are in complete contrast to what was expected to happen following the phased introduction of the additional Residential Nil Rate Band (RNRB) allowance, which will be fully implemented, at a level of £175,000, by 2021. At that time the total IHT tax free allowance of £500,000 will be available to individuals if they own a property and have an estate worth less than £2 million. This will be double for married couples and those in Civil Partnerships as the individual allowances are transferrable between spouses / civil partners.

Many advisors suggest that one of the reasons behind this increase is that many families do not fully understand their own personal needs, thus retaining large amounts of savings in investment funds for that 'just in case' moment, rather than gifting them to their children or into trust. There has been a lot of talk about the bank of mum and dad, and although this has been widely discussed in the media, the reality is that it is just the tip of the iceberg.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES.....

As we have just celebrated the 100 years since the First World War, I thought it would be fitting to ponder on 1919. Looking through the old newspaper reports of the time, in the January and February of that year many of the brave men of Great Holland returned home. So may I share with you the report:

It was reported that on Christmas Day several local soldiers home on leave were present at the Parish Church Service. These included T. Bareham (Church clerk), A. Rouse and A. Mower, all of whom resumed their usual places in the choir. The collection, as usual, was taken on behalf of the widows in the congregation, each of whom received about a guinea.

04/01/1919. Pte B.B.Lubbock of 8th Lincolns (son of Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Lubbock) was demobilised from the Army. He had been wounded in the previous August and since then had been in hospital and a convalescent camp, but arrived home on Sunday evening.

Pte. G. Sutherwood (Middlesex Regt.), of Rose Villa, Kirby Road, had also been home on Christmas leave. He had seen service in the South African War, but owing to being over age at the time he volunteered, was not sent overseas during the late conflict.

11/01/1919. Corpl. Arthur Oxley, 12th Suffolk Regt., who had been taken prisoner on April 19th, 1918, at Fleurheux on the La Basse Front, had had a terrible experience, especially during the first four months before he began to receive parcels of food. Five days after being captured he was placed in a lock-up truck for three days and three nights without either food or water, and neither blankets nor overcoats to cover themselves with. After that they were crowded for 16 days in cells, where there was scarcely room to breathe. There they had one so-called meal a day and two drinks of water. Corpl. Oxley is the son of Mr & Mrs W. Oxley, and enlisted on April 9th 1915. He was at present staying with his aunt at Portsmouth.

25/01/1919. Sergt. F. F. C. Reed, Cavalry Machine-Gun Squadron, of the "Ship", was home on 14 days leave from Belgium. He had been out in France and Belgium for about a year.

01/02/1919. Pte. L.R. Lubbock R.A.M.C. (fifth son of Mr & Mrs T. B. Lubbock) had now been demobilised and was home once more. He joined the R.A.M.C. (possessing the St John's First Aid Certificate) in August 1914 and was for two years in Belgium and France where he was wounded in the right leg while performing his duties as a stretcher bearer, in 1916. Afterwards, he proceeded to Salonica, and was sent from there to Italy at the time of the Austrians' Great Push in November 1917, and was in Italy until demobilised.

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder, January 2019.

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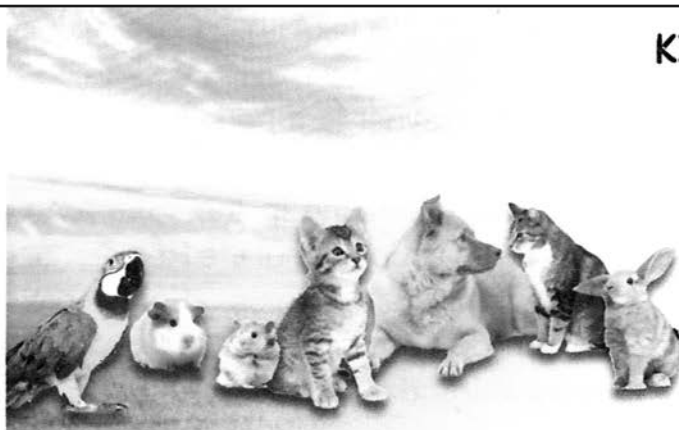
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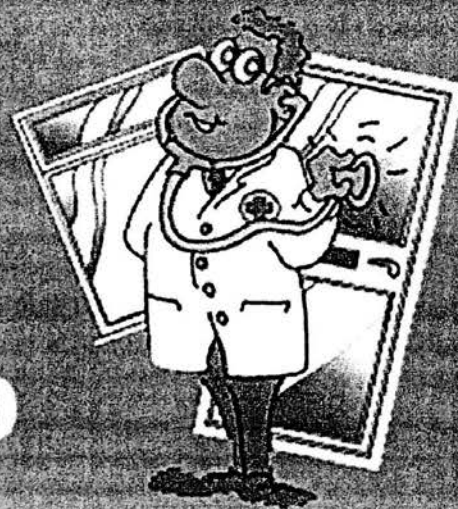
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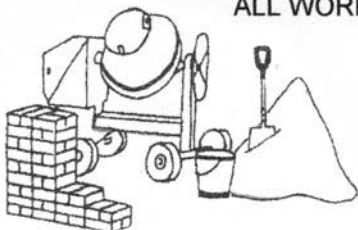
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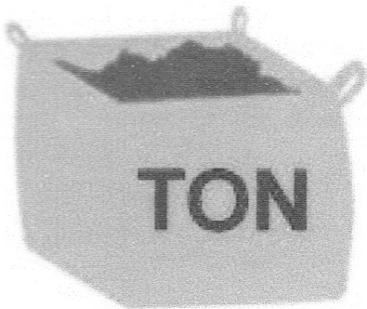


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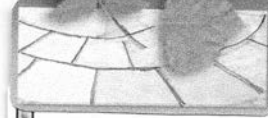


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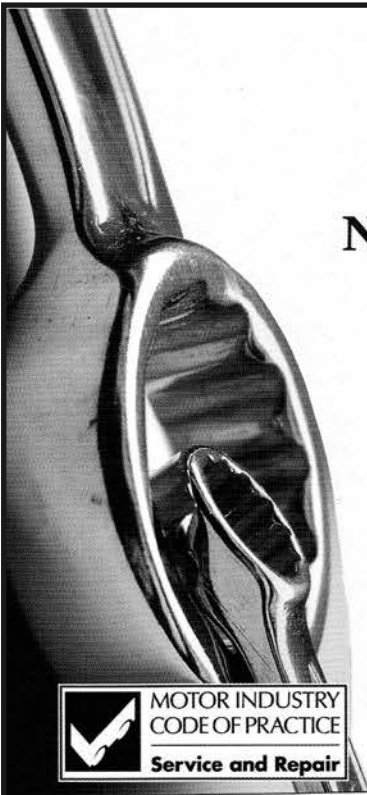


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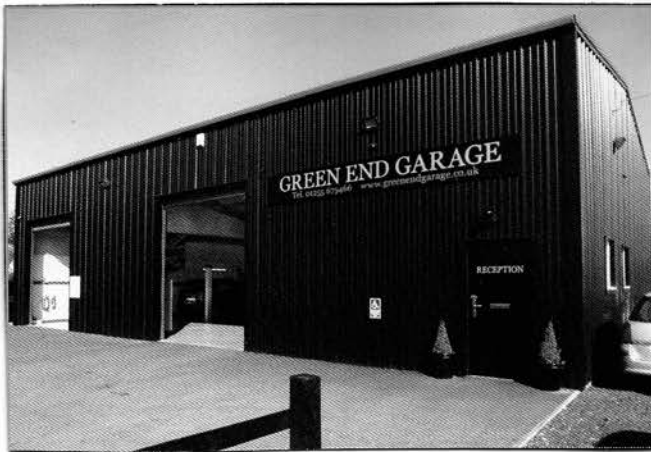


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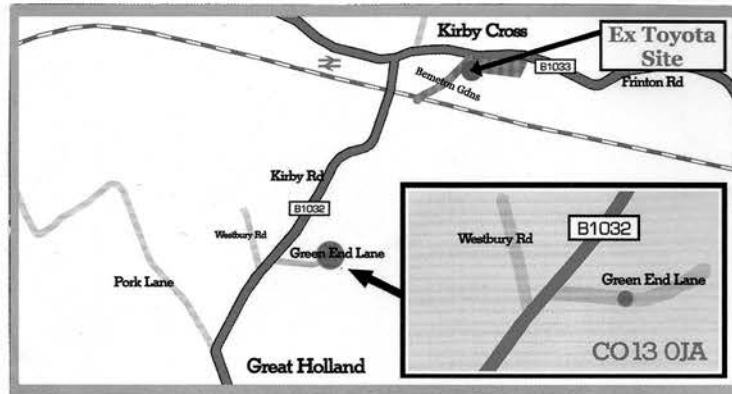
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