

Great Holland



December 2019 and January 2020



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FROM THE EDITOR

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Thank you for your continued encouraging comments about the magazine. This is the sixth edition under the new team and we are so pleased that we have been able to keep the magazine going. The production is time-consuming but very rewarding. I still get excited when I see the latest magazine in print! Please let me know if you have any suggestions for new articles and/or have any comments about the content of the magazine.

This month includes minutes of the Great Holland Residents' Association, the Chairman's letter and an article about saving the Village Green. There is an important meeting taking place in the Village Hall on January 20th at 10.30. Please attend if you can and find out what is going on. The meeting usually only takes an hour or so, is very interesting and coffee and biscuits are served!

I am delighted that the owners of Caxton Book Shop, Judith Charlesworth and Sally Johnson, have agreed to take over the book page. They will give us suggestions for reading and keep us informed of events happening in the shop. This month's suggestion is an absolute treasure and would make an excellent Christmas present for adults and children alike. We are so lucky to have such a lovely independent bookshop on our doorstep.

All that is left is for me to wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020.

Vanessa

Welcome To the December/January 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 February 2020 or March 2020 that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to be included?
- Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?
- Can you write an article for the magazine?
- Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?

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This is just a reminder that we have a village Facebook page. You will be asked a question which you will need to answer before you can be approved.

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	Links Combat Academy (self defence) 8 – 9pm Contact 07766 170848 www.linkscombatacademy.com
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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National Rail Enquiries	National Line	03457 484950
Essex Police	Non-Emergency	101
Crime Reduction Officer	David Gillies	101
Crimestoppers	National Line	0800 555111
Citizens Advice	(Clacton)	0844 4770808
Tendring Dial-a-Ride	Hurlingham Chambers, 61-65 Station Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SD	436962
Colchester General Hospital	Turner Road, Colchester CO4 5JL	01206 747474
Civic Amenity Tip	Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. Winter opening times (16 th October – end Of February): 9.00 am – 4.00 pm Summer opening times (1 st March – 15 th October): 9.00 am – 5.00 pm <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

in

GREAT HOLLAND VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 31st December 2019



**7.30^{pm}
to
12.30^{am}**

Entry by ticket

£5 Adults £2.50 Children

Bring your own food and drinks

Tickets from Sue Lead

Tel 07957 365 500

Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who supported our November Home Made Hour.

Our next Home Made Hours take place on **Saturday 7th December 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. **Please note that there is no Home Made Hour in January.**

The money raised at our friendly Home Made Hours is shared between All Saints' Church and Great Holland Village Hall. **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports these events. Can you provide any items for our Home Made Hours, please? We would be particularly grateful for donations of home made cakes, which are always popular. We also welcome home made preserves and surplus fruit, vegetables or plants from the garden. To find out more about our Home Made Hours, please contact Nickie Stack on 677984.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

I write this with a month to go to our next General Election.

I have no intention of pushing my political views or of enraging yours – but many are saying that this election had become a very clear choice between 2 sides and between 2 very different leaders.

There is an article by a past MP in the news today criticising both leaders – he says we're left with an "appalling choice".

And of course, once we're past this election, there will still be trouble, still be uncertainty and it won't be long before another choice comes.

But let me encourage you.

Just after the election, we'll have the chance to hear about something, someone who is so different to what we see before us and yet will do things so much better.

As the news of the election hits home and we begin to work out what it means, we have a chance to hear about a very different leader and a very different bit of news.

Each Christmas, we're reminded of these words:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The words speak about Jesus, the heart of the real and true Christmas. And notice how relevant he is. Christmas and all of Jesus' life and death show us that he is the true and best leader. He's Wonderful Counsellor, who cares for his people. He's Mighty God, one who has his own true strength, and isn't blown or tossed by the winds of change. He's Everlasting Father, never facing a vote of no confidence or a new election. And he's the Prince of Peace – doing what's good and right for us.

Come and hear more about him at our Christmas services. Yes, he'll make a welcome change but more than that – he'll change your life.

Mark Holdaway

ALL SAINTS' DIARY

December 2019

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	8th	8.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Joint Holy Communion with Kirby Morning Worship Crossways Church – Baker Hall
Sunday	15th	11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Communion Crossways Carols
Thursday	19th		Beaumont Manor Christmas Service
Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Saturday	21st	4.00pm	Christingle
Tuesday	24th	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday	25th	Christmas Day 8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th		To be confirmed

January 2020

Sunday	5th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	12th	8.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Combined Holy Communion with Kirby Morning Worship Crossways Church – Baker Hall
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	26th	11.00am	Morning Worship

There will be flyers through the door giving details of other Christmas festivities, such as carol singing.

GREAT HOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH

December 2019

Dear friends,

A few weeks ago I read an article that commented on the fact that there has been no production of 1p or 2p coins this year. This hasn't happened since 1972 and 1984 respectively. The reason given was that the 10.5 billion 1p coins and the 6.3 billion 2p coins that are in circulation are enough to go round.

As I read this it made me consider several things. Many people see 1p and 2p coins as almost worthless as they count for so little in themselves. Yet the numbers of coins in circulation suggest that there is a huge value! As we look at the world and the country in which we live we see that there are huge inequalities. People who are living in poverty and struggling to make ends meet doesn't give the impression that there is enough to go round. At a couple of meetings I've attended recently the comments have been made about Foodbanks, among other similar services, that it is so good that they are there but it's such a shame that they are needed.

All of this comes just as Christmas is around the corner. There will be those who are hoping for many presents but this may just not be possible. For some, they will think that there is not enough to go around at all. This undoubtedly puts pressure on people who feel that they need to live up to the expectations that society places upon them.

As we approach this Christmas time we do so knowing that God came to earth in human form in Jesus Christ. It is Christ's birth that we celebrate at Christmas. The real meaning of Christmas is love. God sent Jesus to earth out of his love for each and every person. There really is enough love to go around for everyone!

Jesus' birth reminds us of this. As we come to start to think about Christmas let us remember that there is enough love for everyone. In the midst of the busyness let's spend some time reflecting on Jesus' love for all people. Mary and Joseph lived their lives in a way that shared Christ's message of love with everyone. Are willing to do the same to show others that God's love is truly there for everyone?

I wish you a peaceful Christmas season and a time of God's rich blessings in your life and in the lives of those you love.

Chris

Dates for your Diary

December

Thurs 5 th December	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12 noon.
Saturday 7 th December	METHODIST CHURCH OPEN – SEE OVER THE PAGE
Sunday 8 th October.	METHODIST CHURCH OPEN – SEE OVER THE PAGE
Thurs 12 th December	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 noon.
Sat 14 ^h December	METHODIST CHURCH OPEN – SEE OVER THE PAGE
Sunday 15 th December	METHODIST CHURCH OPEN – SEE OVER THE PAGE
Thurs 19 th December	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 noon.
Tues 31 st December	New Year's Eve Party in Village Hall 7.30 pm– 12.30am

January

Thurs 2 nd January	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 noon.
Saturday 4 th January	NO HOME MADE HOUR IN JANUARY
Thursday 9 th January	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12noon.
Thursday 16 th January	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12 noon.
Thursday 23 rd January	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am – 12 noon.
Thursday 30 th January	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am - 12 noon.

Great Holland Methodist Church would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who supported our Autumn Fayre on 26th October. We are pleased to announce that the event raised £522 for church funds.

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.

METHODIST CHURCH

Under the Star is the Miracle of Love

The church will be open for two weekends for people to come and see our themed decorated church. The theme this year is “Under the Star is the Miracle of Love”

The church will be open:

Saturday 7th December from 10am – 4pm

Sunday 8th December from 1pm – 4pm

Saturday 14th December from 10am – 4pm

Sunday 15th December from 1pm – 4pm

Coffee, cakes and light lunches will be served all day.

Everyone welcome. Free Entry

The Story behind the Carol Silent Night

On Christmas Eve in 1818 the young priest of St Nicholas Parish Church in Obendorf, Germany, faced disaster. The organ had been incapacitated by mice. The chance of fixing the instrument before the evening service was nil. Father Joseph Mohr was not a man to give up, however. He pulled out a poem he had written several years before called “Stille Nacht”. Mohr took the poem to the schoolmaster and organist of a nearby town, Franz Xaver Gruber. He asked Gruber to write a melody to accompany the poem on guitar. In several hours Gruber had composed the music and the carol was played for the first time that night at the Christmas Eve Service.

The song was not translated into English for another 50 years and it is one of our favourite carols. The writing of the song is unique enough but another story associated with the song makes this carol special. In 1914, during the Christmas Truce, the song was sung in French, German and English simultaneously. It was apparently the one song that all the soldiers on both sides knew.

Dr Carla Mahmoud
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Thorpe Surgery Newsletter December 2019

By Dr Carla Mahmoud

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all well and I just wanted to remind you of the changes in staffing at the surgery. You will be aware that us GPs are becoming a rare breed-in fact there's the suggestion that David Attenborough will be doing a section on GPs alongside the Amur Leopard and Eastern Lowland Gorilla!

However, I want to assure you that our Nurse Practitioners and Emergency Care Practitioners (Paramedics) are all qualified at University degree level, if not post-graduate (Masters) degree level. Each of them has many years' experience to boot.

Some of the many queries and worries that we see on a daily basis in General Practice don't need a Doctor to identify, advise and treat. Most are minor problems that are well within the scope of our ANPs and ECPs. That does not mean that the problems are minor to you-quite the opposite. Dr Mathew and I are sure that the concerns you have will be the most important thing in your day. That is exactly why we have introduced clinical triage to the surgery, to get you to the most appropriate clinician for your problem.

During each day there is a Duty Doctor available on site or by telephone (as we do have 2 sites) and for home visit cover so there is constant advice and supervision of the clinical team. We are always trying to recruit GPs and other staff members, but North East Essex has always had problems attracting qualified medical staff. Everyone in our team works hard to make your surgery experience a satisfying one but we are working under very difficult circumstances. Please help us by making the surgery a place that people would want to work. Most of our patients are super supportive of the surgery and are a pleasure to look after but it only takes one or two to write something negative on social media and this can affect the image of the surgery and make it less appealing to potential new staff. Obviously, recruitment issues have a knock-on effect on services we are able to provide.

P.S. The masses of support that we do get on social media do not go un-noticed and this means so much to Dr Mathew and I and all the staff; it means more that you will ever know!

This is the last Newsletter of 2019 so I wish you all the happiest and healthiest of Christmases and the New Year and wish you all well for 2020!

Regards

Dr Carla Mahmoud and Dr Mathew Kattukaran

DECEMBER

*“Chill December brings the sleet,
Blazing fire and Christmas treat”*

Why is December called December?

This month gets its name from the Latin word for tenth, “decem”.

Special Days

December 1st – Advent. is the season four weeks before Christmas when we prepare for the coming of Christ. It begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30th, which this year is December 1st. Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ and its name comes from the Latin word “adventus”, which means coming. In churches one candle is lit for each Sunday in Advent. The four candles symbolise hope, love, joy and peace.

December 21st – Winter Solstice. This falls on the shortest day of the year and has been celebrated in Britain for hundreds of years. Many pagan traditions of Yule have found their way into the celebration of Christmas, including the yule log, the lighting of candles and fires, the decorating of homes with greenery and plants, feasting, dancing and the giving of gifts.

December 25th – Christmas Day. No one knows the real birthday of Jesus! No date is given in the Bible so why do we celebrate it on December 25th? A very early tradition said that the day when Mary was told she would give birth to Jesus (The Annunciation) was on March 25th, so nine months later would be December 25th. Some people also think that this date may have been chosen as the Winter Solstice and ancient pagan Roman midwinter festivals took place at this time so it was already a day when people celebrated things.

December 26th – Boxing Day. Traditionally, this was a day when landowners would distribute boxes of practical goods - food, cloth, agricultural tools - to their workers. Also, servants used to be allowed to take a portion of the food left over from the Christmas celebrations in a box home to their families.

December 31st – New Year’s Eve. This is celebrated at evening social gatherings where people drink, eat, dance and watch or light fireworks. In Scotland there is a big celebration known as Hogmanay.

JANUARY

*“The first month of the year,
A perfect time to start over again,
Changing energies and deserting old moods, New
beginnings, new attitudes”*

Why is January called January?

January was named after the Roman god, Janus, who was the god of gates and doorways. He was always drawn with two faces looking in opposite directions – one face looked back at the year that had passed and the other looked forward to the new year.

Special Days

January 1st – New Year’s Day. Traditionally on this day people make New Year’s Resolutions. The tradition of making resolutions started with the Romans too. As the January god, Janus, was looking backwards and forwards at the same time, he became a symbol for the Romans of forgetting what had happened in the past and moving on to the future. January, therefore, became known as a month in which to forgive people and to be kind.

January 5th – Twelfth Night is the twelfth night after Christmas and is on the eve of the Epiphany. Twelfth Night was traditionally an occasion of merrymaking and mischief. A fruitcake called Twelfth Cake would contain a dried bean and a dried pea and the man who found the bean would be King for the night and the woman who found the pea was Queen – even if they were normally servants. What followed would be an evening of misrule in which everything was turned upside down. Shakespeare picked up on this tradition when writing Twelfth Night – his best play in my opinion!

January 6th – Epiphany is commonly known as Three Kings’ Day or the Feast of the Epiphany. It means “manifestation” or “showing forth”. It commemorates when the three kings (also known as wise men or Magi) visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem. Epiphany refers not only to the day itself but to the church season which follows it – a season that has a varied length because it ends when Lent begins, and this depends on the date of Easter. Epiphany also commemorates the occasion when John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the River Jordan.

January 25th Burns Night. This is a celebration of the life and poetry of the Scottish poet Robert Burns. The first Burns supper was held in July 1801 when some friends got together to mark the fifth anniversary of their friend’s death. The night included a tasty meal (haggis, neaps and tatties), performances of Burns’ work and a speech in honour of the great Bard (now known as the Immortal Memory). The night was such a success that they decided to hold it again (this time in honour of Rabbie’s birthday, thus beginning the tradition we know today).

January 25th Chinese New Year. This is the Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. The first day of Chinese New Year begins on the new moon that appears between 21st of January and 20th February. In 2020, the first day of the Chinese New Year will be January 25th, initiating the Year of the Rat.

Puzzle Answers from the last edition

Literary Conundrums

Across the Lake is a thriller written by Walker.

One Hundred Degrees is a science fiction novel written by Davies.

One Long Night is a romance written by Carter.

Fab Forewords

The unscrambled words are:

ELEANOR, PAPERBACK, RIGBY, SUBMARINE, JUDE,
TOGETHER, BACK, YELLOW, COME, LANE, PENNY, GET,
WRITER AND HEY.

Paired up they make up the titles of Beatles' songs:

Come Together, Eleanor Rigby, Get Back, Hey Jude, Paperback
Writer, Penny Lane, Yellow Submarine

Winter - The night is freezing fast, Tomorrow comes December.
A. E. Housman

The chill of winter is gradually creeping in as I write, even though the autumn colours are still somewhat elusive and many leaves remain stubbornly green. Driving through the countryside yesterday to East Bergholt a majority of the leaves were still quite green but this is all starting to change. There are some notable exceptions as the Amelanchier has shed nearly all of the red foliage that we have been enjoying and is now just bare twigs but the large leaves of Cornus kousa, a flowering dogwood, are turning a deep red to give another focal point as well as the smaller dark leaves of Stachyurus praecox, with the promise of spring in the small, almost caterpillar like, flower buds forming along the twigs. My neighbours' Japanese Maple is slowly turning and I am hoping for a show of colour as spectacular as last year. A colder spell will soon speed up the process and we will be left with the barren trees of winter!

There are still a number of flowers braving the cold, the delicate pink Nerines are now looking their best, and although the early Cyclamen are nearly over, the later Cyclamen come are showing signs of appearing. This year most of my "summer" flowering Cosmos have been white and they continue to flower and seem to carry on until a much colder spell; they are a delight especially as dusk falls so early now that the clocks have gone back and they appear to shine in the gloom.

I have two camellias in pots, they are Sasangua varieties which can be damaged by frost and, as they are very delicately scented which is unusual for Camellias, I like to have them against the house wall for the winter so that I can enjoy both the delicate pink and white flowers and to catch the rather fugitive scent. This year they are both very full of flower, rewarding all the care and attention that has been lavished on them throughout the earlier part of the year!

Seed heads are both a useful source of food for birds as well as giving some interest to the garden, particularly in the event of frost and snow, so I am inclined to leave the Echinops, Phlomis, Acanthus and other herbaceous stems as well as the Clematis tangutica, whose sprawling growth is covered in rather spectacular fluffy seeds that will hang on through the winter if not eaten by the hungry wildlife in my garden. I prefer to leave many of the stems and leaves which I know some people think is rather messy but the pleasure the birds and insects enjoy from this sort of habitat is reward enough.

The Mimosa tree, which flowers any time from January depending on what weather we are blessed with, is covered in tiny, silvery buds which promise so much and give even more; one year the first flowers broke out just before Christmas so we wait to see what will happen and to look forward to the year to come.

Rethna Flaxman

Daniel Land's Blog

Winter 2019

Seasonal Greetings to one and all

I'd like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New-Year. Make the time as special as you can by spending it with family, neighbours and those around you. Folk can be lonely at this time of year and welcome a knock on the door and a mince pie.



The Residents Association Meeting.

I was able to provide a summary at the meeting of the things I have been involved with since May. The time has gone quickly but I already feel very much a part of the fabric of the village – you have all been so welcoming.

Village Hall car park improvements | hedge cutting | the summer fete | visited the Methodist coffee morning | sand bags for a resident | pumpkin patch visit | supported the village green movement | Harvest Festival church service | Homemade | Quiz / fish and chips | Nellie's 100 birthday | missed rubbish collections | visits to residents.

Mast in the village or other explanations perhaps...

I have been informed of a low pitch humming/vibrational noise that comes and goes and can be felt in properties around Pork Lane. **Is there anyone out there** who has experienced this? I would love to hear from you.

Pork Lane

There is a scheme in the offering to improve signage on the lane from our County Councillor Mark Platt. I have the opportunity of getting TDC to fill in some of the deeper depressions along the roadside with some plainings. This is just an option to help the situation, Essex County Council are responsible for roads but Tendring can offer some assistance, not a permanent fix but a help.

The quiz with accompanying fish and chips was a lovely evening, with some real brain teasers to go with the food. I very much like the amount of activities that take place in the village and thank the people who take the time to organise them.

With the help of Matt Hull (a local contractor), we had another go at the hedge line along Kirby Road, as the path for pedestrians gets ever narrower. Now that the hedge is tackled, the lower area at the bottom needs to be dug out and cleared too, which will hopefully be happening soon.

Before cutting



After cutting



I hope to see some of you in the lead up to the big day and remind everyone that I am contactable 365 days a year!

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

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

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

Speak soon

Daniel Land

District Councillor for Beaumont, Great Holland & Thorpe

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

01255 861116 / land_daniel@hotmail.com

PUZZLES

Winter Clothing

Dress each of these sets of letters in order to make complete words and phrases:

__ LD SWE __
__ SBEGO ____
__ BI __
____ E OF_
_ ARLIC C _

Five by Five

Arrange the following items into five groups of five. Some items may fit into more than one category, but there is only one arrangement in which each category contains exactly five items and all items are assigned.

LINCOLN, ATHENS, MUNICH, CHEETAH, TRUMP, TOYOTA, MINI, BUSH, GARFIELD, MOSCOW, HOOVER, RIGA, LEOPARD, BMW, LION, MINORITY REPORT, HOOK, TIGER, PARIS, JAGUAR, BRIDGE OF SPIES, PUMA, HONDA, FORD, ROME.

Cars	US Presidents	Animals	Cities	Films

The Caxton Bookshop Review

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy

This month's book review is about a wonderful new book released this autumn from the revered British illustrator Charlie Mackesy, a modern fable for all ages that explores life's universal lessons, it is full of wonderful drawings, reminiscent of Winnie the Pooh. Enter the world of Charlie's four unlikely friends, discover their story and their most poignant life lessons. It is destined to become a modern classic I feel sure. A reminder of the most important things in life. A book of hope for uncertain times.

Whilst already a compassionate, heart-warming online phenomenon, the conversations of the boy, the mole, the fox and the horse have been shared thousands of times online, recreated in school art classes, hung on hospital walls and turned into tattoos.

Charlie Mackesy's gently inspirational paintings and delicate calligraphic text fill this beautifully produced volume. The subtle, profound relationships between the quartet of characters form a plea for kindness and understanding. A heart-warming read for the winter months.

"What's your best discovery?" asked the mole.



"That I'm enough as I am" said the boy

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...

LOOKING BACK ONE HUNDRED YEARS TO DECEMBER 1919

Great Holland had a very busy social life after the First World War. Here are a few of the activities emerging:

FOOTBALL – A meeting was held at the Red Lion for the purpose of settling the affairs connected with the Football Club run prior to the outbreak of the war. It was ascertained that an amount of money was in hand and that it would be split between the newly formed Great Holland Football Club and Kirby Quoit Club.

The following week the team visited Thorpe Reserves and pulled off a victory of six goals to one. The Great Holland reserve team entertained and defeated Walton by 3 goals to 1.

CONCERT – Holland common Wesleyan chapel held a concert and gave great pleasure to the very large attendance present. Entertainment was given by members of Great Clacton Wesley Guild and recitations by local villagers. Solos were rendered, as were duets and trios by the Guild.

INSTITUTE SOCIAL – A highly successful social evening was arranged by the Village institute. There was a much appreciated musical programme with many vocal items. Miss Cooper, of Frinton, and Mrs Spinks, of Beaumont, acted as accompanist on the piano. Various games were indulged in, and a dance formed part of the evening's entertainment.

INSTITUTE CLASSES – A new departure made by the Village Institute Committee with arrangements being made to open in the new year classes for instruction in building and also poultry keeping free to members. In addition, an evening continuation course for children had been arranged.

NEW ORGANIST – Mr. A. Mead, of Colchester, who was appointed organist for the Parish Church, had made his first attendance the previous Sunday.

A special service was to be held at the Church on Christmas morning, to be followed by Holy Communion.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARS – four boys from great Holland School had won prizes offered by Brook Bond Ltd for painting and drawing., the most successful scholars being Tom Mower, Ronald Sutherland, Fred Pamment and George Rouse. Three girls had won prizes given by Mrs Hodgkins for needlework, the winners being Adelaide Bareham, Bessie Mayes and Elsie Wolton. A “Mothers’ Afternoon” was held in the schoolroom, where was displayed an excellent exhibition of needlework, painting, modelling etc from the older scholars, and a table of handicrafts from the infant class. A programme of recitations and songs provided much enjoyment for the visitors.

Liz Bruce, Local History Recorder

November 2019



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Co-Chair: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius: Myrna Lyles: Jane Kurzweil
Treasurer: Liz Oakley **Secretary:**Vanessa Giles **Planning Officer:** Alan Rusbridge

Dear Friends,

It's my turn this month and I was contemplating which crimes against humanity committed by Tendring District Council Planning and Essex County Council I should be focussing on. Should it be the extraordinary consistency with which TDC ignores every sound principle of planning that stands in the way of developers? Should it be ECC's ability to throw money at a flurry of road repairs only in the weeks leading up to an election (although the good news is that we can expect another such surge in the next few weeks) or its failure to monitor the quality of road repairs in places like Pork Lane (now in need of urgent attention about a year after a total resurface!)?

No! Enough of incompetence, arrogance and lack of civic responsibility. Let's look at some history instead.

A while ago, a couple of Great Holland's elderly residents raised the point that the footpath from the village into Frinton used to have an all weather surface and that Essex County Council ought to reinstate it. There were some romantic musings about the good old days when ladies could wheel their prams across the fields, presumably in high heels with ankle length dresses, since other residents of sixty plus years standing have no recollection of this utopia.



All has now been revealed by the Frinton and Walton Heritage Trust, which has kindly provided me with the documents and photographs. On 3rd June 1913, the resurfaced footpath was formally opened by an assembled crowd of the great and good, including the M.P. at that time, H.K. Newton, the Rector, Rev. F. Beadle, just about every public official in the area, a policeman to maintain public order and all to the accompaniment of the Great Holland Brass Band! The proceedings ended with the National Anthem. Strooth!

Well, it seems that the work was done pretty quickly once the money was raised, mainly by public subscription (about £150), but that months of wrangling had occurred during the preceding period. The motivation appears to have been that the Frintonian elite required the laundry services provided by the ladies of the Great Holland peasantry and carrying baskets of clothes along near impassable muddy tracks in winter threatened this vital supply chain. One suggestion was that the path should be resurfaced by levying a rate, but “the absentee landlords would threaten to raise the rents of the cottages”, leading to a decision to create a Footpath Fund open to public subscription. The final bill was partially met from the rates, however.

The end result is described as being “...about a mile in length and extends to the Frinton boundary, where it joins an asphalt path, is made up of gravel.” So, there you have the facts. What are the implications today? None, really. Although the present, statutory regime for footpath maintenance did not exist at that time, it has never been the case that this footpath had a truly all weather surface or that a public liability ever arose to create or maintain one. Still, it’s an interesting little cameo from the past about local action and an odd mixture of unadulterated self-interest and civic pride.



While on the subject of public footpath maintenance, Essex County Council states that it discharges its responsibilities in that regard by scheduling work once annually. This, of course, is a straightforward lie! Anyone in Great Holland who uses any of our footpaths knows that. Maybe you're all suffering because I keep saying nasty things about ECC and that they do what they say everywhere except Great Holland! Could we also be in for a flurry of pre-election footpath activity, as well as pothole repairs? Do please report any known cases.

I have been told that some residents feel rather Let down by GHRA, because we have not opposed the plan to build a car park at the newly refurbished playground on the corner of Pork Lane. Let me explain. If there is a fundamental issue regarding planning or any other matter affecting the village, GHRA will debate its view and express the result forcibly. For example, if a group of our residents decided to support a large, inappropriate back land development, we would argue against that on fundamental planning grounds. That would be GHRA's duty; to defend the long term interests of the village. And it would not be a decision by a private cabal. It would be brought to the next meeting for final decision.

The Pork Lane car park proposal is not like that. Local residents want it because their convenience is impaired by visitors' cars. Other residents oppose it as inappropriate development in a green space. This is not an issue of fundamental principle. It is a genuine difference of view, in which neither side is behaving unreasonably or irrationally. GHRA cannot and should not become involved by taking a position supporting one view. I really hope that you can all appreciate this point. GHRA represents the village as a whole. It is not a political party. Its function as a pressure group must be limited to those matters affecting the long term interest of the village.

One final thought is to ask if anyone knows what happened to the Great Holland Brass Band?

Best regards,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius Co-Chair GHRA



Save Our Village Green

I'm sure most of you are aware of our lovely village green situated on the junction of Pork Lane, Main Road and Kirby Road. Many of you may take your children and grandchildren there to play, to enjoy a picnic, or you might walk your dog there.

You may not be aware of the battle which took place in early 2019 to save a large chunk of the green from development into a 10-15 space car park. A group of us became aware of the Town Council's plans and attended several council meetings to protest and to explain why the green space is so important to us, to the wildlife and also to the community as a whole.

A positive side to all of this was that over the summer we enjoyed our first village tea party on the green, some outdoor yoga sessions and more recently a couple of families have used the space for children's parties. Our village green really does have the potential to return to being the heart of our community.

After a couple of months of discussions the Council relented and put the plans on hold for 6 months. Whilst this is a brilliant temporary result we want to ensure that this space remains a village green rather than a car park. So we have asked our residents' association to provide ongoing support in this fight. In order to do this they need the approval of the association's members, so at the January meeting there will be a members' vote on the motion.

If you would like to join in the discussion, or to vote (either way) then please come along to January's meeting - we look forward to seeing you there.

Brenda and Tony Gull - Woodview House





GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

of the meeting held on

SATURDAY 19th October, 2019 at 10.30am in the Village Hall

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Paul and Birgitta Fletcher- Tomenius, Chris Keston, Alan and Jeanne Large and Hazel Martin.

2) Minutes of the Meeting of meeting of 11th May 2019

The minutes were approved.

3) Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising

4) Treasurer's Report

The balance is £3023 with £202 in cash. Recently £1000 was spent on the defibrillator. The current membership is 77.

5) Planning Report

Alan Rusbridge presented his report as follows:

Applications Received

19/00726 – Land adjacent Larkwood, Kirby Road

19/00724 – Land to rear of Hollyoak, Pork Lane (see appeal decision)

19/01077 – Two additional properties to five already approved on land adjacent to Hollyoak

19/01280 – Conservatory extension – 2 the Crescent

19/01946 – Land at Larges Farm Cottage – amendment to approved design

Applications Decided

19/00847 – Variation of condition for revised layout and elevations – Studio Cottage, Church lane

19/01007 – Farndon, Pork Lane – variation of approved design

19/00716 – Land at Green Lane – outline for one property

19/01283 – Removal of agricultural condition – Green End Farm House

Appeal Decisions

18/1571/OUT – Land to rear of Hollyoak for 5 bungalows – Dismissed

Conclusion. I note that the Council cannot currently demonstrate a five year supply of land for housing. However, Paragraph 177 of the Framework makes it clear that the presumption is in favour of development does not apply where a proposal makes it likely to have a significant effect on a Protected Site. My findings in respect of whether the site is a suitable location for housing indicate that planning permission should be granted notwithstanding the conflict with the development plan that I have found. However, I have also found that the development could have a likely significant effect in combination on a habitats site and, on the evidence before me, I cannot be satisfied that the likely significant effects can be screened out on the basis of avoidance or reduction measures. The appeal is therefore dismissed for this reason.

Local Plan Update

Nothing further to report

16/00234 Barn in Pork Lane - Breach of conditions – Planning enforcement visited and conditions to be discharged.

6) PCSO Report

A number of incidents were mentioned. Some have already been reported in the last two issues of the Village Voice and some will be detailed in the next edition out at the end of November.

There was a discussion about the traffic in Pork Lane, which is becoming faster and faster. Unfortunately, there is no possibility of using Speed Watch as it is such a dangerous road to monitor. Many people are now using Pork Lane as a cut-through, including large lorries. We were told to contact the Highways Department re the speed limit on Pork lane and they would monitor activity at the reservoir.

After this item it was requested that people should stand at the front if they want to ask a question or make a comment, as audibility is a concern. Microphones should hopefully be arranged by the next meeting.

7) Daniel Land – District Councillor for Beaumont, Great Holland and Thorpe

Daniel thanked the village for the warm reception he has received from the village.

He detailed the many things that he has been involved with or which are on-going:

Work on the Village Hall car park

Additional hedge cutting – arranged with a local farmer in Pork Lane. A big focus has been on the corner of The Crescent and Main Road

He was gunged at the Village Fete!

He has visited many local activities

Church Lane has suffered on-going flooding issues and Daniel has helped to provide sandbags

He has attended two meetings with Frinton and Walton Town Council.

He recommended the village Home made Hour as a good place to meet people and to taste lovely cakes.

He also praised the Harvest Festival Service held at All Saints' on September 29th and commented on the lovely spread afterwards.

The wheelie bin collections have had a few teething problems but Daniel has good contacts and is trying to resolve them. There is a particular problem in Little Clacton Road.

Mark Platt also addressed the meeting and explained that there was a six-month reprieve on the car park proposed for the Village Green. We have representatives on the Frinton and Walton Town Council in Chris Keston and Dan Land and they will keep an eye on the ball.

The decision about the development of the Lifehouse land is being taken to the High Court where 3 judges will decide. If the High Court gives their approval then it will go back to appeal again.

He also reiterated that things take time and that sometimes when it seems that nothing is being done it is just that a more permanent solution is being sought. An example of this is the nasty pothole which appeared at the roundabout and, as a result, cars were

damaged. A quick fix would have been to patch the hole but instead the whole of the junction was re-done. The philosophy is always to provide a more permanent solution.

There is a move to reduce the speed limit in Kirby Road from 40 to 30. There are now 4 extra houses on this stretch, which has assisted the argument for the need to reduce the speed. This is mainly due to campaigning by Mr and Mrs Newton.

Alan explained that Pork Lane is a country lane and as such is designated the national speed limit of 60 mph. There are extra problems caused by the bends in the road and extra signage is being sought. We need more warnings on this road and to make the signage more prominent. Newly qualified drivers find the road difficult to negotiate and the road is unsuitable for HGV vehicles. HGV signage is in the pipeline, however. The general feeling was that diversions through Pork Lane have exacerbated the problems and it should not be used for such a purpose and different diversionary routes should be used even if they are longer. Quiet lane status has been sought but with no success so far.

8) Alan Hawtree – Great Holland Footpath Maintenance

Alan was absent but his report was presented by Dan Land. One footpath going across the fields was blocked but, thanks to Alan, it has been cleared. Dan Land has also been involved in this. The footpaths are cut once a year but they grow back quickly and maybe getting a group together to keep the footpaths clear would be a good idea. All footpaths are numbered for ease of reference and Dan offered to liaise with the farmer(s) responsible should any problems arise.

9) Remembrance Sunday

A vote was taken about the purchase of a wreath which was passed unanimously. Liz Oakley will procure the wreath and it will be laid by a committee member on behalf of the association.

10) Vote of Thanks

Myrna gave a vote of thanks to committee members stepping down – Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius, Sheila Watts, Sandra Mooney and Linda O'Reilly – and thanked them for their service.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting:

SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY 2020, 10.30 AM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020 AT THE PARISH ROOMS AT 5.00 PM

Any Other Business

Sheila mentioned about the Village Hall Fish and Chips Quiz Night to be held in the Village Hall at 6.30 for 7.00 on Saturday November 2nd.

Proposed Car park: several people expressed a wish for a vote to be taken for and against the car park. It was explained that, as an association, we cannot be seen to be taking sides.

This item should be on the agenda for next time and the whole village should be advised, via the Village Voice, that a discussion is going to take place. Brenda Cox kindly offered to write an article on this subject for the magazine.

Alan Rusbridge is happy to be involved at the planning side.

Signage on the Main road and on Pork Lane was discussed. As a country road Pork Lane is designated the national speed limit and as, thankfully, there have been no deaths on the road, statistically there is no evidence to see Pork Lane as a problem. There was discussion concerning whether car drivers, on seeing the end of the speed restriction sign invariably accelerate into The Crescent/Pork Lane. Losing lane status might on the one hand enable consideration by Highways to reduce the speed limit, however, it would mean that Pork Lane would be included when roads suitable as diversions were selected. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, once HGV drivers discovered a new route in a given location it tended to become their route of choice for future journeys.

It was agreed to send Nelly Spencer a 100th birthday card.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.35 am.

Fungi – More than just mushrooms

When the sunshine relieves us
Just before the snow.
The rains wet the soil
And the mushrooms grow!

(Wordventurer)

At this time of year, I frequently enjoy the last vestiges of the summer as I savour the outdoors. The cool mornings give way to the warmth of midday and a few butterflies and a few dragonflies remain, marking out the warm sheltered spots where reserve visitors also like to congregate.

If we venture out a little earlier in the chill of the morning, there are other striking things to see at their best. The larger fungi of the standard mushroom shape are familiar to us, but in this same category are countless smaller examples and fungi of different form altogether.

So what are they? In the tree of life the study of their genetic makeup, their DNA, confirms that we are closer relatives to them than to the plants. Though fungi are rooted to the ground they are not plants and their growth and reproduction is based on consuming the nutrients provided, in most cases by plants, but also by animals and sometimes their own fungus family.

This autumn the fungi at the Pits have been rather more colourful than in some previous years. I think the damp October has contrasted with the dry of recent seasons. Particularly striking were batches of the well-known Fly Agarics, with the familiar red cap dotted with white spots. These flaky fragments are what are left of a white layer which covers the tiny cap as it emerges from the soil on a mild night, but stretched out into specks.



The structure of our most familiar mushrooms

A puff ball the size of a football developed by a path, mostly over one night, which will eventually be rolled around by the wind when it has matured, giving off many millions of spores to settle in suitable places to start another fungal growth. How do they, unlike plants which generally grow and mature slowly, apparently

develop so quickly? The bit above the ground is a very small part of the organism, most of it is a web of hair-like threads under the ground which develops for many years, and these threads take in the nutrients from decaying plant material. The damp mild autumn nights trigger these threads called Hyphae to produce the visible above ground structures.

There are many different forms including Bracket Fungi which grow on trees, and at the Pits in spring there are sometimes unusual bright red fungi called Elf Caps, which break down dead willow wood.



Bracket Fungi on a tree stump

There is a limited culture in Britain of eating wild fungi, and no one should be complacent about their potential toxicity. There have been problems of over collection of wild fungi in some of our open spaces too, mostly by commercial collectors supplying restaurants and hotels, so if you collect any, please only take one or two.



Upright Coral Fungi

Indoor Meetings

Thursday 23rd January

Great Bentley Village Hall, Snake Charming at Great Holland Pits and elsewhere, Max Martin

Thursday, 20th February

Naze Centre, AGM and illustrated wardens' reports

Thursday 19th March

Great Bentley Village Hall, The amazing world of bees, Ted Benton

POLICE REPORT

7th September – Report of a tree down on the marshes. Police attended and a small branch was removed to the side of the road.

10th September – Clacton Road – vehicle being driven with no lights on and driver initially failed to stop for the police. After a short while the vehicle did eventually stop and the elderly driver was spoken to and apologized for not having his lights on.

24th September – Rectory Road – resident had fallen over within their property. An ambulance was called and attended.

28th September – Female attended the Tesco main store in Clacton and purchased £400 worth of Amazon vouchers. Staff became concerned that the person may have been scammed. Staff noted the index number of the person's car and contacted police, who were able to trace the person. Officers attended the person's address in Great Holland and, upon speaking to the resident, it appeared that they had received a telephone call from a person purporting to be from the HMCR, stating that the resident owed money. The resident was then told to purchase Amazon vouchers to the value of £2000. Once this had been done they were then told to scratch off the silver panel on the back of the vouchers and then to "WhatsApp" the serial numbers over to the suspect. This then enabled the suspect to spend the vouchers by ordering goods online. All information has been passed to Action Fraud who are carrying out enquiries.

8th October – Alarm activation at Green Lane which turned out to have been set off in error.

28th October – Rectory Road – report of fireworks landing in the road and at other properties. Resident was spoken to and wasn't aware. No damage was caused.

8th November – Main Road. Report of fireworks upsetting and stressing out some horses. Police did not attend and advice was given to contact the RSPCA.

9th November – Report of an abandoned vehicle in Westbury Road. An officer attended, the vehicle was all in order and not causing an obstruction.

There has also been an increase in vans being broken into and tools stolen. This is happening in all areas, so be vigilant and remove all tools, phones, etc from your vehicles.

For any information on crime prevention please visit the Essex Police website or alternatively email me and I can arrange for some information to be delivered. To stop unwanted phone calls contact the www.gov.uk website and sign up to the telephone preference service, which should put a halt to unwanted calls or your phone provider should be able to offer the service.

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Regards

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Clacton's 'Mad About Theatre Company' have joined forces with local Great Holland songwriter and musician Matthew Gough and created two very special Christmas singles for Clacton-on-Sea! This year the local theatre group have campaigned against the negative image Clacton has received from the national consumers' association 'Which?', and started the "Clacton It's A Shore Thing Campaign".

As part of this project Indi Allen and Matthew rewrote a song they had originally written for a show at the West Cliff Theatre in the Town some years before. They then used this new recording "Clacton Rock" as part of a new community film. The song was used for a 'flash mob' event at Clacton Pier this summer which features in the film.

Matthew and Indi then wrote 'Clacton Christmas', the first ever Christmas Song written for Clacton! Matthew has recorded and produced the 2 records which are available to stream and download from iTunes, Amazon, Spotify and all other digital outlets.

Each song costs 99p to download and all sales will go to support local community theatre projects by 'Mad About Theatre Clacton'. The Mad About Theatre Company have already raised £93,000 for various causes from their shows and events over the past 19 years.

Company Director Indi Allen says "Matthew Gough has once again graciously given his time to this project and we wanted to produce some work that would give a sense of pride and fun to local people. Music is a great bond in bringing people together and building a sense of community. We will use this music as our response and "friendly" campaign to turn the tide on the negativity created by the Which? report. The Clacton community have embraced the 'Clacton It's A Shore Thing Campaign.' Help to give Clacton its first ever Christmas hits!

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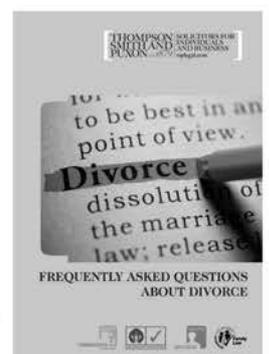
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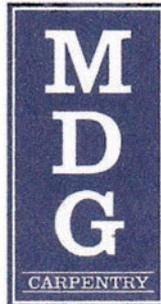
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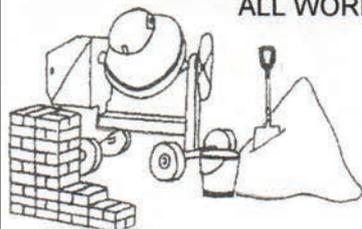
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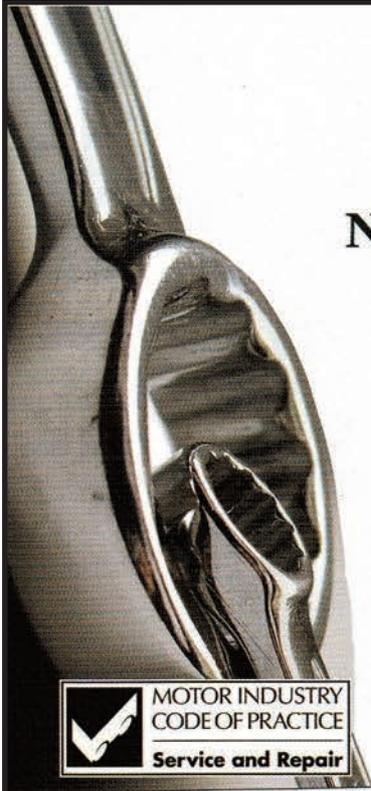


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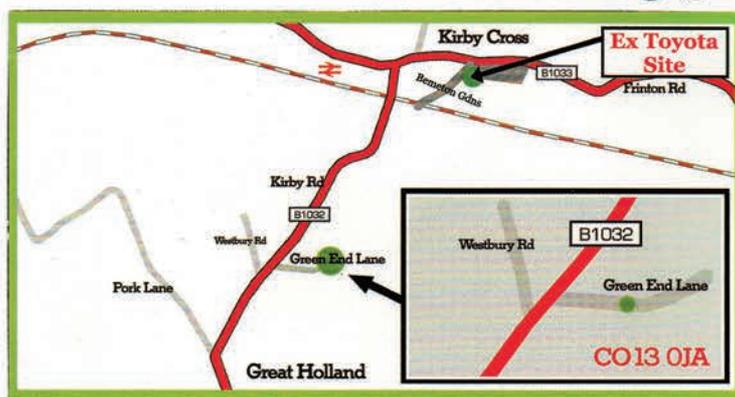
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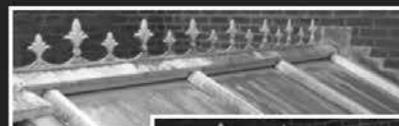
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