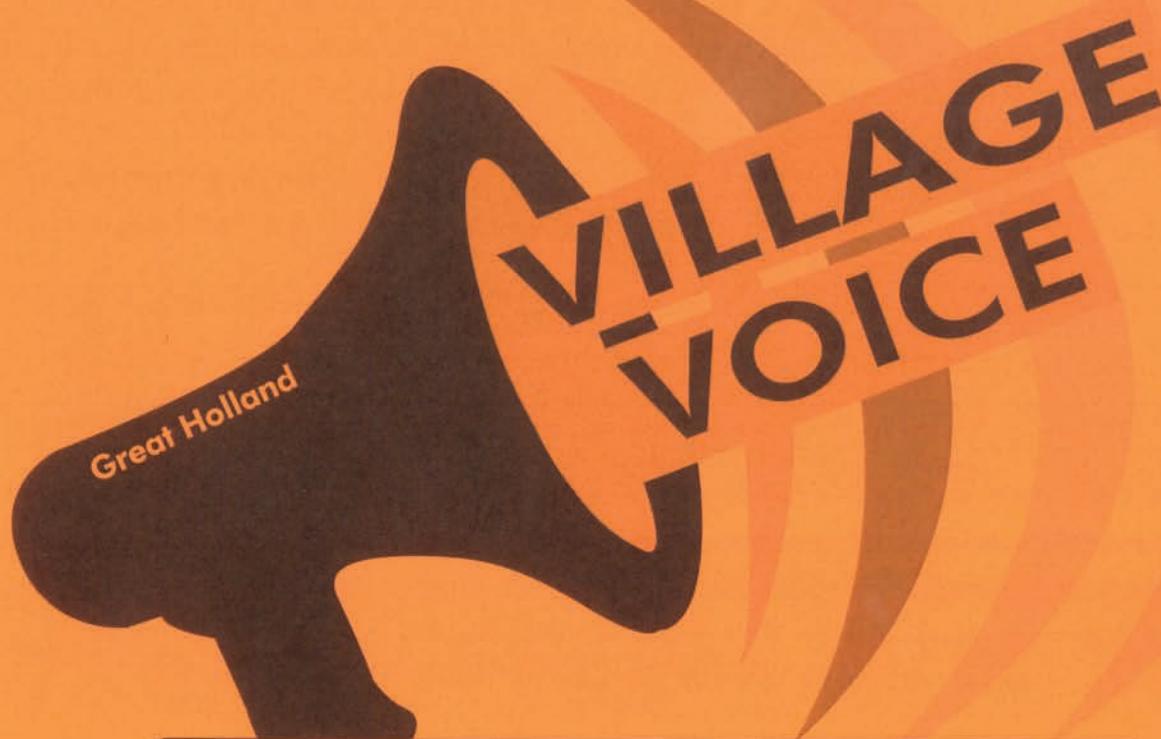


Great Holland



Oct 2020 and Nov 2020



70p where sold

FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to those who informed me about issues of the magazine not being delivered under the new regime. There are bound to be teething problems but with your help we can ensure that everyone in the village receives their copy. I delivered copies for the last two months to Green End Lane and made sure that the Village Voice was promptly put on-line so that others could easily access their copy. Hopefully, every home in the village will receive their magazine this time, but please continue to let me know if anyone else is not receiving an issue.

As I write, the government has just announced that social gatherings will be restricted to six people for the foreseeable future. We are indeed living in strange times and I look back fondly to village activities we have previously enjoyed over the summer – the fete, the Home Made Hours, the Barn Dance, the concert at All Saints', events at the Methodist Church and events and classes at the Village Hall, plus other activities.. Slightly further afield I have missed (or will miss) the Frinton Festival, the Naze Tower exhibitions, the Clacton Air Show, events organised by the Caxton Bookshop and others.

Hopefully, a viable vaccine will be developed soon, and we will appreciate our lives even more when these events are able to return. In the meantime, we can continue to enjoy the beautiful background of the natural world and we are extremely lucky to be living in a lovely village with the sea and the backwaters on our doorstep. These things have been a great solace to me this year.

I wish you a happy and healthy October and November.

Vanessa

Welcome To the Oct/Nov edition of the



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

Are there any events happening in December 2020 or January 2021 that you wish to publicise?

Do you have any local news items to be included?

Do you want to tell other villagers about a local group/club?

Can you write an article for the magazine?

Do you want to advertise any items for sale/your business/service?

Please contact Vanessa on 670165 with details (email: vanessaagiles@icloud.com), two weeks before the printing date if possible. Please note that Hazel (671767) deals with the advertising side of the magazine. All contributions to the Village Voice should be received by 10th November.

DISCLAIMER

The information contained in 'Great Holland Village Voice' is published in good faith. Neither the Rector, Church Warden, Parochial Church Council nor the Editors accept any liability in respect of the content of any article, photo or advertisement contained in the magazine. Nor is any culpability accepted for work done by advertisers.

**IF YOU CONTACT ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS,
PLEASE TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW THEIR ADVERT IN VILLAGE VOICE!**

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LETTER

Covid -19 has caused us to think about things we wouldn't normally have stopped to think about.

We've thought about washing hands like never before, we've thought about two metres and we've thought about the NHS (when we might have often taken it for granted).

And I wonder if you can remember the time when there were shortages of food in the shops? At least for those weeks we spent far more time thinking about what food we ate, where it came from and how it got there.

We suddenly remember how important our car is when it breaks down, we remember how important our electricity is when there's a power cut.

Hopefully, as we come to the time of the year when we normally celebrate Harvest, that means we can remember with even more thankfulness the provision of our food by God, and the hard work of our farmers, fishermen and others involved in food production.

This Harvest time, I encourage you to remember with thanks those who have worked so hard, and always work so hard, to bring it to us. And to remember God who provides all we need.

Mark Holdaway

METHODIST CHURCH LETTER

Dear friends,

Distance has taken on a new meaning. We used to think of distance primarily as the space between places - how many miles is it between say, London and Birmingham? Now we seem to think of it as the distance we need to keep away from other people. I had an interesting conversation early on in lockdown about the phrase social distancing. Was it social distancing or physical distancing? This is an important concept. We are asked to keep a physical distance from one another but does this mean that we lose out on the 'social' aspect?

Social media is designed to connect us to one another and to find a way of transcending the physical distances there are between others. When I think of the cohort with whom I trained we are spread as far north as the Shetland Islands and south to Cornwall and from me here in the east to Caerphilly in the west. There is a physical distance but as soon as we pick up the phone and talk to one another there is no 'social' distance in that setting. We just pick up from where we left off!

Whether we choose to think of it as social distancing or physical distancing the net result is the same. We are being asked to keep a certain distance away from each other. As we know this is all about us helping and protecting one another.

We see in the gospels how Jesus tends to go against the social norms of the day. He would reach out to those whom society shunned and make them welcome. In this time of social distancing Jesus continues to transcend this distance. Through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us we can experience God's love. We know that Jesus' presence is assured for all time as Christ walks alongside us in all that we do and in everything we face.

We are connected together through the one God. Gathered or scattered God remains constant and draws us together. We have the one true hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ as we are united together through the Holy Spirit. This should bring us such great joy. We know that things are going to seem very different for a time to come - how long we don't know. We do know that God is there, ever present amongst us and that we can trust in God for all things today, and every day.

Let us remember that, as Ephesians chapter 4 says, 'There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all' This is a wonderful reminder that as we begin to think through what our lives may look like in the coming months we do so in a way where we are together through God with each other now and for all the days to come.

God bless,
Chris

OCTOBER IN HISTORY

3rd October

Clambering over battlefield detritus, ducking down as machine-gun fire tore, crouching as shells crashed around him, pacifist 26 year old Bill Coltman was not here to fight but to rescue the wounded.

Today in 1918 the First World War was coming to an end, but it did not feel like it on the Western Front. The front-line soldiers knew little of the talk in distant places. The German army was retreating but was still a fearsome war machine. After one failed British assault the wounded lay screaming in no-man's-land. Coltman was a member of the Plymouth Brethren, a small evangelical sect for whom pacifism was a core belief. Nevertheless, he had volunteered for active service as a stretcher bearer and had won an extraordinary number of gallantry awards for the many times he had dragged the wounded back to safety.

For forty- eight hours from the afternoon of October 3rd he performed his most courageous service yet. Time and again he crawled forward to treat the wounded, applying bandages and tourniquets, dispensing morphine, and hauling them back to the safety of British lines.

Shortly after, he received the Victoria Cross for his bravery. It sat alongside his two Distinguished Conduct Medals and his two Military Medals, making Lance Corporal Bill Coltman the most highly decorated soldier in the British Empire. The bravest and most celebrated soldier in Britain's bloodiest war was one who never fired a shot or took a life.

He returned to civilian life as a gardener and avoided the subject of his wartime service.

21st October

Today in 1854 Florence Nightingale left England with a team of volunteer nurses she had trained herself. She was bound for Scutari (now absorbed by modern Istanbul) and the hospitals packed with the wounded and sick of the Crimean war.

When she arrived in Scutari she found squalid wards packed with men. Hygiene and sanitation were ignored, and preventable illnesses tore through the weakened patients. Florence Nightingale became known as "The Lady with the Lamp", a "ministering angel" who "glided" through hospital wards tending to wounded soldiers. She also improved food and imposed basic hygiene practices like the washing of hands. Florence Nightingale used "The Times" newspaper to address the British public and politicians alike. She shamed the authorities into sending out a team to fix the sanitation and was central to their decision to get Isambard Kingdom Brunel to construct a prefabricated hospital and to ship it out.

After the war, her fame gave her the ability to fundraise and influence government policy. She effectively invented the modern nursing profession by founding the first proper training institute in London. She lobbied for better sanitary conditions in hospitals and slums alike.

Her battle for clean, hygienic hospitals, homes and workplaces is thought to have boosted life expectancy in Britain as much as any single nineteenth century medical breakthrough.

NOVEMBER IN HISTORY

11th November

It was still dark when the men met to sign the Armistice. There were British admirals, two senior French generals, and a German delegation led by a politician who would soon pay with his life for what he was about to do. By 5.20 am, today in 1918, they had all signed it; the Germans submitted to the harsh demands of the Armistice. They were in no position to negotiate; their government had collapsed, and their nation teetered on the brink of violent revolution.

Within minutes, news of the ceasefire was telegraphed around the world. However, it would not come into effect for another six hours, at 11 am. In a pointless epilogue to one of the bloodiest wars in history, around 11,000 men would be killed or wounded that day, a higher casualty rate than D-Day. Generals even continued to order attacks!

The last British soldier to be killed was Private George Edwin Ellison. At 9 am he was pushing into the outskirts of the Belgian town of Mons. A shot rang out and he fell, having survived the entire war.

At 10.58 am a Canadian, Lawrence Price, was killed. Then at 1059 am, with a minute to go before the guns fell silent a US soldier, Henry Gunther, made a suicidal charge against astonished German troops. They reluctantly shot him – the last soldier to be killed in action in the First World War.

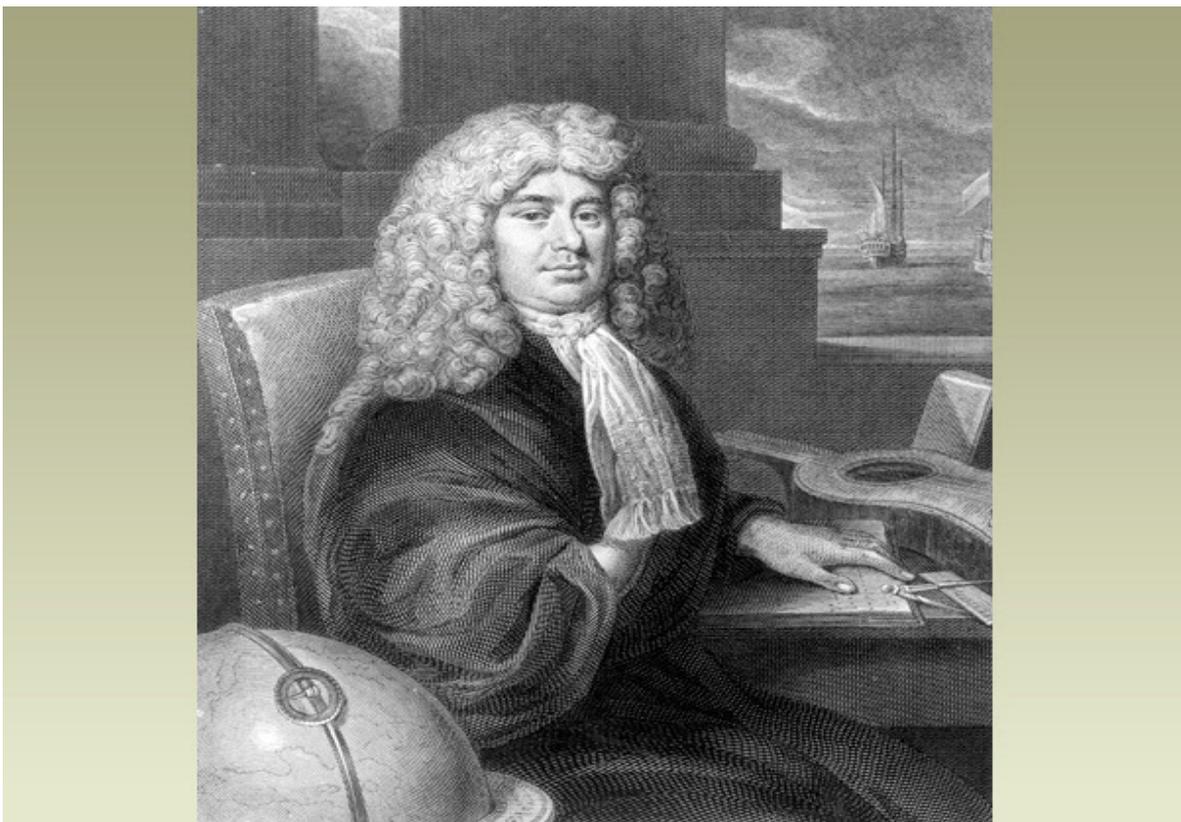


14th November

On this day in 1666, an experiment took place at Gresham College, an institute of learning in Holborn, London. It was a blood transfusion between two dogs, one of the first successful transfusions that took place in the seventeenth century. This was recorded by an onlooker, from the corner of the room as he watched medical history made. His name was Samuel Pepys.

Pepys was a naval administrator, MP and Londoner who kept a detailed diary of life and society. He began his diary on 1st January 1660, after purchasing a fat notebook from a stationer's in Cornhill. He filled its pages with colourful descriptions of everyday life, noting key events of the time, such as the Great Plague in 1665, where he gave a chilling account of death in the city. In 1666, during the Great Fire of London, Pepys describes chaos, "everybody endeavouring to remove their goods and flinging them into the river". Pepys took a boat to watch the blaze unfurl before him; he was particularly detailed, even expressing concern about the pigeons, who "hovered about the windows and balconies until some of them were burned."

Pepys's diary combines the events of his time with the more mundane aspects of the everyday. The diary ends in 1669, possibly after his eyesight began to fail, and Pepys died four years later. His diary is a remarkable document allowing us insights into his life and times. It is a timeless masterpiece.



PUZZLE PAGE

Pyramidal

The answer to each of the following clues contains the same letters as the previous word, plus one extra, albeit possibly in a jumbled order. What are each of the words?

Rodent
Small arrow
Walk
Angry outburst
Standing across
Most robust
Having lost its lustre
Causes to lose determination
Myopic

Rain Check

Sort these eight words into two groups, each of four words, according to a common theme.

Alley
Burglar
Days
Dirty
Fat
Flap
Hot
Whistle

This is the day that the Lord has made

Last week I began to think that the summer was quite gone but the last couple of days the weather seems to have changed back to a more summery feel. The sea felt so warm yesterday I resolved to go for a swim today if the chill wind had dropped and I will now have to hold myself to that resolve. There have, inevitably at this time of year, been some really autumnal days although the rain, much needed by the garden, is still somewhat elusive.

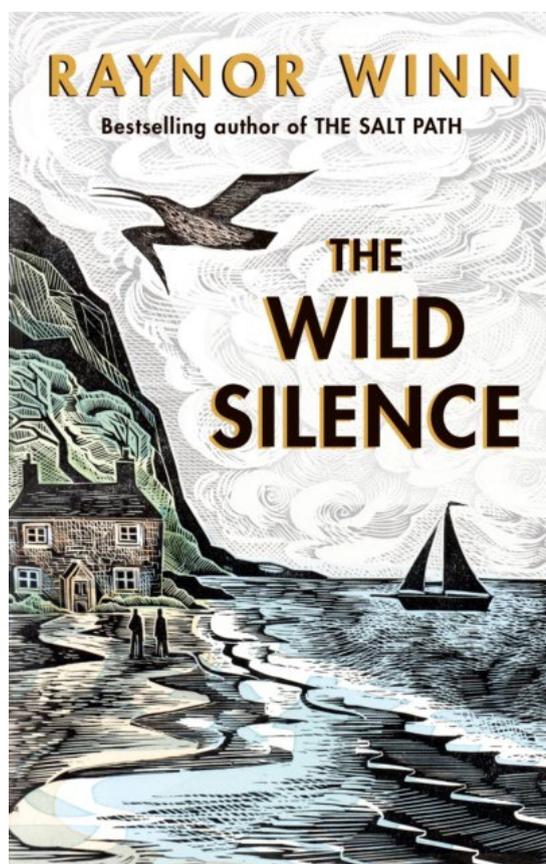
The summer has been so lovely there is little room for complaints and the good weather has certainly raised my spirits. The plants have reacted in different ways as well; this year my Morning Glories have produced more flowers and I have a really pretty very pale bloom even though all the seeds came from a packet of Heavenly Blue, the most commonly planted variety I think. The ground continues to crack open and the brown areas of grass grow as the dry weather goes on. However, grass is amazingly resilient and we are advised to plant grass seed now to fill any bare patches; I am reluctant to do this at the moment, unless you have a good supply of water and the time and energy to keep the areas damp, perhaps later in the month will be better.

The fruit crops this year have been amazing if mine have been anything to go by, apart from the strawberries, which I failed to water sufficiently. I had so many redcurrants I struggled to pick them all and turn them into jelly, which is much in demand by my family. The blackcurrants are still in the freezer as I was waiting for my daughter to add her crop to mine, which she did on the Bank Holiday weekend when they were all able to visit, and these will be all be turned into a jelly which is particularly good for coughs and chesty colds, as soon as I can find the time to turn my hand to doing that. The blackberries are very prolific and the quince tree is weighted down with fruit not yet ready to harvest and my rather small apples trees have suffered from such heavy cropping that some of the glasses have broken. The vine, that I have been cultivating for rather a long time, has finally produced some grapes this year which turn out to be very good, if a bit small and full of pips.

Turning to something a bit more unusual there is Lord Leicester's Lily, so called because as it was given to my late husband's grandmother by Lord Leicester. The bulb, which is a type of Crinum and quite large, is in a pot and produces large leaves in the spring and in summer one stem appears from the main stalk of the bulb and has a head of seven or eight pale pink flowers with a beautiful fragrance; until this year when it has produced a second flower stem equally lovely as the first. Another lily, which I acquired a few years ago is the Vallota or Scarborough Lily, so called because the first bulbs to arrive in this country were washed up on the beach at Scarborough. I had almost given up hope on these until; they recently produced two stems with flowers that are slowly opening to a rich red. The garden continues to be a source of surprises and delights which raise the spirits in these times of continuing difficulties and I hope that other people are encouraged by the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Rethna Flaxman

The Caxton Bookshop Review



This is the incredible follow-up to one of the most talked about books of the decade - the Costa Award shortlisted *The Salt Path*. 'Raynor Winn has written a brilliant, powerful and touching account of her life before and after *The Salt Path*, which, like her astonishing debut, will connect with anyone who has triumphed over adversity' Stephen Moss, author and naturalist.

After walking 630 miles homeless along *The Salt Path*, the windswept and wild English coastline now feels like their home. And despite Moth's terminal diagnosis, against all medical odds, he seems revitalized in nature - outside, they discover that anything is possible. Now, life beyond *The Salt Path* awaits.

As they return to four walls, the sense of home is illusive and returning to normality is proving difficult - until an incredible gesture by someone who reads their story changes everything: a chance to breathe life back into a beautiful but neglected farmhouse nestled deep in the Cornish hills; re-wilding the land and returning nature to its hedgerows becomes their new path. Along the way, Raynor and Moth learn more about the land that envelopes them, find friends both new and old, and, of course, embark on another windswept adventure when the opportunity arises. *The Wild Silence* is a story of hope triumphing over despair, of lifelong love prevailing over everything.

It is a luminous account of the human spirit's instinctive connection to nature, and how vital it is for us all.

FRINTON LITERARY FESTIVAL 2020

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, we have decided to cancel this year's Frinton Literary Festival. We very much hope we will be back entertaining you in 2021.

Stay safe and keep reading!!



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Paul Fletcher-Tomenius and Myrna Lyles
Secretary: Vanessa Giles: **Planning Officer:** Alan Rusbridge

Dear Friends,

It has not been a good time for Great Holland Residents Association or Great Holland itself, as a village, for that matter. Most tragic has been the untimely, unexpected sudden death of our Treasurer, Liz Oakley and we would like to record our deepest sympathy and condolences to her husband, Nigel.

In the hope that I do not seem disrespectful to her memory, we must find a new Treasurer, since this is one of a basic number of posts that the law requires unincorporated associations to fill. I am therefore appealing for a volunteer. But GHRA's needs go further. Jane Kurzweil resigned from her position as co-Chair for personal reasons and I shall not stand for re-election at our next AGM (which should have been last May and the date of which is still uncertain.

However, GHRA must face up to these changes if it is to have a future and we must find volunteers. The association has healthy finances and none of the roles is very onerous with only half a dozen meetings a year. Please contact:

Vanessa Giles on vanessaagiles@icloud.com or

Myrna Lyles on myron039@gmail.com or

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius on p.h.fletcher-tomenius@hotmail.co.uk

to offer your help or discuss matters further. Please, please, step up.

I mentioned earlier that it has not been a good time for the village but, more accurately, I should have said for any small community. If you are not aware of government proposals for extensive planning law reforms, you need to be. Broadly, the proposals dismantle large areas of the present rules with the intention of making development quick, simple and cheap. It is all based on the assertion that the planning system is too restrictive. As anyone taking even a passing interest in their local

community will know, the present rules do not respect local opinion, do not take into account local facilities, such as doctors and schools and do not produce planned, quality development. Ninety per cent of all planning applications are approved under the present system and it is therefore not true that this system inhibits development. The proposals do not only offer developers an open door. They also propose that the small contributions to local facilities currently made by developers should be abolished for all but large developments.

I recently contacted Dan Land, our local councillor and he told me that the Thorpe development had yielded £56,000 to build a large playground. Under the new proposals, that would not have happened.

The proposals have been heavily criticised by, among others, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the National Organisation of Residents Associations (NORA). In general terms, these changes will be disastrous for smaller communities and remove any benefits we now receive from infrastructure contributions.

I have included this brief reference to planning reforms in order to emphasise why GHRA must continue. Is that because I think we will be listened to? Of course not, but local voices must still be heard and, at some time in the future, local politicians can be made to listen. That is up to us.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Best regards,

Paul (Fletcher-Tomenius)
Co-Chair GHRA

The passing of time

*So you run and you run to catch up with the sun but it's sinking
Racing around to come up behind you again.
The sun is the same in a relative way but you're older,
Shorter of breath and one day closer to death..... Roger Waters*

2020 has been a peculiar year. Christmas had been spent with my family as usual, and I had great anxiety about our country leaving the EU, but this was eclipsed by the fact that in January, my mother became poorly, and eventually became resident at a care home. Then I started to learn of horrendous problems in Italy caused by the novel virus SARS-CoV-2. After a complacent set of government guidelines in UK as the epidemic ramped up, the government settled on an effective lockdown on March 23rd. I listened to the strict rules as I returned from a blood donation session in Colchester, which had been carefully controlled with social distancing and hand washing.

One of my mother's worse issues was confusion about the sense of time. With the disruption to our patterns of work and socialising, many other people were commenting on this matter.

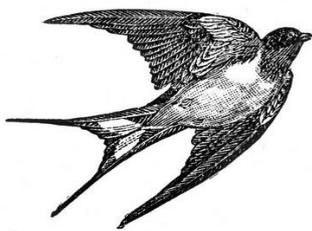
With people being mostly confined to home, few vehicles were using the road. My employment in Essex Wildlife Trust was furloughed, the reserve car park was closed, and the hide secured. The reserve remained open, but only for people who could get there to do exercise without using the car. I was meanwhile able to use my bike, both to go to places for exercise and to exercise using the cycle. This meant that I was able to visit the reserves but was forbidden to do any work by the furlough agreement. The hit to the economy was a serious problem but the noticeable quiet roads, clean air and time to think were a plus, especially as we all enjoyed a beautiful bright spring.

Many people were disoriented, by the profound change in their activities. The disappearance of the normal routines meant that the days seemed long, meals became more prominent activities, and the prospect of holidays, and family events had to be restricted. Mental issues burgeoned in some people, while trips to the doctor or casualty department were avoided causing non diagnosis or non treatment of illness.

Being well tuned to the natural cycles in the world, I was comfortable because of my atypical grounding in nature. Never far from my mind were the changing expectations of the ongoing seasons, the emergence of particular butterflies, the arrival of Swallows and Chiffchaffs, the departure of Brent Geese, the increasing and then decreasing of the day lengths and the cycle of tides controlled by the waxing and waning of the moon.

The car park has been reopened at Holland Pits, though it is possible new guidelines may change the situation again. As we enter the autumn, there can be no clear expectations of the events shaping our future, but for me the steadiest factor will still be the natural world, itself stressed by so much human activity that so needs fundamental reform.

*So come the storms of winter and then
The birds in spring again
I have no fear of time
For who knows how my love grows?
And who knows where the time goes?..... Sandy Denny*



Swallow



Brent Goose

Bob Seago

Warden of Great Holland Nature Reserve

Daniel Land's Blog

Autumn 2020

Still getting things done

Not able to meet and greet and support local events, my regular purchase of cakes at Homemade is certainly a miss, along with the wonderful music we are treated to. I am however dealing with your calls and emails. This is my ninth submission to the Village Voice, which I hard to believe.



Local matters...

1. I was contacted by a few of you about the development of houses behind the old post office. The application has been held up but I think we can expect a decision on that soon.
2. There has been further infill of the holes on Pork Lane to help the road surface. TDC stepped in to support Essex County Council.
3. Fires have been causing a local problem, especially in the Pork Lane area. I sped up the communication between residents and TDC and also hand delivered a letter to encourage property owners to give more care and consideration during the lock down phase.
4. Myself and Mark Platt spend an early morning in Pork Lane, monitoring and recording traffic movements from dusk. An interesting exercise, not just big vehicles does one see I can tell you.
5. The 30 mile an hour speed limit will be put in place along Kirby Road in the coming months. Thanks to Mark Platt for his pressure and efforts on this matter.
6. There is an application to change the use of the Manor Pub to residential. I have called this application in to go to committee – **advice here, if you want to save the pub as a community, then get a delegation of people to go and meet with the owners.**
7. I was contacted about a dog fouling issue along the side of the Methodist Church, I was able to get TDC to erect a new bin on the pole by the church for residents to use for all litter types.
8. Lobbied landowners with your questions on footpaths and ditch clearances.



Chairman's Charity – your donations gratefully received.

Now in my second year as Chairman of TDC, i have chosen Community Voluntary Services Tendring as my charity to support. <https://www.cvstendring.org.uk/>. I shall be doing a number of things to show my support and encourage the donations to keep coming in for this wonderful organisation.

I have a skydive planned which is a personal challenge but coupled with my passion for CVS Tendring and the opportunity to show people I'll go the extra miles - upwards!

CVS support many different charities in Tendring and by giving to them you will be directly helping those who need it the most.

I'd be **so grateful** for any donations which can be done through the following link <https://rb.gy/wcxbvg>

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 update my activities on the village Facebook group as well as the Facebook page www.facebook.com/greatholland

I am available to you 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. If I can help you, then please do shout.

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

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Pyramidal

Rat, Dart, Tread, Tirade, Astride, Hardest, Tarnished, Dishearten, Nearsighted.

Rain Check

These are all words that can form a two-word phrase with either "cat" or "dog" at the start or end. The groups are Alley (Cat), (Cat) Burglar, Fat (Cat), (Cat) Flap and (Dog) Days, Dirty (Dog), Hot (Dog), (Dog) Whistle.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - GREAT HOLLAND FORESHORE

SNIPPETS ON SMUGGLING - 18th & 19th CENTURIES

There was little in the way of Customs throughout the eighteenth century. 1715 gave no officers in the area until in 1721 when Hugh Doyley was appointed at Kirby to patrol this length of coast. Frequently there were large groups of 20-30 smugglers, heavily armed. Alone he was helpless, and so required an assistant, a certain John Eslin: a man well acquainted with 3 notorious smugglers - George Gooding of Clacton, Mr. Mason, a glazier at Colchester, and Mr. Bushell of Great Holland.

Gt. Holland farmer, Charles Hicks, recalled in his diary of 1778 a Mr. Peter Baines, 18 years old and living with his widowed mother at Lower Farm, Gt. Holland. They often kept gin in the stables, and after giving the horses their first 'bait' in the morning, they would drink some gin from a small mug kept for the purpose. He recalled smugglers coming regularly from London on horseback with ten to fifteen horses. They generally traded in gin, sometimes in dry goods. They arrived at Holland about five or six o'clock of a winter's night, would go down to the Lower Barn at the Hall and let the horses feed round the corn stacks, Mr. Fisher receiving compensation by a constant supply of gin, of which he was very fond. When out of stock, the old gent would call after his men, when leaving work at night, to have the Lane gate "locked" - it was well understood what it meant - and the next morning there was sure to be a tub of gin under the horse-block. The lane called Whitton Wood Lane at Frinton communicated some years previously with Dead Lane, Gt. Holland. Mr. Baines said there used to be gates from the end of Dead Lane through the fields then occupied by Mrs. Baines, by the Brook Ditch at the back of Holland Hall Wood to the Bull Hills and Breakneck Bridge, through which the smugglers used to go and return from the beach. It was later revealed by Mr. A.F.J. Brown B.A. (1951) that there may have been a tunnel there also.

The 19th century saw the open beaches from Clacton to Walton at their busiest with Holland Gap being the favourite shore, with deserted country roads and the London market not far away. In a document from the Collector (chief officer) sent to H.M. Customs & Excise on 11th July 1836, it was reported "...I beg to inform you that smugglers have adapted a new method of running their cargoes by daylight (after the night patrols have retired to rest) at Holland Gap on the Walton Gap station. This is easily effected from the circumstance of Holland Gap being 4 1/2 miles from the station watch house quite out of sight, neither is Holland Gap in sight of the next station at

Clacton Wash, from which it is distant 5 miles. The Walton Gap Station extends from Stone Point to the sluice beyond Holland Gap, a distance of 9 miles to guard, where there are only 6 men, and a mounted guard...". There were regular unconcealed daylight landings as late as the 1830's, with local labourers joining in. On one occasion Richard Brett, a labourer from Gt. Holland, was at work with others on the sea wall. It was Christmas Eve and they were assisting some smugglers in getting a freight ashore. Having indulged too freely drinking gin, at night most of them were drunk and could hardly walk. Brett, in crossing a plank over the river from Little Holland Battery to Gt. Holland marshes, fell into the river [Holland Brook]. His companions with difficulty got him out but unfortunately, he died, leaving a widow and six children.

Many Acts were passed through Parliament by 1850 and a war was waged on smugglers. The Waterguard had been developed into the Preventive Waterguard in 1809 comprising of two kinds of craft; and further development into the Coastguard in 1822 produced stationary Watch Vessels with cruising tenders which took over many of the Waterguard duties. In 1850 James Mann, a trusty tide surveyor, took charge of the station at Kirby as Coast Officer. He was later replaced by a Henry Heath. In 1867 the Board decided that the duties of a Custom Officer at Kirby could be transferred to the Custom Office at Walton, which was completed 1868.

The marshland estuaries saw their busiest times during the nineteenth century with their open beaches between Clacton and Walton. For example, one April 27 gallons were found 'by spitting' the sand at Walton; in the July 18 half-ankers by tracing wagon tracks, in the September 19 half-ankers when the ground gave way under foot. 'Spitting' was probing the sand with tucks, a metal blade or rod, similar to a swordstick. (An anker a measure of spirits about 7 1/2 gallons; the half-anker, or tub, 3 1/2 to 4 gallons).

Liz Bruce History Recorder. September 2020

Dr Carla Mahmoud
Dr Mathew Kattukaran

Tel: 01255 861850
Fax: 01255 860330



Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery
High Street
Thorpe-le-Soken
Essex CO16 0EA

Thorpe-Le-Soken Surgery Newsletter-October 2020

Greeting everyone! I hope you have remained safe and well in these trying times, I hope that you are all settling in to the new normal way of living life. At the surgery we are gearing up for winter and as usual that means greater demand for services whilst at the same time allocating staff to administering thousands of flu jabs. With the need to social distance between patients and staff we have arranged to carry out some drive through clinics at both TTC Upper and Lower Schools, this arrangement will be both convenient and safer for patients and staff. Obviously we have not operated in this way before so I expect there will be some lessons to be learnt as we go along but we have factored in one way systems and patients arriving in cars and on foot.

Along with most other healthcare providers we are providing a triage service to patients wanting to be seen, this way of working is supported by NHS England and the CCG. Millions of pounds have been spent by the government in supporting this way of working by providing surgeries with extra computers, laptops, webcams and headsets. CCG investment in software such as standardised surgery websites which are fully interactive and secure medical text messaging platforms is an indication that this way of working is not going to go away-as much as some lament the changes and hark back to 'the good old days.' We have had a number of patients demanding one type of appointment or another from the surgery, unfortunately when supply of resources does not match demands of patients there is going to a clash in expectation. All requests are clinically triaged, not by receptionists but by fully qualified medical staff, we are confident that our system is robust and as safe as it can be. We are not providing an emergency service as a BG practice but a service that is able to identify, prioritise and treat the medical needs of our patients. Sometimes this means referring patients to local pharmacies, calling 999 or simply resting at home, it's really important that details given to staff are factual, not exaggerated and that correct contact information is given, and remember an reply that come in text form is still regarded by the NHS as proper medical advice that should be taken on board.

On a final note as we all starting thinking about Christmas plans and possible holiday plans for 2021, my hope it that the 2020/21 winter season is not harsh and that there will not be local outbreaks or spikes in cases that will force us again to return to full lockdown. I hope that you all spare a thought for our colleagues in surgeries hospitals and ambulances and only use the service when you really need to.

Best wishes

Karen Austen

POLICE REPORT

August 24th – Pork Lane – Road traffic incident

Vehicle crashed into a hedge and outbuilding causing possible structural damage. Driver had left the scene prior to police arrival. Vehicle was recovered by police and enquiries are in hand with the attending officers.

August 24th – Pork Lane

Report of two gas cannisters being chained to the road. Officers attended and spoke to the occupant, who promptly removed the empty cannisters. Occupant stated they were placed there as cones to prevent members of the public parking outside their house.

Thankfully, there are no further incidents to report

PCSO 6477 Michele Diss

Direct dial: 101 ext 487552

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

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

Speed Enforcement Patrols

The Road Crime team returned to the Tendring area during the first weekend of August to complete speed enforcement across the area, focusing on small villages as well as the larger towns.

The team travelled over 1,400 miles and ticketed 764 offences across the Tendring district, focusing on excess speed which we know is a common concern raised by local communities but also including seatbelt use and other offences.

VILLAGE CONTACTS & LOCAL INFORMATION

Member of Parliament	Giles Watling MP Email: giles.watling.mp@parliament.uk	678334
Residents' Association	Paul Fletcher-Tomenius and Myrna Lyles	675268
All Saints' Church	Rev. Mark Holdaway	675997
Methodist Church	Rev. Chris Preece Email: chris.preece@methodist.org.uk	851179
Village Hall Committee	Ms Sue Jenkins (Chair) Mrs Coralie Harris (Bookings)	850317 830136
The Manor	Rectory Road, Great Holland CO13 0JP	440310
Frinton & Walton Town Council (incorporating Frinton, Walton, Kirby & Great Holland)	Jerry Wedge (Town Clerk) Cllr. Mr Christopher Keston	676666 850067
Tendring District Council	Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton CO15 1SE Cllr. Mr Dan. Land	686868 Emergency/out of hours: 2220220 07590034305
Essex County Council	Cllr. Mr Mark Platt Email: cllr.mark.platt@essex.gov.uk	672551
Dog Warden	(Tendring District Council)	686787
Cats Protection	Tendring District Branch	744014
RSPCA	National contact number: Charity Shop, Frinton	0300 1234 999 674926
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 – 15th October): 9.00 am – 5.00 pm <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	

The TSP Team Working in Your Community



Planning Ahead?

The TSP Wills and Estates team can provide you with advice and assistance tailored to your particular circumstances in the following areas:

- Wills
- Inheritance Tax
- Powers of Attorney and Court of Protection
- Estate Planning
- The Administration of Estates (Probate)
- Trusts
- Elderly and Vulnerable Client Matters

PLANNING AHEAD?

Our team will guide you through the planning ahead process, tailoring their advice and guidance to suit your particular circumstances.

The team have created a guide to help you understand how you can plan for the future. It explains the nature of the options available to you and the effect on your family and friends if you have Wills and LPAs in place, and if you do not.

Download the guide from www.tsplegal.com/planningahead or contact us on 01255 221919 and we will send you a hard copy in the post.

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



Sarah White
Associate Solicitor
Wills and Estates
01255 254265
sarah.white@tsplegal.com



Marcus Price
Director, Solicitor
Family and Divorce
01255 254247
marcus.price@tsplegal.com



Carly Callaghan
Associate Solicitor
Residential Property
01255 254253
carly.callaghan@tsplegal.com

MOVING HOME?

Our team will guide you through each step of the buying and selling process.

Moving Home?

For many of us, buying a new home is not a regular transaction and the process can seem confusing and complicated. The TSP Residential Property team

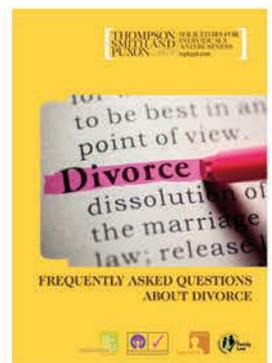
have put together a comprehensive guide to Moving Home. In the guide you will find lots of useful information on the buying and selling process.

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

Family Problems?

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

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



INDEX TO ADVERTISERS

P. G Oxley Ltd : *Funeral Directors & Building Contractors*

Hockleys Glass & Windows : *Windows, doors, conservatories, porches, etc.*

R&V Electrical Ltd : *Design, installation & Maintenance*

Sparlings : *Solicitors*

The Laundry Room : *Dry Cleaning, Ironing, Service washes, Rug Doctor Carpet cleaning*

Roger Neil : *Washing Machine repairs*

Kirby Cross Pet Supplies : *Free Delivery*

Fantari : *Dance and fitness*

M J H Computer Services : *Home & Business Users*

MDG Carpentry : *Carpentry*

B E Fosker Electrical Contractors Ltd : *Domestic & Commercial*

Sound & Vision Electronics : *TV, Audio, Appliances, Aerial Installations, Solar PV Systems, Electrician, etc.*

C. K. Batten : *Builders and House Extension Specialist*

Skip Bag Direct : *Household Waste disposal*

Park Fruit Farm & Orchard Tea Room : *Local produce*

Angel Landscapes and Designs : *Complete landscaping service*

Barry Moule Carpets : *Mobile service*

Matthew Gough : *Piano tuning, sale & hire*

Holland Roofing : *Re-roofing & Repair Specialist*

Kirby Locks Ltd : *Locksmiths & Security Consultants*

Leston Stationery : *Stationery Supplies*

Green End Garage : *Car Servicing, Repairs & MOTs*

Campwood Press Ltd : *Design, Print & Copying Services*

A&E Window Doctor : *Double glazing repairs*

GML Networking Technologies : *Local Computer Specialists, Home User & Business Services*

FROM THE EDITORS

A small request to you the reader to please make use of the services of the advertisers in our magazine where you can.

The revenue from their adverts ensures that the magazine remains delivered free of charge to every household in the village as otherwise it is entirely subsidised by All Saints' Church.

P. G. OXLEY LTD

ESTABLISHED 1857

'Celebrating over 160 years service to the local community'
(Incorporating W. Green & Sons)

INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

A unique Family Firm of Independent Funeral Directors, with the experience and reputation of Six Generations, offering a complete and sincere service to which has now been added pre-paid Funeral Plans guaranteed by Golden Charter. We can offer Chapels of Rest at all Offices.

PRINCIPAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Established Reputation for High Class Refurbishment and Renovation work. New Build. Extensions and Alterations to existing properties a forte. Complete building service offered.

47 High Street
Walton-on-the-Naze
Essex CO14 8BE



101 Pole Barn Lane,
Frinton-on-Sea,
Essex CO13 9NQ

Also at: 54 Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 1SP

TELEPHONE 24 HOUR SERVICE 01255 675549

Creating Traditional Charm With A Modern Twist



Providing you with the look of
timber without the upkeep

Our A-Rated timber alternative products are as beautiful as wooden windows, but have all the extra benefits such as high security locking and energy-saving glass to keep you safe and your heating bills low, whilst still adding an attractive, authentic looking touch to the doors and windows of your home.

Visit our showroom

Hockleys Windows
HOCKLEYS BUSINESS CENTRE
VALLEY ROAD
CLACTON-ON-SEA
CO15 4AE

hockleyssales@hotmail.com

www.hockleys.net
01255 431568

R&V

electrical ltd

Design • Install • Maintain

Domestic Services

- Internal & external lighting
- Heating
- Rewiring
- Additional sockets
- Relocate switches & sockets
- Electrical installations
- Electrical repairs
- Competitive prices
- BT, TV, Sky & data points
- Fault finding

Commercial Services

- Emergency lighting
- PAT testing
- Data cabling
- Periodic testing
- Electrical maintenance
- Phone systems
- Alarm systems

W : www.randvelectrical.co.uk

Get in touch today for a free quotation

M : 07966 222 685

E : info@randvelectrical.co.uk

We are a family-run business that specialise in all aspects of electrical work.



SPARLINGS SOLICITORS

All your legal needs ... on your doorstep!

- Wills & Powers of Attorney
- Tax Planning
- Probate & Trusts (including disputes)
- Conveyancing
- Family & Children
- Personal Injury & other Litigation



62A CONNAUGHT AVENUE, FRINTON

TEL: 01255 679222

www.sparlings.co.uk

Also at Colchester and Manningtree



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

All sizes of
Duvets
washed

Service
Washes

THE LAUNDRY ROOM

26 Frinton Road
Kirby Cross
Tel: 671755

Free collection and delivery

OPENING TIMES:

8.00 am – 6.00 pm Mon – Sat
9.00 am – 5.00 pm Sun

Friendly and helpful staff

Ironing
Dry
Cleaning

Rug
Doctor
Carpet
Cleaning

WASHING MACHINE REPAIRS



- * 20 years' experience
- * NO call-out charge
- * Domestic appliance repairs
- * All work guaranteed
- * FREE local estimates

Holland-on-Sea
ALL AREAS COVERED

Roger Neil
(01255) 814931



Having Computer Problems?

WE CAN HELP YOU IN ANYWAY REQUIRED

- Upgrades
- Internet / E-mail
- Problem Solving
- Broadband
- Spyware Removal
- Wireless Installs
- Networking
- Bespoke Software
- Antivirus / Firewall
- New Equipment
- Training
- PC Clean Up

Or any Other Computer Oqueries!

MJH have been supporting the local area for 25 years now. We provide prompt friendly support to home and business users

Ask for James



Phone Frinton: **01255 675515**
www.mjhcomputerservices.co.uk



We're Specialists In All Aspects of
Carpentry & Joinery
Over 20 Years Experience



Tel: 01255 674159 | Mob: 07738 173322
mattglading@hotmail.co.uk

B E FOSKER ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LTD.



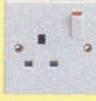
Part P Approved Contractor
Domestic, Commercial & Industrial
Design, Installation, Inspection + Testing

38 Deanhill Avenue
Clacton-on-sea
Essex CO15 5BA

Tel: 01255 814770
Mobile : 07775 728415
Email: enquiries@befoskerelectrical.co.uk

SOUND + VISION ELECTRONICS

We deliver, we install, we care

			dyson		Panasonic		
			Hotpoint		SAMSUNG		
				ROBERTS			INDESIT
	Miele			SONY			Lec*
				ZANUSSI			euronics

The Triangle Shopping Centre, Frinton on Sea, CO13 0AU
www.save-electronics.co.uk frinton@save-electronics.co.uk

Free Parking

01255 673766

Expert Advice



C. K. BATTEN

Builders and House Extension Specialist

EXTENSIONS, ALTERATIONS. LOFT CONVERSIONS. GARAGES. PORCHES.
 SPECIALIST IN HOUSE RENOVATIONS.
 REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND DOORS IN u.P.V.C., HARDWOOD AND ALUMINIUM.
 ALSO u.P.V.C. FASCIA, SOFFITS AND BARGEBOARDS.
 FITTED KITCHENS. BEDROOMS. NEW BATHROOMS & SHOWER ROOMS.
 INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DECORATING.
 FIREPLACES IN BRICK OR STONE.
 ROOFS STRIPPED AND RE-TILED.
 ROOF REPAIRS. GUTTERING. CHIMNEYS.
 BLOCK PAVING. DRIVEWAYS. PATHS. PATIOS. FENCING.
 TILING. ARTEXING AND COVING.
 PLUMBING AND CENTRAL HEATING INSTALLATIONS.
 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.
 GRANT WORK UNDERTAKEN.
 PLANS DRAWN AND SUBMITTED TO LOCAL AUTHORITY SPECIFICATIONS.
 ALL WORK CARRIED OUT BY FIRST CLASS TRADESMEN.



For Prompt Attention and Free Estimate
 Telephone: 01255 676062
 Mobile: 07860 839307

SKIP BAG direct
co.uk
01255 585858

DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RUBBISH TO FILL A SKIP?



OPTION 1:

BAGS

£25

DELIVERED & COLLECTED FROM YOUR DOOR

OPTION 2:

WE LIFT AND LOAD YOUR RUBBISH FOR YOU

For A Quote, Call, Text or Send A Photo

07450 706766 / skipbagdirect@gmail.com



Find us on Facebook: skipbagdirect

What we will collect:

Hardcore • Soil • Plasterboard • Textiles • Wood
Cardboard • Metal • Hedge cuttings • Green waste
All Building & DIY Waste • Electrical & White goods
Any General Household Items

No Job to Small ~ Same day Service ~ Call 7 Days

**YOUR LOCAL FRIENDLY
COST EFFECTIVE
SERVICE**



Environment
Agency APPROVED

Phone for a Quote: 01255 585858

See What Happens To Your Waste At: www.skipbagdirect.co.uk

Park Fruit Farm

Pork Lane, Great Holland, CO13 0ES
Tel: 01255 674621



Many apple varieties
(available in gift trays)

Fresh Pressed Unpasteurised Apple Juice
(perfect for the car driver)

Fresh Vegetables

Local Free Range Eggs

Local Meats

Local Honey and Chutneys

Orchard Tea Room

Specialising in Home Made Cakes
using fruit from our orchards

Opening Times:

Monday-Saturday 9 am – 5 pm

Sundays 10 am – 4 pm (from August)

Angel Landscapes and Designs



**Complete
landscaping
service**

Design and planning to completion

- **Patios and decking**
- **Lawns**
- **Ponds**
- **Block Paving**
- **Planting**
- **Fencing**
- **Free estimates**

Contact:
Sean Hale

01255 421721
07813 048278

www.angellandscapes.co.uk

Matthew Gough

MPTA, Btec. HND, C&G Pts 1&2

**PIANO TUNING
PIANO SALES AND HIRE**



•PIANO TUNING,
REPAIRS AND
FULL RENOVATIONS

•QUALITY PIANOS
INCLUDING YAMAHA PIANOS FOR
SALE OR MONTHLY HIRE!

• VARIOUS MONTHLY RATES
**A GREAT WAY TO TRY A QUALITY
PIANO BEFORE YOU BUY**
Established since 1988 and Fully Qualified

01255 670780

Church Lane, Great Holland
www.mpgpianos.com



INSURANCE WORK WELCOME

- ★ Chimney Stacks
- ★ Repairs & Guttering
- ★ Flat Roofs
- ★ New Roofs
- ★ Re-Tiling
- ★ UPVC Fascias & Soffits

*Small Jobs Carried Out With Pleasure
All work guaranteed
Free estimates*

TEL: 01255 860536
MOBILE: 0797 929 4349



KIRBY LOCKS LTD

- Locks Supplied and Fitted
- Crime Prevention Work
- Locks to British Standard • Lock Outs

Trevor Smith-Gillard

Locksmith Security Consultant
All Security Work Undertaken

Mob: 07875 719203

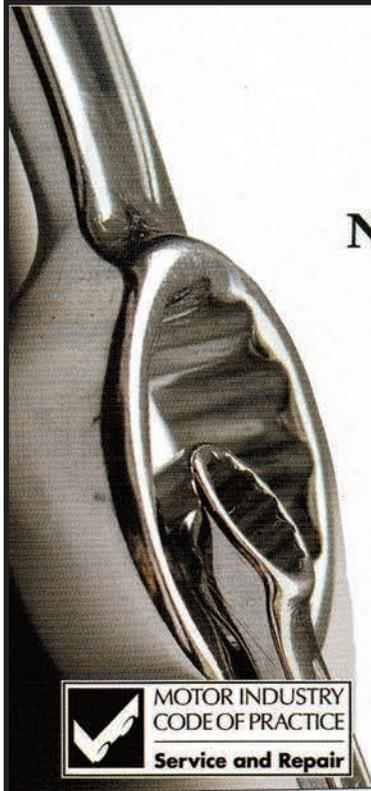


'No leston the best!'

We will not be beaten on price for any stationery products.
Save £'s on paper, computer supplies, ink carts, photo card, envelopes, general stationery
and much much more.

TRY US TODAY AND LET US PROVE IT

Leston Stationery, 10 Brunel Units, Gorse Lane Industrial Estate, Clacton on Sea, CO15 4LU
(Tel: 01255 432737 : Fax: 01255 476560 : E-mail: sales@leston.co.uk)



GREEN END GARAGE GT. HOLLAND

NEW purpose built premises now open!

**Established in 1994 with over 25 years experience
working on all makes & models of cars,
light commercials & 4x4's**



- **Vehicle Sales**
- **Servicing from £70**
- **MOTs from £40**
- **Diagnostic Testing & Repairs**
- **Air Conditioning Serviced & Repaired**
- **Tyres, Tracking, Batteries & Exhausts**
- **Free Collection & Delivery**
- **Courtesy Car Available**



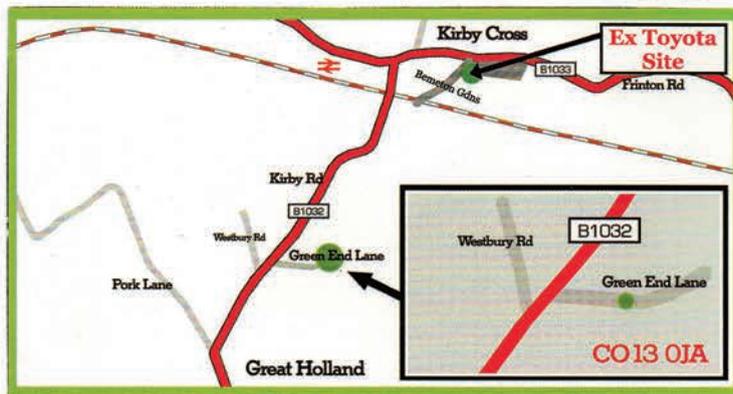
Jon Lott, Director

For a Professional Friendly Service Please Contact us:

www.GreenEndGarage.co.uk

Tel: 01255 675466

eMail: GreenEndGarage@hotmail.co.uk



CAMPWOOD PRESS LTD

DESIGN LITHO DIGITAL PRINT

COLOUR COPYING
BLACK & WHITE COPYING
BOOKLET / NEWSLETTER PRINTING
DOCUMENT COPYING
LEAFLETS / FLYERS / POSTCARDS
COMB & WIRE BINDING
SCANNING YOUR FILES TO DISC
POSTER/CANVAS & PLAN PRINTING
A4 UPTO A0
ARTWORK / DESIGN
STATIONERY - INVITATIONS
INVOICES/RECEIPT PADS
CHRISTMAS CARDS
CALENDARS AND MORE...

NEW LARGE FORMAT PRINTER



CALL NOW FOR OUR LATEST SPECIAL OFFERS!

Tel: 01255 424637

Email: salecampwood@aol.com

184 OLD ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA, ESSEX CO15 3LR

www.campwoodpressltd.co.uk





**A&E
WINDOW DOCTOR**



CARE AND REPAIR



“Bring your windows and doors back to life”

Established 1998

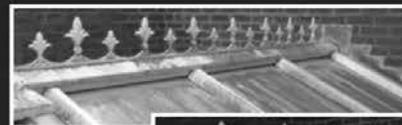
OUR INSTALLATION & REPAIR SERVICES:

- Affordable uPVC Windows and Doors
- Designer Door Collection
- New Full/Half Door Panels
- Glass Panels Replaced
- Knockers, Spyholes Fitted
- Misted Sealed Units
- Extra Window Security
- Locks, Handles and Hinges Replaced
- Catflaps & Letterboxes
- Emergency Boarding

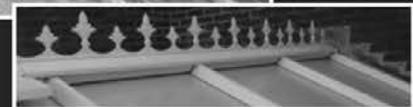
**PREPARING FOR THE HOUSE PARTY? SELLING YOUR HOME?
CAN'T SEE OUT YOUR GLASS? OR IS IT JUST TIME FOR A CLEAN?**

WHATEVER YOUR REASONS MAY BE...
WE CAN PROVIDE YOUR COMPLETE:

**CONSERVATORY ROOF
POWER WASH SERVICE**



BEFORE



AFTER

**WE SUPPLY AND FIT A WIDE
VARIETY OF FRONT DOORS**

**CALL NOW TO GET
YOUR FREE QUOTE:**

Call Office: **01255 763 942**

Call Mobile: **07837 240 131**

www.aewindowdoctor.info • info@aewindowdoctor.info





Computer Support

Remote Support

Enables our engineers to control your computer and quickly remedy problems.



Telephone support

Many issues can be remedied over the phone, getting you up and running as quickly and simply as possible.



In-house Support

If required, machines will be brought back to our facility to be worked on in a secure environment.

On-site Support

Engineers will come on-site to assist at your location.



Problems with your IT systems can disrupt business operations and lead to loss of opportunities and revenue. When problems strike you need to be able to rely on a course of action to remedy the situation.

GML NETWORKING TECHNOLOGIES

SUPPORT ■ INTERNET ■ EMAIL ■ BROADBAND ■ TELEPHONY

MUMFORD BUILDINGS 27-29 THORPE ROAD KIRBY CROSS FRINTON-ON-SEA ESSEX CO13 0LT

TEL: 01255 851 999

FAX: 01255 679 909

WWW.GMLNT.COM

INFO@GMLNT.COM