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FROM THE EDITOR

If all goes to plan, I hope that this issue will have arrived on your doormats, rather than existing just as a digital edition. As I write, we are aiming to get a firm to deliver the Village Voice safely, wearing protective clothing.

The lockdown has been a unique experience unknown in our lifetimes but hopefully life will slowly but steadily get back to normal and we will avoid a second wave of the virus. The loss of life has been devastating and we are all most grateful for our key workers, especially those in the NHS.

Like most of you, I have just been obeying the message to “Stay Home” and have occupied my time by tidying cupboards, keeping in touch with family and friends, reading even more than usual, preparing this magazine and going on daily walks, which have been a particular pleasure.

Our walks have taken us across the fields and golf course to the sea, to Kirby Le Soken and the beautiful backwaters, from Thorpe via Mill Lane to Little Clacton, and to other places. We have discovered footpaths we didn't know existed and have watched crops growing, beautiful flowers, such as bluebells, flourishing and baby lambs growing up, amongst other things.

I feel very fortunate to live in such a lovely part of the country with easy access to sea and countryside and have appreciated this even more during the last two months. Nature is also generally providing an antidote to feelings of anxiety and stress right now. Our lives have been suspended but nature continues to delight and soothe our spirits. Hopefully, we will continue to appreciate nature as much when life returns to normal.

I wish you all a happy and healthy June and July.

Vanessa

Welcome To the June/July 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 August 2020 or September 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?

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"I am the master of my fate, the captain of my soul."

Many people have found these words inspiring. They come from the last two lines of the poem "Invictus" by William Earnest Hanley.

His story is pretty inspiring – in Victorian England he suffered from tuberculosis and lost his leg because of it. (He was the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's Long John Silver!) He wrote this poem after nearly losing his second leg.

The poem also plays a strong part in the Invictus Games, the games for injured service personnel and veterans, with its motto, "I Am!"

The poem has also been used by Nelson Mandela while in prison, and in a wartime address by Winston Churchill.

And, perhaps to bring us down to earth, they were also the last lines of Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber.

It has undoubtedly been the inspiration to many.

But I wonder if these last weeks and months and months might make us sit up and realise that, while the words are inspiring and speak of the truth that we have great privilege, responsibility and control over our lives, that's not the whole story.

The last weeks and months have surely underlined the news (it is good news) that actually everyone has had their plans changed in some way.

The old phrase, "deo volente", or "God willing" is perhaps more appropriate.

Mark Holdaway

We are hoping that we might be able to Open All Saints and meet on Sundays as soon as we can.

In the meantime, we have online services available and details can be found here:

<https://stmichaelskirby.org.uk/sermons/>

Methodist Church Letter

29th April 2020

Dear friends,

As these rather strange times continue there are a variety of signs and symbols which are starting to be associated with the situation. On a very human level we have all got a soft spot for Captain Tom. His remarkably simple idea of walking around the garden has raised many millions of pounds for the NHS in recognition of the care which he had received and of the care currently being offered. On a much less active level many houses have a rainbow in their window whilst others have a rainbow and a thank you to the NHS underneath it. Even Prince Louis, whose birthday was last week, entered into the tribute as well sporting rainbow painted hands. For many the rainbow has become a symbol of hope as well as a tribute to the amazing work that the NHS is undertaking.

When we first see a rainbow in the Bible it is in Genesis. The flood which had caused such devastation was finally over and everyone had left the ark, all of the animals as well as Noah and his family. God had told them all to go and to make their lives in new places. God made a covenant with Noah and his sons says that they and their descendants and all living creatures to say that he would never again would there be a flood that would destroy the earth. The sign of this covenant was a rainbow in the sky. The rainbow was a symbol of hope for the future and it was a sign of God's promise for the future.

Over recent weeks we have had very little rain and the sun has been shining. There has been little opportunity for us to see a rainbow, except in people's homes. Yet it remains a symbol of hope for us all. It is hope for those who are in hospital, for those who work in the NHS, as carers and other essential workers; for those who are helping with the local delivery services that have been set up; for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones either to the virus or to other causes; it is a symbol of hope that this situation will end.

As I chat with people around the Circuit I hear of people who are finding new ways of being with each other, new ways of sharing with each other, new friendships being made, and a tremendous culture of care and concern for others. We are developing a sense of community together in a dispersed way but we all know that we are there for each other. That is a sign of hope too.

God's hope is true certainty. It is not a 'maybe' it is certainty. The rainbow is a sign of God's promises that we know are always kept. As we take our daily walk or make the essential journeys that are needed and clap the NHS and carers on a Thursday evening let us see it as a sign of God's hope for the future. Let's see it as a symbol of hope for the Circuit and communities in which we live and worship. Let us be constantly reminded of God's hope today and every day.

God bless
Chris

JUNE IN HISTORY

5th June

Today in 1833 Ada Lovelace met Charles Babbage, the “father of computers” for the first time. Ava was the only legitimate child of the poet Lord Byron’s marriage to Ada’s mother, Lady Anne Isabella Milbanke Byron. The marriage was not a happy one and a few months later Lord Byron left England and Ada never saw her father again. He died in Greece when Ada was 8 years old.

Ada had an unusual upbringing for an aristocratic girl in the mid-1800s. At her mother’s insistence, tutors taught her mathematics and science as she believed that engaging in rigorous studies would prevent Ada from developing her father’s moody and unpredictable temperament. From early on Ada showed a great gift for mathematics and when she was 17, she met Charles Babbage, a mathematician and inventor. The pair became friends and the much older Babbage served as her mentor. Ada was fascinated by Babbage who had invented the Difference Engine, which was meant to perform mathematical calculations. He also created plans for another device called the Analytical Machine, designed to perform more complex calculations.

Later Ada was asked to translate an article on Babbage’s Analytical Engine that had been written by an Italian engineer. She not only translated the original French text into English but added her own thoughts and ideas on the machine. In her notes Ada described how codes could be created for the device to handle letters and symbols along with numbers. She also theorised a method for the engine to repeat a series of instructions, a process known as looping, that computer programs use today.

More than even Babbage himself, Lovelace appreciated what his Analytical Engine might achieve. The algorithm she published for the machine has led to her being called the world’s first programmer.

10th June

Today in 1829, two teams from two of the world’s oldest universities – Oxford and Cambridge – competed in a race that had begun as a challenge between two friends who had studied together at Harrow. The favourites, Cambridge, sat in a handsome pink boat, dressed in matching white suits with pink waistbands. They had won the toss and chose the Berkshire side of the river. Oxford in their green boat were dressed in dark blue. The two teams seemed evenly matched but slowly Oxford moved ahead and, despite a ferocious Cambridge counter-attack, maintained a lead through the rest of the race. When Oxford reached the bridge in Henley, after 2.25 miles, it was all over: they had won the inaugural Boat Race and a princely prize of 500 guineas.

Today the race is held in London, the crews weigh on average over 25 kilograms more than their founding forebears and they race almost twice the distance, in much sleeker carbon fibre boats. Cambridge have ditched the pink for light blue while Oxford still wear dark blue.

JULY IN HISTORY

12th July

The most powerful man in the world was humiliated on this day in 1807. Not by an enemy army, nor by an eloquent opponent but by rabbits!

Napoleon Bonaparte dominated Europe from the border with Russia to the Atlantic coast. A few days beforehand he had signed a treaty with the Russian Tsar carving up the continent and sealing a peace deal between the two great powers. Bestriding the continent like no-one before him since the Romans, it was clearly time for a party! His chief of staff, Berthier, organised a shoot, grand picnics were laid on and loaders, beaters and other staff scurried around the sportsmen. The quarry today was rabbits – thousands of them had been rounded up and they would be released and driven towards the waiting guns.

However, when the cages were opened the rabbits did not scurry in fright. Instead, they bounded toward Napoleon and his men. Hundreds of fuzzy bunnies attacked the world's most powerful man. Napoleon's party had a good laugh at first. But as the onslaught continued, their concern grew. The rabbits allegedly swarmed the emperor's legs and started climbing up his jacket. Napoleon tried shooing them with his riding crop, as his men grabbed sticks and tried chasing them. The coachmen cracked their bullwhips to scare the siege. But it kept coming.

Napoleon retreated, fleeing to his carriage but they did not stop. According to historian David Chandler, "with a finer understanding of Napoleonic strategy than most of his generals, the rabbit horde divided into two wings and poured around the flanks of the party and headed for the imperial coach." The flood of bunnies continued—some reportedly leapt into the carriage. The attack ceased only as the coach rolled away. The man who was dominating Europe was no match for a battle with bunnies.

It was Berthier's fault. Rather than trapping wild hares, his men had bought tame rabbits from local farmers. As a result, the rabbits did not see Napoleon as a fearsome hunter, they saw him as a source of food. This bizarre tale is a reminder that imperial power is a human construct, to our animal cousins we are just another ape.

24th July

The first Olympic marathon was won – initially – in London by a diminutive Italian called Dorando Pietri, on this day in 1908. It ended in a lap at the Olympic track at White City.

Pietri entered the stadium utterly exhausted, and first went the wrong way - until umpires put him right – and was then helped up several times when he collapsed. The

final assisted 350metres took him ten minutes. When the second placed runner, American Johnny Hayes, protested, Pietri was duly disqualified. However, his achievement was revered all the same and drew plaudits from around the world. In spite of his removal from the official results, Queen Alexandra awarded him a special gelt cup.

This first Olympic marathon course ran from Windsor Castle to the White City Stadium, through Eton, Slough and other places in west London such as Harrow and Wembley. The precise distance had not yet become established. Organisers had simply requested a race of about twenty-five miles.

The impossibility of entering the track by the royal entrance, and the need to preserve a good view of the finish, meant the final lap was run clockwise rather than the more usual anti-clockwise. As a result the final distance was 26 miles plus 385 yards on the track and so renowned had this race become that in future its arbitrary length became the standard.



THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

The school at Great Holland was situated in front of the Glebe Barn in Rectory Road and consisted of two main classrooms, the longer of which was at times partitioned off to accommodate two separate classrooms. This was a church school and was run in conjunction with the Church, the church leaders being the school managers. It catered generally for about 50 pupils, originally up to age 14 and later days to age 11+, pupils then going on to Walton Senior School.

Between the wars the families were often poor and at one time the teachers ran a "Boot Club" – money was paid in each week to pay for the children's shoes. Often in bad weather some were unable to pay as their fathers worked in the building trade and had had a "wet week", for which they received no wages.

There were no school dinners in those days, so the children either went home or brought in sandwiches (often dripping) at lunch time.

One headmistress, Miss Lowry, came from the North of England and was often known to shout. At the beginning of a singing lesson her cry would be, "Now no loud singing, yelling or shouting."

On Armistice Day everybody used to cross the road to the War Memorial and a short service was held there. Likewise, on certain days in the year, such as Ascension Day, a school service would be held in the church.

An earlier mistress, before my time, was a Miss Rolf. My mother (then Miss Wood), who was a colleague of Miss Rolf towards the end of her "reign", used to tell of how she punished naughty children by knocking them on the top of their heads with her knuckles. I understand, however, that she was very well respected.

In the days before free milk came on the scene, the school supplied drinks of Horlicks every morning, which would seem quite a luxury, even now.

The water for this was fetched from the pump directly opposite the village hall by two of the older boys.

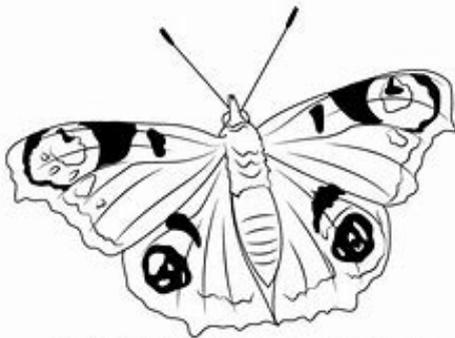
The school ceased to function during the Second World War, when it was damaged during an air raid. The children were then transferred to Kirby School for a year while the school was rebuilt, then they returned to Great Holland. Subsequently the school was closed as it was realized that the foundations were damaged.

Isolating but not Alone

“What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.” William Henry Davies

Like so many other people I have been self-isolating and missing many special days and events with family and friends, however I have managed to find consolation in many ways. I am extremely fortunate in having a large garden which occupies a great deal of my time in the spring which at the moment, is a good thing! This has meant that I have more time to observe details which I might otherwise have missed. I have always been interested in nature for as long as I can remember and watching the birds and insects as well as studying flowers and trees has been a way that I have enjoyed spending my time. Whether it is because the weather has been so amazing or because the time has been available, I do not know but this year has been a year of bounty on all levels.

Early on the spring flowers seemed particularly prolific, continuing with the daffodils and tulips and all the fruit and ornamental blossom. This was to the great joy of the bees as they emerged as soon as warmth encouraged them, particularly the large bumble bees searching for any pollen which is available. They are quite fortunate here as I have early flowering shrubs which they love and, as I do not like a garden which is too orderly, there is plenty for them to feast on. The butterflies have already been adding their unique qualities to the scene; so far I have had the pleasure of watching Peacocks, with their spectacular patterned wings, Holly Blues which are, I think, more plentiful this year, as well as Orange Tips and the stunning brimstones. One of the most entertaining of all are the Gatekeepers as they “dance” together in the sunshine, never seeming to tire.



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I have noticed that the birds have been particularly busy this spring or is it because I have more time to watch them. They are always demanding more food, not exactly with menace but certainly with determination. My shopping list for “essentials” regularly has sunflower seeds on and my kind and helpful neighbours are beginning to wonder what I am doing with them all. They are the particular favourites of the Green Finches and Gold Finches, who are regular visitors this year as well as all the various Tits and other mixed species. They all give me so much pleasure, regardless of this being such a difficult time.



The garden, with all that it has to share with us, brings great consolation but the support and help of family and friends is, without a doubt, the most valuable part of my life and, I am sure many others at present. My family are all too far away to come and help but they are in touch constantly and I am finally coming to grips with technology! I could not manage without my neighbours and my friends locally, hence my title and the knowledge that being isolated could be so much worse.

I finish almost as I began:

“A poor life this if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.

Rethna Flaxman



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,

I am assuming everyone knows that asbestos is extremely dangerous and should only be handled by properly trained and equipped experts. There are probably a good many people who know there are specialist contractors who deal with this awful stuff. I imagine that, if anyone asked you to guess how this was all managed safely, you would probably say something like, “I guess the local authority deals with it, or some government agency.” In my own case, I had assumed that the whole business was probably dealt with by the Health and Safety Executive, probably through some kind of outsourcing, as is common with most agencies.

We live next door to some old, ugly buildings, for which planning permission has been obtained to demolish. One of these has asbestos roofing, pretty common for outbuildings of the vintage. Now, let me make it clear at this point that the developer is well aware of this and has told me he will be using a specialist contractor, as well as informing us of the date of demolition so that we can arrange to be somewhere else until it is done. So, this is NOT a complaint about a cavalier, irresponsible developer. However, there is plenty to complain about in every other respect to underline our sheer good fortune in encountering a responsible developer.

When Tendring Planning was asked how asbestos is dealt with in applications for demolition, I was told it is not a planning matter. If asbestos is an issue, it is referred to Essex County Council. Their website

gives a list of charges for disposal and an application form. There is no question on any of the planning application forms relating to asbestos in particular or toxic substances in general. Thus, it is purely a matter of chance whether the presence of toxic material becomes public knowledge. A developer may not have looked, may not know or may choose to say nothing. Of course, it WOULD be unlawful to dispose of such a material in an unapproved way, but nobody would know, except by chance, as there is absolutely no form of monitoring as part of the planning process.

The financial incentive to ignore the law and the public health risk is huge. A former neighbour carried out some renovation of a house from the 60s and found a very small quantity of asbestos in a small overhang by his porch. His responsible reaction to this knowledge cost him an unexpected additional £1500. Scale that up to a complete roof and you have a law asking to be broken.

I do not know whether Tendring has chosen to adopt their own approach, but I suspect it is commonplace among planning authorities. Neither do I know whether a planning authority COULD choose to make it their business, at least as far as asking a specific question in every case involving demolition. I will ask Daniel Land to investigate.

We have been receiving contactless deliveries of fruit and veg, milk, eggs and cheese from Park Farm in Pork Lane. You order anytime up to lunchtime on Wednesday, pay by card over the phone and receive your goods on Friday. We have found the service excellent and the quality first class, if that is of any help to anyone.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Best regards,

Paul (Fletcher-Tomenius)

PUZZLES

First and Last

The same letter has been deleted from both the start and end of each of these words. Can you restore all the original words?

- RUI -
- AXI -
- DG -
- EWTO -
- EVE -
- OOC -
- EDAU -
- GEND -
- ATYR -
- IOS -

Presidential Mix-Up

Can you unscramble the anagrams to reveal the names of these US presidents?

WINLOS
SCANJOKE
CLEANLVED
GLADFIRE
DOCILEGO
HOTWANINGS
VOTESLOER

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES

1 Muddled Groups

The bands are: Green Day, Coldplay, Queen, The White Stripes, The Spice Girls, The Black Keys, The Doors, The Rolling Stones, Radiohead, No Doubt.

2 Street Signs

The completed signs are:

Speed Limit, Merge Lanes, Roadworks, Give Way, Dead End, Slow Down, Steep Incline.

POLICE REPORT

There are only a few incidents for the last two months which have been reported to the police:

11/03/2020 – Burglary in Holland Road. Between 07.00am and 13.00 hours a window was smashed, suspects entered the property and jewellery and electrical items were stolen. Enquiries are on-going and a local press release asking for any information has been completed.

03/03/2020 – Dog attack in Little Clacton Road. Three dogs escaped from a rear garden onto a farm field and then attacked the victim causing a bite to the thigh. Upon the victim's request the owner of the dogs has been spoken to and their garden has been secured to prevent further escapes.

08/04/2020 – Church Lane. Report of builders not maintaining social distancing. Police did not attend this incident as an update was put on the incident stating that, "Builders are allowed to work if they are not showing signs of illness and as long as they stick to social distancing as best as possible.

We also had a couple of reports of people using the play park. On attendance, they were asked to leave and the Government guidelines explained.

Please be aware of scammers. Don't respond to any text messages or emails or telephone calls if you are unsure of the sender. Further information can be found on the Essex Police Website.

It has certainly been a strange few months for everyone. If you know of anyone who may be in need of help, whether it be shopping, prescriptions or just need to talk, there are various local community groups who I can put them in touch with.

On another note it has been wonderful to hear all the clapping from Great holland on Thursday nights and to see residents enjoying the VE Day celebrations from their front gardens.

Please continue to follow the Government Guidelines so we can all stay safe and well.

PCSO 6477 Michele Diss

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Email: michele.diss@essex.pnn.police.uk

Website: http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx

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STAY SAFE FROM COURIER FRAUD



Advice and tips to spot the scams

We are reminding people in Essex to be vigilant following reports that fraudsters are attempting to take advantage of the current climate by carrying out crime online and at people's doorsteps.

Sadly fraudsters will look to take advantage of any situation. This means tricking people into parting with their money and information, including posing as government officials, bank or other financial services employees by text message, online or by knocking at doors.

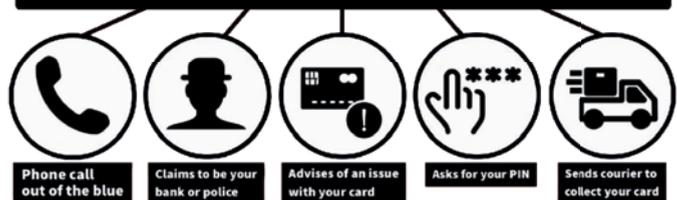
While we have only received a handful of incidents, it's important that people be mindful before handing over money or personal details.

Some simple steps you can take are:

- Do not assume or believe a call, a knock on the door or a deal online is genuine.
- Take five minutes before taking action and trust your instinct. If it doesn't feel real or genuine, it probably isn't.
- Challenge any calls, visits or messages you may receive.
- Never click on links and never divulge personal information – the police and government departments will never ask you for these details.
- If you receive any fake gov.uk/coronavirus messages, please report these to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.
- **Contact your bank immediately if you think you are a victim of a scam.**



COMMON EXAMPLE OF COURIER FRAUD



Anyone with information should call 101 or report online at essex.police.uk
You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or report information to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

STAY AT
HOME

PROTECT
THE NHS

save
lives

Stay Safe

Please keep up to date with government advice to protect the NHS and save lives
gov.uk/coronavirus

STAY SAFE AT HOME

#ProtectingandServingEssex

ESSEX COURIER FRAUD

Following on from last month's alert around courier fraud, I would like to draw your attention to a large number of these offences that are occurring across Essex, from Epping to Tendring to Leigh on Sea, and even spreading into bordering counties.

The criminals are contacting elderly victims claiming to be from the bank, then within a very short time frame they attend the victim's home purporting to be a courier to collect the victim's bank card and to replace with a new card. They leave the victim with what feels like a bank card but transpires to be a gift card. The offenders then leave to withdraw victims' money.

We have had a number of reports of men acting as the courier, often wearing a high visibility jacket – although this may not always be the case.

We are asking all residents to be aware and to ensure that this message is passed on to friends and family members, or those who are in isolation. If we can follow the idea of **"Tell2"** – if you tell two people, who then tell two people etc, we can reach enormous numbers of people. An unbroken chain of 26 **"Tell 2"** would reach 67 million people! Please spread this message to protect our elderly and vulnerable people. It starts with you!

A 'new normal' after the lockdown?

The human population, not used to having their lives disrupted, have been challenged by a virus previously carried as a benign life form mostly in bats, and has changed our expectations and life style in a way totally unexpected a few months ago, though pandemics come along regularly throughout history.

Some people talk of a return to *normal*, but many also talk of a *new normal*. Much is unknown about the details of the Covid-19 virus, so please be cautious about people who say they are following scientific consensus; there are only competing views based on the limited but increasing knowledge evolving.

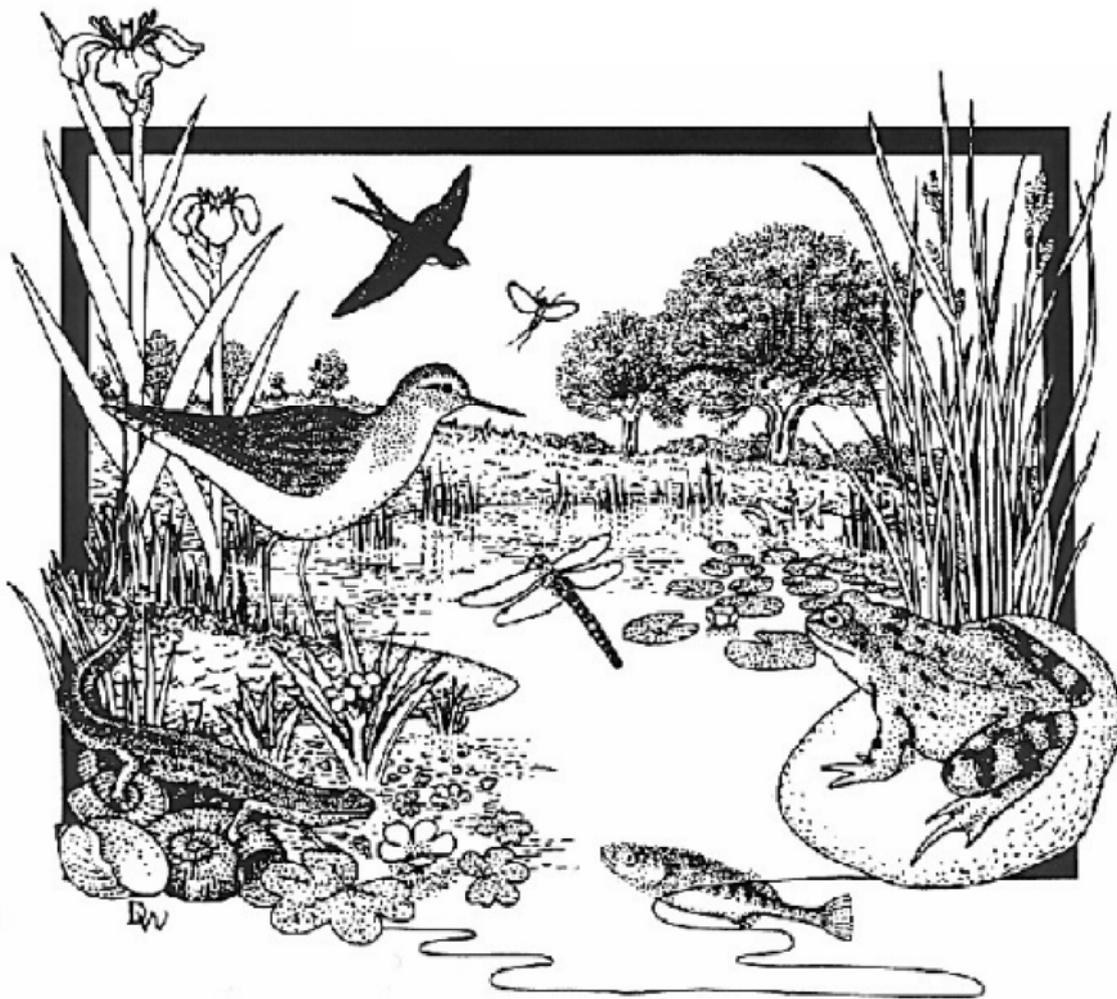
The lockdown that has followed has meant that I am furloughed, so not allowed to work, and I am not allowed to volunteer, because of the way Essex Wildlife Trust, and other organisations I work with, have interpreted the government's advice. I am allowed though to take exercise. So, I have rarely used the car at all, and have taken to the bike. The reserve car park has been closed, but people have been using the footpaths from the village to visit the Pits. Several have noted the cleaner air, the decrease in noise from traffic and planes, the more obvious bird song and the behaviour of animals coming out of their normal hiding to open ground, so much quieter than in the recent past. There is much about this that I appreciate.

In the cities the patchy nature of public access ground has been in the news as there has been conflict about whether people should be allowed to gather in these places but in many parts, there isn't public access land anyway. Should people in apartments be confined indoors for long periods? Many studies have demonstrated that access to wild places is therapeutic for all age groups, and in some parts, there are no opportunities for it.

The economy of the world has taken a huge hit, and not least in the UK. Though some of us appreciate the quieter lifestyle it is important that our economy can sustain a decent living for everyone. There are very serious concerns, of more profound concern than probably anything else in our lifetimes. However, I consider the effects of this virus, to be smaller than that of climate change, pollution and loss of the nature in the world. The crisis has brought to focus all sorts of issues here and around the world; Is it right that people should work for just enough to live, hand to mouth, with limited means of providing for pensions or illness?

Many of our investments are in funds spread in diverse operations to reduce risk, but with the price of oil on some markets going negative, and with the world's economies under pressure all at once, we must expect change.

Were people altogether happy with the way things were in the world before? If you run surveys about these matters the results depend upon how you frame the questions. So, if we are to emerge into a *new normal* how will it be different? Let us think about our vision so that we may achieve a better outcome.



Bob Seago

Warden of Holland Pitts Nature Reserve

Daniel Land's Blog

Summer 2020



Time flies...

Hope you are all well in Great Holland. During these difficult times, I am available to you 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. If I can help you, then please do shout.

Litter pick

Thanks to those who turned out on what will likely be one of the windiest days of the year. It was literally blowing a huge gale and apart from collecting over 30 bags of rubbish along Pork Lane, someone did lose their hat sadly. Thanks for the delivery of cake which kept us going nicely. I'm appalled at how irresponsible people can be when disposing of their litter and the situation appears to get worse which is sad. Miles helped immensely by supplying a light vehicle to put the rubbish in as it was collected.



Low pitch humming noise

Some will have read my mutterings about this in this blog, but also in the local paper. Since the articles went out there has been a dozen or more people contact me about a noise they can hear. I think hearing it is one thing, not knowing what it is appears to be is the most troubling point for people and I sympathise with that.

I was contacted by someone local who had heard this noise back in 2009 from Great Holland. The noise persisted and they went to some lengths to measure the direction and level of the noise with some **expensive equipment**. The results amounted to the fact that the noise was all around, rather than from one direction.

This person's conclusion is to date, that the humming sound is potentially from underground water courses, there are many springs located beneath us all over the district and the routes change over time from various natural and manmade occurrences. This

person does not now hear the noise, as quick as it came, it then went after some time.

There is another train of thought that the noise could be tidal and the recent sea defence works in Holland-On-Sea could have brought about a change to the dynamics of the coast line and tides.

I prefer to go with a natural idea but of course electrical and signal noises still come up when I talk to people. Let it be known that there are people from not just Great Holland but also Clacton, Frinton and Jaywick who contacted me with their stories, this would keep the mystery close to the coast and in line with potential natural causes.

I have personally contacted Affinity Water who manage the storage facility down Pork Lane and they categorically tell me there is nothing that creates any sound of the continued nature some hear.

I keep listening and asking question – there was a similar case in the Bristol Channel some years ago which can be found via google.

Pork Lane

Thanks to Cllr Mark Platt, who has had some signage installed on Pork Lane, advising the road is not suitable for HGVs.

Thorpeitsaknockout 2020

We had a fabulous day last August with 10 teams competing in Itsaknockout and the buzz and excitement of the village fete. The event is still planned for Sunday 23rd August from 12-5pm. If you would like to enter a team (10 people), contact me for details. This will be a great tonic if it goes ahead, teams can consist of friends, family or work colleagues and it was a blast last year.

Finally...

I continue to be Chairman of TDC and am very proud to represent you all and champion the good work that goes on not only in Great Holland but across the district.

I love contributing to the Village Voice and I also update my activities on the village Facebook group as well as a 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

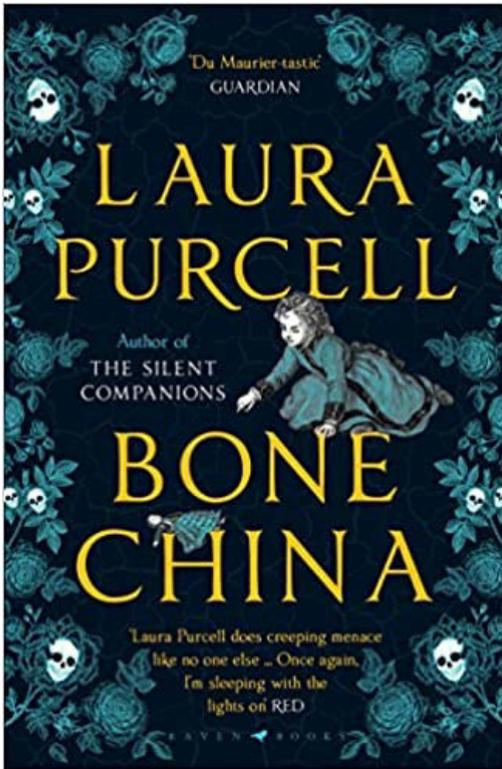
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Thanks for your support; you can contact me in the following ways

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The Caxton Bookshop Review

Deliciously spooky, *Observer*



Having listened to Laura talking about this, her third novel, at the last Essex Book Festival event in Harwich just before lockdown, I feel it only fitting to recommend this to you as a rich feast of all things gothic.

Laura is in fact a former bookseller and home-grown, living in Colchester with her husband and pet guinea pigs. We first met when she popped into Caxton Books having just published her first novel, *The Silent Companions*, which I have also read and thoroughly recommend.

Bone China is a Daphne Du Maurier-esque chiller set on the mysterious Cornish coast. Consumption has ravaged Louise Pincroft's family, leaving her and her father alone and heartbroken. But Dr Pincroft has plans for a revolutionary experiment: convinced that sea air will prove to be the cure his wife and children needed, he arranges to house a group of prisoners suffering from the same disease in the cliffs beneath his new Cornish home.

Forty years later, Hester Why arrives at Morvoren House to take up a position as nurse to the now partially paralysed and almost entirely mute Miss Pincroft. Hester has fled to Cornwall to try and escape her past, but she soon discovers that her new home may be just as dangerous as her last.

A Victorian tale replete with laudanum, tuberculosis and possibly fairies. a clever, creepy read, *Sunday Express*, Best New Thrillers

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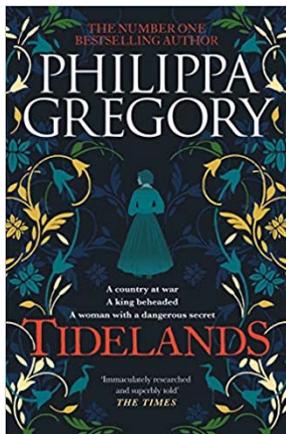
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To register your interest, please call or email us and we will hopefully have enough people to start a permanent Virtual Book Club for those of you who find it tricky to get to Frinton for our 'live' book clubs.

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Thorpe Surgery Newsletter June 2020

Greetings all from the surgery. At the time of writing we are still very much in lockdown with a review of the current situation on 7th May looming later on in the week. I won't speculate on any changes to the lockdown that may or may not happen but I will stick my head above the parapet and say that social distancing and bans on large crowd gatherings will be with us for quite some time to come yet. On the whole our community has done extremely well under the circumstances, there have been cases locally and very sadly there have been deaths however have been very fortunate to avoid the very large numbers that have been seen elsewhere nationally-I do hope that pattern stays with us.

At the surgery we have split our operations across the two sites seeing patients with symptoms at Kirby and dealing with routine matters at Thorpe. One thing that has been evident is how effective good telephone triage can be, something we have been doing at Thorpe for a couple of years now but other surgeries are also now finding that this is a good safe way of dealing with the majority of minor ailments and chronic conditions. Looking ahead we will continue to provide telephone triage services but inevitably there will likely be some changes about the way we operate and as soon as we are able to reintroduce a more 'normal' service I will let you know.

We have all been very touched by the support of the community during the covid period; we have been sent hand-made scrubs, masks, cakes and good messages from so many people it has really kept us going and kept morale up.

Other news at the surgery so far this year includes 3 babies and one retirement. We have not yet had the opportunity to celebrate this good news due to the restrictions but as soon as it becomes safe to do so we will be having a party to celebrate the births of Theodore to Doctor Hannah and Sophia to Hazel in March. Gemma is waiting for her baby to be delivered within the next couple weeks. Lyn Mills our HCA that has been with us for many, many years is retiring at the end of May. She has worked in the NHS for the majority of her working life in hospitals and GP surgeries and deserves a happy retirement; I am sure those of you that know her will wish her and her husband Graham a wonderful future.

So without making any predictions on the weather or any other matter I wish you all well and hope that you and your families keep safe in the coming months.

Best Wishes
Karen Austen

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- Elderly and Vulnerable Client Matters



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Sarah White, who is based in our Clacton office, can provide you with advice on the full range of private client matters listed above.



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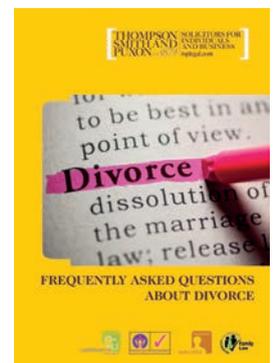
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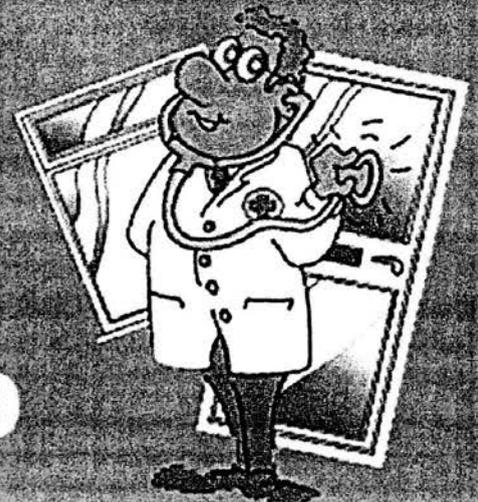
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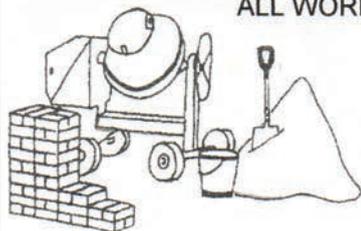
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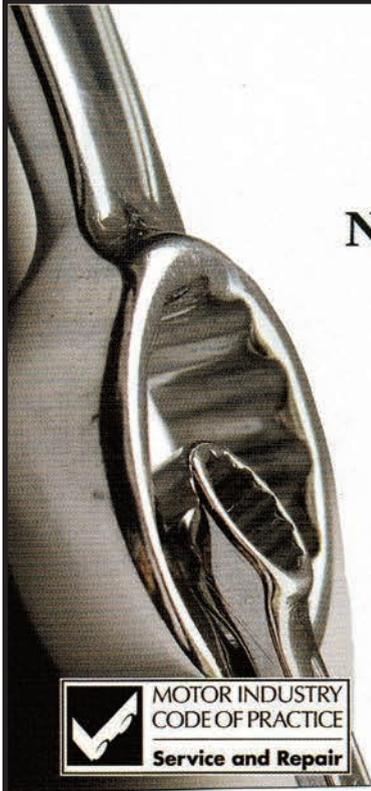


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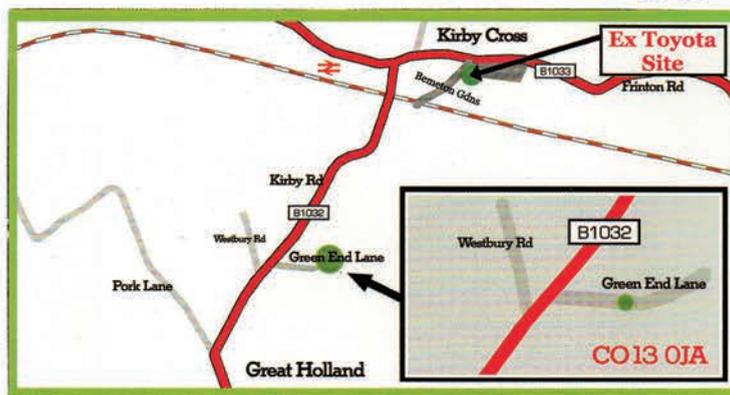
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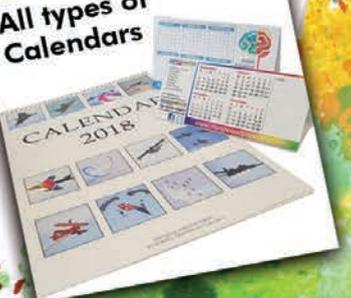


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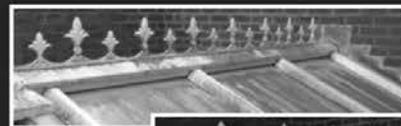
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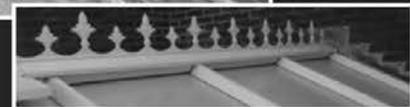
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