

Great Holland



June 2019 and July 2019



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FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for the very encouraging comments you continue to make about the new Village Voice.

In this edition, Dan Land, our new District Councillor, introduces himself via his blog and this will continue to be a regular feature in the magazine.

When I first moved to the village ten years ago, I found the Home Made Hour - on the first Saturday of the month – a good place to meet other villagers and to taste the delicious cakes. Please help to keep this going by making cakes if possible. Nickie Stack (01255 677984) would be delighted to hear from you if you are able to help.

Events happening in the village and local area are highlighted in this edition. Please support them whenever you can and please let me know if you would like to contribute to the magazine in any way.

Have a very enjoyable June and July!

Vanessa

Great Holland Church and Village Fete

Are you able to help us to set up the fete this year?

We will be there from 10 – 2pm on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd August. You can let us know beforehand or just turn up. It would be very much appreciated.

Can you bake a cake for our cake stall or make jam for our Mum's Pantry stall?

If you are a gardener, do you have plants to donate to the plant stall?

If you would like to help to man a stall on the day, no help will ever be refused.

This will be a great opportunity to help our village keep this wonderful, traditional, old style fete.

Contact Sue Jenkins on 01255 850317

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 2019 or September 2019 that you wish to publicise?
- Do you have any local news items to include?
- 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 /your business/service or any items for sale?

All contributions to the Village Voice should be received by 10th June. Please contact Vanessa on 670165 or email: vanessaagiles@icloud.com. Please note that Hazel (671767) deals with the advertising side of the magazine.

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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>	

Home Made Hours in the Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who supported our April and May Home Made Hours.

Our next Home Made Hours take place on **Saturday, 1st June and Saturday 6th July from 10 am – 11 am**. Please join us for tea, coffee, friendly company and the sale of home made cakes, marmalade, savouries, scones, etc, and occasional plants/garden produce. We also have a raffle.

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

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

Rector:	Rev. Mark Holdaway, The Rectory, 10 Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross, CO13 0LT (675997)
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GT HOLLAND

From the Diary – JUNE 2019

For dates of the Bible Study meetings at the Parish Room at 11am please see the notice sheet or church notice board.

Saturday	1st	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall
Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	5th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	9th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Worship
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	19th	2.00pm	Friendship & Interest Group at St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	23rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	30th	11.00am	Morning Worship

From the Diary – JULY 2019

Wednesday	3rd	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Saturday	6th	10.00am	HOME MADE HOUR in the Village Hall
Sunday	7th	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday	14th	8.00am 11.00am	Joint Holy Communion with our friends from St Michael's Morning Worship
Wednesday	17th	2.00pm	Friendship and Interest Group in St Michael's Church Hall
Sunday	21st	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	28th	11.00am	Morning Worship

The Parish Room - All Saints' Great Holland

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

All Saints' Church

It was a week of miracles

"It was a week of miracles"

You might know exactly what I'm talking about, you might not, or you might know but not care! But football last month produced a number of dramatic results, surprises and emotion.

In particular, there were amazing comebacks. It looked like all was lost, all hope had gone and defeat was certain, and yet great performances, and last-gasp goals brought victories that people thought would never happen.

One of the managers, who regularly reminds those who'll listen that there are more important things than football, said "it was a week of miracles."

If football can bring that emotion it makes me wonder what the first disciples of Jesus felt that first Easter.

If the chances for Liverpool and Spurs looked hopeless that week, then they looked even more hopeless for those who had spent their time following not a football team at weekends, but Jesus, every day, for 3 years and now had seen him killed.

It looked like all was lost, all hope had gone and defeat was certain.

And yet, Jesus rose from the dead, seen by over 500 people (the point is if one person tells you the news, you suspect they're wrong, but if 500 different people tell you, there must be something in it.)

It wasn't defeat, but in fact a victory.

And not a victory remembered until the next game, but one remembered for ever and one affecting eternity.



Barn Dance

**Saturday 22nd June
at 6.30pm**

Great Holland Hall,
Farm Church Lane

With Jasper Ceilidh Band

Entry £5 (free for 12 and under)

Food £5 extra (Fish or Sausage and Chips)

Tickets from Church Office 851235 or Church Members



GREAT HOLLAND METHODIST CHURCH

Dear friends,

In the last few weeks the seasons have changed tremendously. Flowers in variety are in bloom everywhere, the trees are coming into full leaf and the fields are springing into life. It all looks so different from thinking back to winter when everything was lying dormant in the ground.

Later in April we are celebrating Easter. The main setting of the first Easter Day was in a garden. When Mary went to visit the tomb where Jesus had been laid on Good Friday she went longing for the past and for things to be as they had been in the good times before. Mary found that the tomb was empty and approached a man she thought was the gardener and asked him where Jesus was. The 'gardener' was Jesus himself, raised to life. When Jesus said Mary's name she instantly recognised him as Jesus and rejoiced.

Easter is a time of radical transformation. It is a moment where all that is previously known is reframed in a way that brings the assurance of hope and life in a way that is so good that things will never be the same again.

The ongoing hope and assurance of new life and freedom is celebrated at Easter. Jesus promises to be there, present with us, through the Holy Spirit and always working for our good. Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, wants to be alongside each and every person, as our closest Friend, now and forevermore.

As we reflect on the transformation that is all around us in the wonders of the changing seasons, let's also remember in our hearts, minds and in all that we do we have the presence of Jesus, alive and dwelling inside us through the Holy Spirit and that it is that wonderful good news which we can know for ourselves and share with others.

God bless
Chris



Dates for your Diary

June

Saturday 1st June	Home-Made Hour in the Village Hall, 10 am – 11 am.
Thursday 6th June	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am - 12midday.
Thursday 13th June	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 midday.
Saturday 15th June	Methodist Church: Cream Teas served in the Church Garden, 2pm – 4pm, with Live Music and Stalls selling Books, Puzzles, Home Made Cakes and Bric a Brac.
Thursday 20th June	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 midday.
Thursday 27th June	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30 am -12 midday.

July

Thursday 4th July	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10-30am - 12 midday
Saturday 6th July	Home-made Hour in the Village Hall, 10am – 11 am.
Thursday 11th July	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am - 12 midday.
Thursday 18th July	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am - 12 midday.
Thursday 25th July	Coffee Morning: Methodist Church, 10.30am - 12 midday.

News of forthcoming local events is often given to us some time in advance. Details are printed in good faith in Great Holland Village Voice, but circumstances can change. If you plan to attend an event mentioned in the Village Voice, may we suggest that you might like to use any contact number given to check in advance whether the event is still taking place, to avoid possible disappointment.

Great Holland Methodist Church

on Saturday 15th June 2019

From 2 – 4 pm We will be serving

CREAM TEAS

In the garden of the Church.

There will be LIVE MUSIC

And a variety of Stalls selling

**Books, Puzzles, Home Made Cakes and
Bric-a-Brac.**

Great Holland Methodist Church

PHOTO COMPETITION

Subject: VIEWS/LANDSCAPE

Size of photo 6" x4" (150mm x100mm)

**Entries to be returned to Dennis at
27 Severn Road, Clacton, Essex CO15 3RB
By 10th October 2019.**

**Winner to be chosen by public attending
The Autumn Fayre, Saturday 26th October 2019**

Cash Prize for winner.

**Please put your name & home phone number on back of photo.
(One entry only.)**

What's on in your Village Hall?

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Monday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Tendring Male Voice Choir 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. Contact:  Ilze813909	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
Tuesday	 Fantari Dance and Fitness 9.30-10.30a.m. Contact: Sarah-Jane 688740 Gentle Tai Chi with meditation 11.00a.m.-12.30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 07724 133702	Carpet Bowls 1.45-3.45 p.m. Contact: Sheila 851855 	Links Karate 5.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Wednesday	Yoga 9.30-11.00a.m & 11.00am-12.30p.m Contact: Srina 07835 730593	The Coastal Singers Mixed voices 2.30-4.30 pm Contact: Ilze 813909 	AVAILABLE TO HIRE Badminton 9.00-10.30 p.m. 671300
Thursday	Tai Chi 9.30-12.30p.m. Contact: Des Exworth 679610 (additional classes available)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.30-7.30 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Friday	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Links Karate 6.00-8.00 p.m. Contact: Paul Harris 830136
Saturday	Home Made Hour 10.00-11.00a.m. First Saturday of month (NOT January, February, August or October)	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Rate for hire of Village Hall

£15.00 per hour. Please contact Coralie Harris on **830136** to book. (Email: coralieh@live.co.uk)

Updated November 2018

Book Review

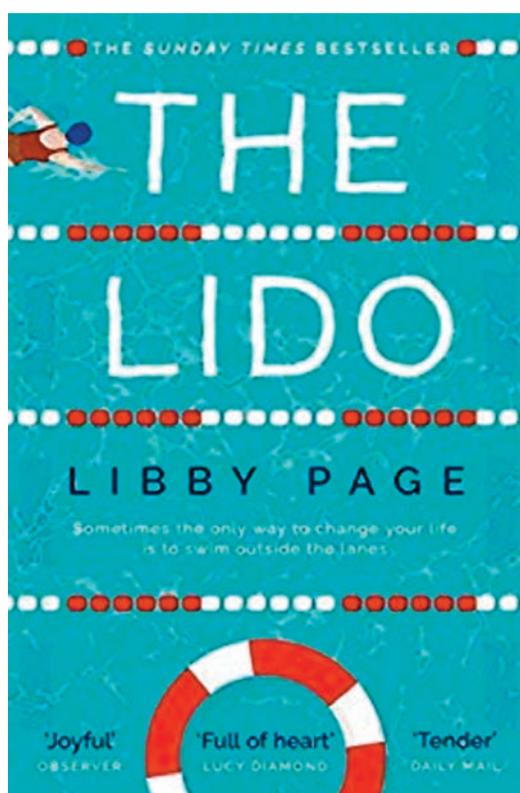
The Lido – Libby Page

This is the story of two women – 26 year old journalist Kate and 82 year old Rosemary – who come together to try to save a lido in Brixton threatened by closure. Rosemary has lived in Brixton all her life and so many of her memories are centered around the lido, including precious memories of her late husband, George. She still swims there each day in the summer and can see it from her kitchen window.

Kate is sent to interview Rosemary and they become firm friends, joined in their battle to save the lido. For Kate, who is struggling with loneliness and trying to feel a part of the local community, friendship with Rosemary helps her to find happiness and a purpose in life.

The local community is painted convincingly and there is richness and depth provided by the supporting characters, such as Frank and Jermaine who run the local café. The community is constantly struggling to fight off the developers and soon become embroiled in the battle to preserve the lido.

Inspired by the campaign to save Brockwell Lido in Lambeth in 2001, the book is now published in paperback and is the perfect summer read.



POLICE REPORT

Incidents from 08-03-2019 till 08-05-2019 are as follows:

- Report of a victim's dog being attacked by 2 other dogs. which caused a puncture wound to the victim's dog. It is believed that the owners have been located and are being dealt with. It was reported that all dogs were on leads.
- Road traffic collision non injury - Addison Road, driver details exchanged.
- Road traffic collision non injury - The Crescent - Member of the public witnessed a vehicle drive into a resident's vehicle and make off from the scene. Unfortunately, the vehicle index given by the witness was a No Trace on the police database, therefore all details were passed to the resident's insurance company.
- Theft of motor vehicle - Little Clacton Road. As the victim arrived on the building site, he turned his back on his vehicle for a short while and while doing so an unknown person drove off with the victim's van.
- Road Traffic Collision Main Road. An elderly driver had an angina attack whilst at the wheel of his vehicle, this caused the vehicle to mount the pavement and drive into the bushes on the bend near to the play park. Thankfully, no one was injured and the driver was taken to Colchester Hospital.
- Nuisance noise - report of a group of 6/7 people in the play park at around 01.00am. They were believed to be drinking and were being loud. The group left prior to police attendance.

With summer on its way, please keep an eye on your neighbours, especially if elderly and vulnerable, to make sure that the rogue traders don't do unnecessary tree cutting, garden work, driveway or gutter cleaning. Also, shut the front downstairs windows if you are out in the garden. It does not take long for an opportunist burglar to climb through a window.

If you need to report a crime you can either dial Chris on 850067, dial 101 or go online at <https://www.essex.police.uk/>.

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

Regards

Michele

JUNE

“June damp and warm does the farmer no harm”

Summertime is here at last! It's time for strawberries and cream and barbeques. Roses are out in gardens and parks and there are lots of sunny days to look forward to.

Why is June called June?

The month of June was probably named after the Roman god Juno, the wife of Jupiter. It is considered good luck to get married in June. The Anglo-Saxons called it Sera Monath, which means “dry month”.

Specials Days

June 5th – **Eid al-Fitr**, the end of Ramadan. This is an Islamic festival that is celebrated by Muslims all over the world. It is the day which ends Ramadan.

June 8th – **Trooping the Colour**, the Queen's birthday parade. This takes place on Horse Guard's Parade, with the queen attending and taking the salute. Over 1400 officers and men are on parade, together with 200 horses and 400 musicians. As the Queen's actual birthday is in April why does she have her official celebration in June? This tradition was introduced by George 2nd in 1748. As his actual birthday was in November he decided that the weather would be too cold for his annual birthday parade so he combined his birthday celebrations with the annual military parade of Trooping the Colour. Ever since then monarchs have celebrated their “official” birthday in June.

June 9th **Pentecost or Whitsun** is the seventh Sunday after Easter and ten days after Ascension Day. It is a major feast of the Christian year when Christians remember when God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus's ascension. The crowds gathered in Jerusalem were able to hear the disciples preaching in their own language.

June 9th – **Shavnot**, is a Jewish festival during which Jews remember the day that God gave Moses The Torah. All Jews go to the synagogue on the first day of Shavnot to hear the reading of the Ten Commandments.

June 16th – **Father's Day**.

June 21st – Summer Solstice.

JULY

*Hot July brings cooling showers,
apricots and gillyflowers*

School finishes for the summer and holidays beckon! It might even be warm enough to swim in the sea. The bright lime-coloured leaves turn a deeper richer green and barley turn golden. July is also famous for thunderstorms – but they don't usually last long!

Why is July called July?

July was named in honour of Julius Caesar as it was the month he was born. Earlier the Anglo-Saxons called it Weodmonath, which means “the month of weeds” or Heymonath as it is haymaking time.

Specials Days

15TH July – **St Swithin's Day.** St Swithin was an early Saxon Bishop of Winchester who died in 861 AD, and legend says that as he lay dying he asked to be buried in the common graveyard “where the rain would fall on him and the feet of ordinary men could pas over him.” Nine years later the monks of Winchester attempted to move his remains to a splendid shrine. However, they could not remove his body for 40 days and nights because of torrential rain. It was said that St Swithin was weeping in protest. In AD 963 the mausoleum was finally completed but it has become folklore that if it rains on St Swithin's Day it will rain for 40 days.

21st July – **50th Anniversary of Moon Landing.** At 02.56 GMT Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon. As he put his left foot down first Armstrong declared, “That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” He described the surface as being like powdered charcoal and the landing craft left a crater about a foot deep. He was joined by colleague, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, at 03.15 GMT and the two collected data and performed various exercises, including jumping across the landscape, before planting the Stars and Stripes flag. They also unveiled a plaque with an inscription reading, “Here men from the planet Earth first set foot on the moon July 1969 AD. We came in peace for all mankind.”

The Moon Landing was in 1969 – but what else was happening?

- A litre of petrol cost 7 old pence (£1.12 in today's money!).
- A loaf of bread cost 8 pence (£1.26 in today's money).
- Milk cost 18 pence (£2.76 in today's money)
- The average cost of a house was £4,145 (£65,642 in today's money).
- Harold Wilson was Prime Minister.
- Sugar Sugar by the Archies was the best-selling song.
- The average salary was £962 (£15,109 in today's money).
- The average cost of a car was £1,060 (£16,642 in today's money).
- The average grocery shop was £1.10 (£17.24 in today's money.)
- The musical "Oliver" won the Oscar for best picture.
- Katherine Hepburn (The Lion in Winter) and Barbara Striesand (Funny Girl) tied for Best Actress.
- The Oscars were televised globally for the first time.
- Lulu the elephant ran amok on Blue Peter.
- Lulu the singer won the Eurovision Song Contest with Boom Bang a Bang.
- New television shows premiering that year included The Liver Birds, Up Pompeii, On the Buses and Monty Python's Flying Circus.
- Rod Laver and Ann Jones won the Wimbledon titles.
- The RMS Queen Elizabeth 2 enters service.
- The first Concorde test flights were conducted.
- Robin Knox-Johnson became the first person to sail around the world solo without stopping.
- The Beatles released Abbey Road – their last album recorded together
- The Isle of Wight Festival attracted an audience of over 150000 to watch performers including Bob Dylan, The Who and Joe Cocker.
- The second manned moon mission successfully landed on the moon on November 19th.

“A garden is a lovely thing”

What a joy to have such beautiful weather over Easter.

However now we must all feel grateful for what rain there is, not just for our gardens but for the farmers whose crops will suffer from lack of water and the planting season which may be seriously jeopardised.

The gardens are positively burgeoning following the warmer weather and in the last couple of weeks many of my plants have come into flower; notably the sweetly scented *Azalea luteum* which I consider has the best scent of all the Azaleas, competing with *Viburnum Burkwoodii*, a relative newcomer to my garden which has taken off this year. The *Cornus kousa* with large white bracts tinged with pink is giving a spectacular display and is a good contrast to the fresh red leaves of the *Pieris*. My Japanese quince has been in flower for some time with pale pink and white flowers, the true fruiting quince has only buds as yet but promises a good crop of autumn fruits. Nearly all the bulbs are finishing now including the snakes head fritillary which have given me great pleasure as they are in my front grass and I pass them all the time going in and out of the house.

The vegetable garden is still rather dormant but my broad beans are flowering well, much to the delight of the bees, and the warm spell has brought on my asparagus rather early, which was a treat for my visiting family at Easter; in return they helped me gather seaweed from the beach on Easter Monday to encourage the plants to greater production!

The birds are generally a source of joy but I cannot help wishing the pigeons would choose another habitat away from my garden! They demolished a white sweet rocket when I transplanted it from where it had been overwintering very happily in the vegetable area into a bed where it was needed, stripping the leaves in a matter of hours. I covered it with chicken wire and it has recovered along with a few other things that got the same treatment. The sparrows, which I cherish, are inclined to peck at the petals on the primulas, I assume in search of nectar and pollen; I do wonder why they cannot be satisfied with the seeds & fat balls that I supply them with and which they eat with relish. There are less starlings about these days but we always used to say if you had starlings on the lawn they would be after the leatherjackets, and I know which I would rather have. I have occasional visits from a green woodpecker that lives in the neighbouring trees and enjoys feasting on ants.

There are the inevitable slugs and snails about and I generally hope for the intervention of hedgehogs and thrushes, although these are less plentiful than I would wish; there are also natural remedies such as introducing nematodes which can be successful. However, sometimes it is easier just to remember they are all God's creatures and hope that nature will succeed where I have failed and remember that a healthy plant will withstand the onslaught of pests and diseases much better than an unhealthy plant. The most important point is to enjoy your garden, however small or large, and never let it become a burden.

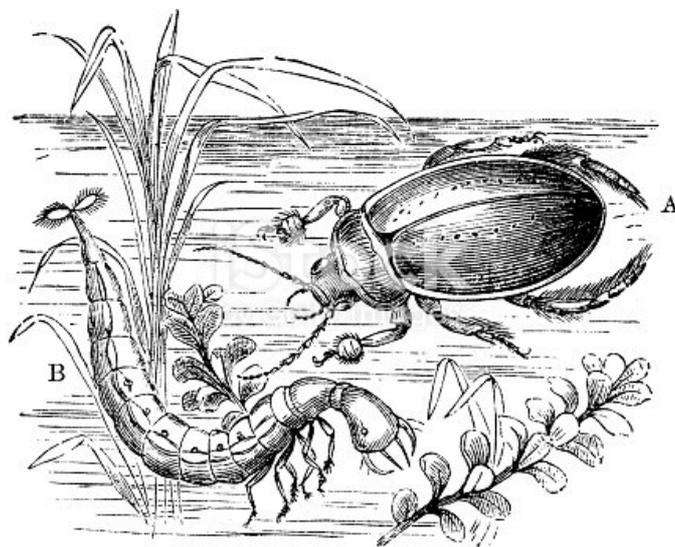
Rethna Flaxman

What moves below the surface?

The burgeoning life in ponds

More than a year ago I recounted in *Village Life* that I had moved home. In the new garden with few existing features, I started to plan the shrubs, the meadow and the borders with various nectar plants to satisfy the bees and butterflies, and placed in direct line from my favoured chair in the conservatory, a pond. As the winter progressed I dug the pond in two parts, and surrounded it with rocks and slabs. I acquired pond plants chosen to be in scale with the small size of the pond.

Friends expressed an interest and asked about which fish I would introduce. Readers will recall that I am very fond of fish, but I said no, I am hoping to attract other life. Where would I get such from? I would wait for them to fly in on their own. While we are familiar with dragonflies being flying insects that can get there under their own steam, it is surprising that little water boatman, beetles, and bugs also regularly leave their ponds and fly to other places. Some years ago at Holland Pits I was talking to someone by a puddle in a rut, when there was a strong plop which I assumed had been caused by someone hurling something towards us. It was however a Great Diving Beetle, the diameter of a 10 pence piece and in the water the last thing you would expect to be capable of flight. However below the light brown wing cases across its back are wings making it a strong flier, despite its un-aerodynamic shape.

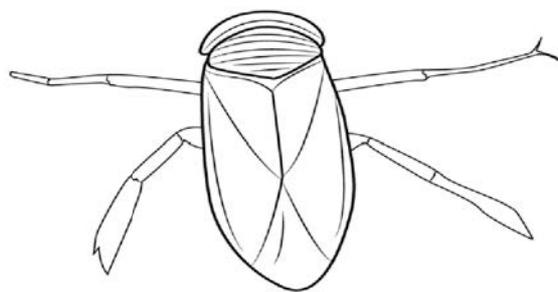


I did however put some water fleas in because new ponds are inclined to get taken over by algae, while there are no plant eaters to consume it. Already peering into the clear water, which is fed from my roof by a long pipe, there are already many water fleas and several water boatmen. I sometimes get these fly in to my moth trap in the night, so it is no surprise that some of them have already colonised by my pond, perhaps drawn to it by reflection of the moon or stars.

In June we will have our regular open day at Great Holland Pits. While we provide refreshments and we have conducted walks, one of the main attractions is pond dipping, an experience for the young and all those young at heart such as me who love these things. We provide nets and observation trays and we usually survey three ponds. Sessions start soon after 11:00am and 2:00 pm. We expect amongst other finds to include Great Crested newts, described by some as water dragons.

The last 3 years we have continually experienced lower than normal rainfall. We may be forced to dip in different places because the water levels are lower than I have ever experienced in some of the ponds.

There will be a second opportunity to do some pond dipping a few weeks later at Cockaynes Wood, situated off the road between Alresford and Wivenhoe. Other activities will also be going on there.



Essex Wildlife Trust events during the summer

Sun 11th June Great Holland Pits with pond dipping CO13 0EY

Sun 30th June, Cockaynes Wood with pond dipping CO7 9JX

Bob Seago



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Friends,

We have just had our AGM and I am delighted to announce that we have some new faces. Our new Secretary is Vanessa Giles, our new Planning Officer Alan Rusbridge and we now have three co-Chairs, Jane Kurzweil, Myrna Lyles and myself. The village owes a debt to these four volunteers. Vanessa is well known to many as the current editor of Village Voice. Alan's background could hardly be more appropriate, since he worked as Planning Enforcement Officer for Tendring District Council and we look forward to the benefit of his expertise in resisting the constant pressure to extend the village limits in all directions.

Robert Bucke has decided to retire from the council and did not stand for re-election this year. I would like to pay a personal tribute to this role model of a local politician. His integrity, diligence and tenacity have been without equal in our locality and he will be sorely missed. I stated at our AGM that one of the measures of his value was the number of feathers he ruffled! Robert is a mild mannered and cultured man, but ruffle feathers he did on a regular basis by his tenacious persistence in demanding that local problems be addressed. There are officers and councillors on both Tendring District Council and Essex County Council who will have broken out the bubbly at Robert's retirement from this level of local politics and they could not make a more fitting tribute, in my opinion! It merely serves to emphasise their self-serving priorities. In the case of Tendring, this is largely its contempt for local opinion in planning matters and, in the case of Essex, their appalling incompetence over highways issues.

There have been some changes as a result of the local election and the lack of overall control vested in one party will hopefully see a reduction in the domination of party hacks, whom I define as politicians who put personal ambition first. Almost nothing that a local council is responsible for is or should be a party political matter. Now, our two local councillors, Chris Keston and Daniel Land both attended our AGM and committed themselves to be accessible, listening politicians. I like what I heard from them and would ask you to take them at their word. They are starting with a 'surgery' at the Village Hall on Sunday 23rd June from 2pm. Please take up your concerns.

Michele, one of our invaluable PCSOs, reminded the meeting that, although they can no longer be contacted directly on a mobile number (this was stopped some while ago by the Chief Constable), if you have concerns regarding anything, ring either Chris on 850067 or Daniel (these numbers are listed in Village Voice); they have the means to get an immediate message to the PCSOs, who will respond urgently. Obviously, I am NOT referring to matters where a standard 999 call is appropriate.

Can I add that our meeting also recorded its heartfelt thanks to Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius for her services as Secretary, Robert Caines for his terms as Vice-Chair and Eddie Forrest for his dedication as Planning Officer. Eddie deserves singling out, because monitoring planning applications has been a real burden during these years of open season for developers here in Tendring. He has advised us on appropriate responses and drafted a large number of suggestions and objections at significant expense of his own time and effort. Thank you, Eddie.

While we are on the subject of volunteering, can anyone else offer assistance with the Village Fete on Saturday 3rd August, please? Setting up and clearing up are both jobs that need doing and many hands make light work in this case. Please contact Paul Witham on the website, greatholland.com or Vanessa Giles. We are grateful to Jane and Vic Kurzweil for volunteering to run the GHRA stall, which has a good record of recruiting members.

Don't forget that Great Holland has its own website and the Webmaster, Paul Withams, maintains this in spite of his own manically busy life. He has always welcomed help if anyone feels they can assist. There are aspects of the site that need updating and new material to refresh the site is always welcome. The other thing is to remember that we also have a Facebook page, thanks to Sue Jenkins.

Spring always reminds me that Great Holland is a great place to live, but even I can't blame Tendring planners for everything, so we do need willing volunteers for lots of things! Please help.

Best regards,

Paul Fletcher-Tomenius Co-Chair GHRA



GREAT HOLLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on

SATURDAY 11th May, 2019 at 10.30am in the Village Hall

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Eddie Forrest, Sue Jenkins, Hazel Martin, Olivia Hearn, Nicki Stack, Justine Partridge.

Election of Officers

The Vice-Chair Robert Caines, Secretary Birgitta Fletcher-Tomenius, Planning Officer Eddie Forrest and the Chair Paul Fletcher-Tomenius did not offer themselves for re-election. Since there were no nominations for Chair, it was proposed and agreed that three nominations should be sought so that the Co-Chairs took one meeting each during the year.

Accordingly, Jane Kurzweil, Myrna Lyles and Paul Fletcher-Tomenius were elected Co-Chairs unopposed.

Vanessa Giles was elected Secretary unopposed.

Alan Rusbridge was elected Planning Officer unopposed.

It was decided that an election for Vice Chair was unnecessary.

Minutes of the Meeting of meeting of 19th January 2010

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising

PCSO Report

Michele stated that a full report would appear in the forthcoming Village Voice but that there had been no serious incidents in the last period.

David Masters reported a group of people trying to persuade householders in Church Lane to pay excessive sums for drive and roof cleaning. He approached them and explained that this was a no cold calling area and that he knew other residents had asked police officers to attend. David said that they were perfectly polite and left hastily.

Michele, supported by Councillor Chris Keston, requested that direct approaches are not made. The PCSOs can be contacted quickly by phoning either Chris or Councillor Daniel Land, both of whom can make direct contact.

Planning Report

The Chair read Eddie Forrest's written report, which is as follows:

Decisions:

The Willows, Little Clacton Road. Proposed two bungalows REFUSED. An appeal is expected.

Sea View, opposite The Manor Pub. Demolish and replace with new extended dwelling APPROVED.

Pork Lane development of two custom built/self-build dwellings. APPEAL DISMISSED.

Pork Lane. Up to five bungalows rear of The Paddocks. APPEAL ALLOWED. This is a significant and disturbing decision in that it is land outside the settlement boundary and sets the scene for approval of another five bungalows on adjoining land for which an application was refused by the planning committee against the recommendation of planning officers. An appeal against this decision is predicted.

Awaiting decision:

Larges Farm Cottage. Second application for a house at rear. (First application was REFUSED). Decision is overdue, delay seems to be related to proof of title.

Greenways, Church Lane. Removal of existing bungalow and erection of two dwellings. Objection will be lodged.

Adjacent to The Veldt, Little Clacton Road. Three bungalows. APPEAL IN PROGRESS.

Alan Rusbridge agreed to produce future reports in written format for publication. He was not yet in a position to comment on recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Treasurer's Report

The balance is £4021 with £161 in cash. The current membership before today is 56.

Speedwatch

The organiser, Mick Carter, explained his own background as a retired Detective Sergeant from London after ten years working on vehicle fraud. He had lost close friends in traffic accidents involving excessive speed and believed that was his initial motivation to become involved with Speedwatch. He reminded people of the consequences of a speeding ticket, a fixed penalty of £80, three penalty points followed by a supplement for four years on the insurance premium. He gave examples of how he believed Speedwatch has had an impact in reducing the frequency of speeding. For example, in Little Clacton Road, 80 offenders in a two-hour session on a

previous occasion has now been reduced to 40. He acknowledges the unfortunate inability to prosecute in the absence of a police officer but still believes reductions like this make the exercise worthwhile. Mick asked for more volunteers which will permit more sessions.

Village Fête

Jane and Vic Kurzweil kindly volunteered to run GHRA's stall. Paul Withams asked for more volunteers to help set up and clear away the fête as there are insufficient people at present.

Date, Time and Venue of next Meeting

SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 10.30 AM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

New Councillors

Chris Keston and Daniel Lang introduced themselves and emphasised their availability to all residents. Both have public telephone numbers and they intend to hold regular 'surgeries' the first of which will be in the Village Hall on Sunday, 23 June starting at 14.00 pm.

Any Other Business

There is a problem with parking near the playground in Pork Lane. Chris Keston explained that discussions were taking place with Essex County Council. His own preferred solution is additional parking, but some of the local residents opposed this.

The defibrillator has now been fitted outside the village hall. When a call is put through for an ambulance, they will provide the pass code to open it.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.30 am.

Memories of Great Holland 1943 – 1953

By Victor Spencer Wilson

I lived in Great Holland between 1943 and 1953. My parents and I resided in one of only two houses in Station Fields that led through Farmer Lott's fields to the Kirby Cross railway station.

Although our postal address was in Great Holland, locals often made it clear that as far as they were concerned we lived in Kirby Cross.

The pathway that went through the railway station was the boundary between the two villages and because our house, "Meadows", was on the side nearest to Kirby cemetery we therefore lived in Kirby and not Great Holland.

I have never found out who was right. I do remember that, as a boy, I was not welcome on Great Holland Green, where I liked to play on the swings. Several times I was chased away by gangs of Great Holland boys who called me a Kirbyite.

Of course, it was no better on the Kirby Cross side because when I used to try and play on the small green at the corner of Frinton Road and Hadleigh Road I was chased away by Kirby boys who called me a "Hollandite!"

In the end my parents confined me to barracks and I spent a rather lonely childhood, except when I was at school. I well remember the barrage balloon behind our house in Farmer Lott's field.

I also remember seeing Captain Phillip May MC of Blue House Farm, Kirby, in full uniform walking his girlfriend through Station Fields when he was on leave. He sadly lost his life in action in the last month of the Second World War.

I also remember Mr and Mrs Elvish, who delivered groceries and old Mr Bareham who came to clear our cesspit and do odd gardening jobs.

Ah, memories!

Victor Spencer Wilson

Daniel Land's Blog

June 2019



Hello to all

I wanted to introduce myself and thank everyone that turned out to vote in the recent District Council elections. I was elected as your District Councillor for the next four years, something I am very proud of. In 2018 I was shortlisted as one of the top seven community councillors in England. I work tirelessly for local people and have a proven track record of success. I say it as it is, I can't resolve everything, I'm not superman, but I do my best for people.

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

I will be getting involved in as many local events and activities as possible and will be working closely with Chris Keston (elected as your Town Councillor), congratulations to him. I know Chris well and it is our intention to support you all. To that end, we will be holding a drop in session in the village hall for anyone that wishes to meet us and ask any questions.

Date for your diaries is Sunday 23rd June from 2 - 4pm at the Village Hall

Bit about me, I am 37 and live in Thorpe where I grew up. In the winter you will find me playing rugby at Clacton and in the summer playing or watching cricket at Frinton. I am passionate about the area and want to do all I can to get involved with things in Great Holland, time permitting.

I have spoken to many of you already and received many kind words of congratulations after the election. I will be a good voice for the village and work hard with Chris. A great degree of thanks and respect must go to Robert Bucke and Mark Cossens who represented Great Holland for many years and achieved much for you all.

Speak soon

Daniel Land

District Councillor for Beaumont, Great Holland & Thorpe
Thorpe Parish Council Chairman

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

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- entrants must be 1.4 meters (4foot5inches) OR be 18 years old.
- round up your friends, family, colleagues to get that magic 10 people needed to enter a team
- we will also run a shorter version of kids #itsaknockout during the day - #inclusive
- sponsorship opportunities of the itsaknockout games
- prizes for best fancy dress,
- prizes for best gazebo in the #itsaknockout Olympic village
- village fete the same day
and so much more....

To secure your team at this exciting event, attend Thorpe Social Club (in person) on any Sunday between 1pm-5pm. Once all the teams are sold, that's it, so it's **first come first served**. The price is £25 per person, with ten people in a team. You will be asked to complete a booking form with the names of your ten team members and pay your team entry fee in full (£250, non-refundable).

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Surgery Newsletter May 2019

Greetings all, some things are consistent and some things are consistently changing, the NHS falls into the latter category. The latest directive as you know from Dr Carla's recent newsletter is that GP surgeries are to be linked in Networks covering a geographical area with a patient list size of 30,000 to 50,000. The idea behind it is that surgeries will be able to share staff across the surgeries in the Network and work together better. On the face of this seems like a good idea but as the project moves forward over the next 5 years there is likely to be a much closer alignment of staff, resources and surgeries.

Thorpe-le-Soken Surgery along with the Branch at Kirby is in talks with other surgeries in the locality with a view to forming a Network, not to do so would mean missing out on a large chunk of money coming into General Practice to pay for things like Social Prescribing and a Pharmacist. This is not something that we have entered into lightly but we are being heavily led by the CCG and NHSE in this direction. The talks are not yet concluded but rest assured I will update you all with the final details as soon as they become clear. **The PPG meeting on Monday 3rd June, 7.30pm at Thorpe Sports and Social Club** is where the conclusion of the talks will be shared in full. If you would like to know what's going on this a meeting not to be missed! The Social Club provide their venue free of charge for these friendly meetings so if you are able to support the club by buying a drink at the meeting they would very much appreciate it.

Other news in the surgery is that Leighanne our Practice Nurse is taking maternity leave in June, 2 part-time nurses have been appointed to cover for her and Dr Hannah is returning from maternity leave in May, she will be working 2 days per week. Dr Fadaly is joining us in May and he will be working 1 day per week. Dr Michelle is not returning from maternity leave until September but she will be increasing from her previous 2 days to 3 days per week. All in all we are very fortunate to have a full complement of GP's by September despite the crisis in GP recruitment locally and nationally.

Our staff training and improvement programme is progressing with haste, HCA Michelle is progressing with her nursing training and we are releasing her to attend university part-time. To fill the gap created by her university days Gemma and Hazel from reception are undertaking HCA training and they are getting on nicely, they have already completed the Phlebotomy module and passed with flying colours so congratulations to both of them.

Cont'd....

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Rebecca in the dispensary has completed the NVQ Dispensing course and again passed with flying colours and we are delighted for her.

In our reception area you will notice that Kelly our RGN is very busy at the back dealing with our triage system, many surgeries use the Care Navigation system which is led by receptionists. Again we are very fortunate to be able to offer clinical triage which is led by Kelly and Dr Carla who is the project leader. Of course in an ideal world only those folk who need an appointment would ask for one and there would be an endless supply of appointments to meet that need, unfortunately we are still plagued by the occasional unreasonable request and a supply of appointments that does not meet demand. We still get

a fair number of patients that do not turn up for appointments but this new system has helped bring down the total from well over 200 to 104 in March 2019, still a lot but so much better.

Finally to close I take this opportunity to remind you to stock up on the Hay fever medication, this is not available on prescription and can be purchased from all the discount stores very cheaply.

Best wishes
Karen Austen

Thorpe-Le-Soken Surgery Newsletter June 2019

Hi Folks, Doctor Carla here again!

You will all know that I've been warning about the changes that are afoot in General Practice and in the NHS generally for the last 10 years. What I originally started to tell you about 10 years or so ago, when we had the meetings in the WI hall are now being evidenced. I've no doubt that you have all seen and experienced the changes.

We now have triage to try to fit you to the right clinician at the right time. There will be less GP's and a greater reliance on Advanced Nurse Prescribers and Emergency Care Practitioners. This is the solution advised by NHSE to fill gaps due to lack of GP's. The promise of 5000 extra GP's by 2020 (Jeremy Hunt 2015) is never going to materialise. There are even less GP's now than 5 years ago.

Thorpe Surgery's main aim at the moment is to try to avoid the pressure to 'Network'- because then, instead of in-house triage call will be received via a 'hub' and all personal service that hasn't been currently eroded, will ultimately be obliterated. I have put on the PPG Facebook page various videos from the BMA explaining Networks and ICP's in the recent past.

The staff at the surgery are battling to keep your service as personal and consistent as possible-despite the ever increasing constraints. They do take all your comments- both positive and negative to heart. Most of the comments lift our hearts and are very encouraging and we are extremely grateful for this, it's what we come to work for. Unfortunately I do sometimes receive calls from receptionists/nurses/GP's in the evening because of unwarranted criticism they have received from patients. Really folks we are all in this together. I'm writing to try to encourage you all to work with us and understand the difficulties from our side of the problem too-as we try to understand yours and as we try to defend your service-even though you may not always see it that way or may not feel that way to you.

We are trying to protect Thorpe Surgery and yourselves from being subsumed into a large private, nameless and faceless private Network. We might get things wrong, give you the wrong impression but fundamentally our objectives are to keep General Practice as local, safe and accessible.

Going forward the CCG may have the powers to force us to join a Network, the clock is ticking. The Networks are due to be announced at the end of May. I would encourage the local population to debate these issues, maybe via local meetings or the PPG. Thorpe and Kirby PPG meeting is 3rd June, 7.30pm at Thorpe Sports and Social Club, Station Road.

The changes are NHSE driven, they are not the ethos of Thorpe Surgery or its staff and we are making the best of what we have. We have no powers to change it, NHSE is more likely to listen to the public voice-not ours.

Thank you for your time, Dr Carla



Frinton & Walton Postcard Club

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

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

Please telephone Margaret Wilsher on 674134 for further details.



Frinton & District Horticultural Society

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

Thursday 6th June 2019 - Matthew Tanton Brown talks on the history of
"Place for Plants" at East Bergholt, with pictures.
Competition: A Scented Rose.

Thursday 4th July 2019 - David Spencer will give a talk on growing and showing
daffodils.
Competition: 5 stems of Sweet Peas.

Saturday 13th July 2019 – Summer Fair at Railway Crossing Cottage Garden,
Frinton, 10am to 12.30 pm.

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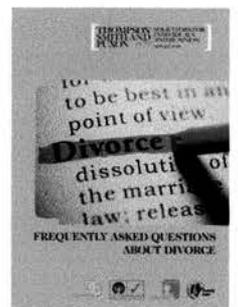
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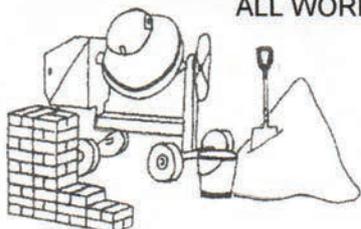
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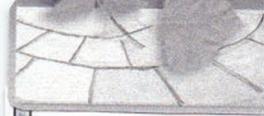
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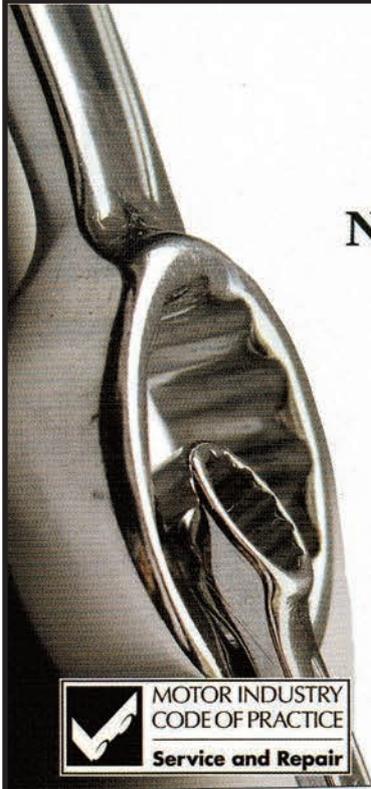


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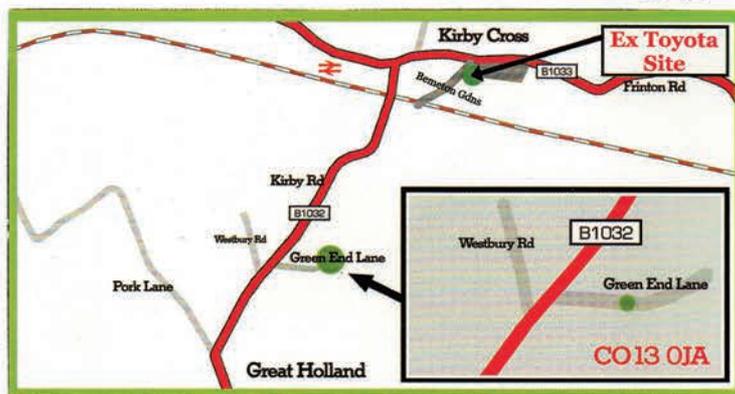
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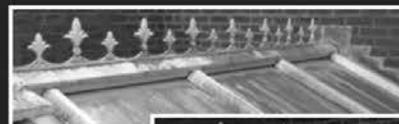
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