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Articles for the Autumn edition of the HRA Magazine are to be submitted to Maureen Cochlin (littlemaur199@gmail.com). Final date for submission is the 5th of August 2022.

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To this end we offer them space in this magazine to give a (short) report on their activities over the past three months. Their names and contact details appear on the inside back cover of this edition.

Please note that the elected councillors for St Batholomew's Ward that covers most of Holland on Sea - Councillors King and Winfield represent a political party – "Holland on Sea and Eastcliff Matters". This group has no connection with the Holland Residents Association. In particular, the HRA does not sponsor that group and nor does that group represent the HRA.

Welcome to your Community Magazine

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Holland-on-Sea Residents' Association magazine.

We are now working hard on the village fete to be held in August and it's really good to be almost back to normal. In addition to the fete, we're also holding another garage sale, and this will be free for sellers. More details are in this edition.

The committee places social activities for the benefit of the community as one of its key roles. However, although it may appear that we focus our efforts on social events, the committee is very much aware of other matters which may affect our village. This introduction is to act as a reminder that the HRA is an all-embracing organisation when it comes to caring for our community. At the time of writing (early May), one such concern is a request by a telecoms company to build a structure on the playing field in Hereford Road. The structure would be surrounded by a spiked fence and cover an overall area of 28 sq. metres. Plans were submitted in March along with similar structures elsewhere in the Clacton area. The plans can be viewed on Tendring Council's website – 22/00381/FUL. It gives the address as 33 Hereford Road but this is for planning purposes only. There have been ten comments – including comments from the owners of that address – and all are against the proposal.

The HRA committee has decided to oppose the plans. Andy Baker, whose role on the committee is to oversee planning applications, has formally opposed the plans on behalf of the HRA. The first part of his letter is as follows:

"I write on behalf of the Holland on Sea Residents Association to object to the application to build a "Proposed shelter containing active telecoms equipment required to connect around 6,000 premises on a point-to-point network – 33 Hereford Road, Holland on Sea, CO15 5 PS. It is stated in the application form that the building will be some 15 feet in length, 7 feet in width and 7 feet 6 inches high, surrounded by a 6 foot metallic fence, topped by spikes, no doubt to deter entry in the compound, and the whole site is stated to be 28 square metres in size. The location of this building is to be on an open area, used by local children to exercise and play."

The HRA does not know the views of the



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two local councillors whose ward covers Hereford Road: at the time of writing there have been no comments. We shall keep you informed of developments in future editions of this magazine. Members who have provided an e-mail address will continue to receive regular updates on this and other matters of local interest. If you are able to do so, please take the time to read the application and the comments.

In June, of course, HM Queen Elizabeth celebrates (or will have celebrated) her Platinum Jubilee and the committee hopes that everyone will make the most, or will have made the most, of the celebrations. The committee wishes you all a happy summer period and hopes to see you at the fete.

Carol Cooper,
Chairperson



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Quarterly Meeting

The next public meeting of the Holland Residents' Association will be held on Friday 22nd July at 7.30pm at Holland Public Hall, Frinton Road.

The guest speaker is to be confirmed. Local councillors will be invited.

This meeting is open to all residents.

Stephen Collitt, Hon Secretary
E-mail: secretary.of.hra@gmail.com

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE



Holland on Sea

Residents Association Garage Sale

Saturday 16th July 2022 10am to 3pm

Anyone who wishes to hold a sale in their front garden or garage of their property should register with us and we will produce a map with a list of addresses where items are being offered for sale. This gives an excellent opportunity to have a good clear out and declutter and, of course, one man's treasure! The cost to vendors is nothing this year.

To register your interest please email s4azza@aol.com or secretary.of.hra@gmail.com. Applicants can also register in person at 23 Park Boulevard, 37 Ingarfield Road and The Emporium in Kings Avenue, closing date for entries is 27th June. Potential buyers' maps will be on sale at 50p from The Emporium in Kings Avenue from the 7th July. Many thanks to The Emporium for their support. To obtain an online map free of charge please email either s4azza@aol.com or secretary.of.hra@gmail.com



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SUMMER VILLAGE FETE

6 August, 1pm - 4 pm

**Village Green at Brighton Road
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Displays and Stalls from local organisations
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**We have sideshows sponsored by District Councillor
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Children's Picture Competition

Design an A4 picture or collage entitled
"My Day at the Seaside"

Age Groups – Under 7, 7–13, 14 and above

Entries to be returned to the HRA tent at the Fete by 3pm on the day
(entries will not be accepted before this date)

On the back of your picture/collage please write your first name only,
age, street where you live and your parents/guardians signature
and contact details

There will be 3 prizes for each age group. Good luck.



Holland Art Society



Holland Arts Society

Invites you along to our workshop every second Monday of the month. With our back to basic drawing and painting group.

Also watch a more experienced artist at our demonstration night on the last Monday of the month.

Both meetings start at 7pm at the
Holland Public Hall, Frinton Road, Holland on Sea.

If you have any questions please contact chairman
Steve Howell 07952 343424

Business on the Beach

Turning back the clock nearly 100 years, the cliffs and foreshore at, the then called, Little Holland, were in the private ownership of the Lord of the Manor – C. W. Hayne of Frinton on Sea. Areas were leased-out and from the Clacton/ Holland boundary, at Sea Lane, to the east of Star Point it was to the Callow family, whilst the substantial stretch eastward to Cliff Road was with Walter Johnston, who featured so prominently in the development of Holland on Sea. The Holland Cliff Development Company leased the land up to Bournemouth Road, and from here to the west boundary of “Penny Plain” - the fourth property along The Esplanade, it was leased by Dr. Thurston. The final stretch, up to the parish boundary beyond the Holland Sluice Gates at Sandy Point, remained with Mr. Hayne. At that time there were no real sea defences although the owner, and the tenants, did build some sea walls in places, but of varying standards as the cost was not insignificant. Each Lessee saw an opportunity to develop various chargeable amenities for the public and so earn a living. Refreshment huts provided a useful service, beach huts allowed longer stays in modest comfort, and swimming lessons, along with trips



Organised games for the children in front of Johnston's Bathing Pavilion.

in clinker rowing boats, all supplemented earnings. Modest fees were charged for changing facilities, and even entering the beach area and swimming would be charged for. Children's games were organised on the sands, along with sandcastle competitions and beach cricket, and displays of physical fitness would be put on by such groups as the Holland on Sea Health and Strength Club.

Walter Johnston, who lived with his wife at “Arcady” in York Road, erected a number of pavilions on substantial wooden pilings; some offering refreshments, others full of amusements or changing facilities, and he complimented these with rows of beach huts, all of which were painted in the Johnston corporate colours of orange and white/cream. Further along, on the beach below The Chase, Walter Humphries built Fiddle Fish Cafe in 1925 and erected beach huts for hire on either side; Fiddle Fish being the nickname for Skate. It was understood that the 35 year old Mr. Humphries was a bachelor and lived with his sister, Annie, at “Floriana” in



One of Walter Johnston's refreshment kiosks and a row of beach huts for hire, all in his corporate colours.



The Fiddle Fish Cafe, complete with floodlighting posts.

York Road. The small complex included the added attraction of electricity supplied to the huts, plus floodlights so that during the summer months bathing could be offered late into the evening; both adding a novel slant to the seafront offer and being able to maximise earnings by extending his operating day. In a 1935 local newspaper advert Mr Humphries promoted the fact that he had a swimming instructor in attendance. Such was the popularity of Holland that despite the considerable investment in building the pavilion and huts, along with the appropriate staging and crude, but not unsubstantial, sea defences, plus employing people to help run the operation, a reasonable living could be made. But however good a season might be it could never prepare anyone for what the elements might throw at the area. In February 1938 there was a storm surge which severely damaged the Fiddle-Fish Cafe. The local newspaper reported that: 'Machines for the making of ice-creams valued at £300, stock and other articles were swept away. Two rowing boats were



Three years after the end of the Second World War and the now derelict York Road refreshment kiosk still houses a concrete pillbox built during the conflict.

wrenched from their moorings and some of the beach huts were also wrecked by the heavy seas.'

Just prior to the Second World War the ownership of the foreshore and cliffs was transferred to Clacton Urban District Council, which recognised the need to build more permanent sea defences to protect Holland on Sea. Regrettably



Mrs. Paton's cafe, a lasting legacy to Johnston's foresight, in the 1960s, complete with the ice cream banner that hung on the back of the door of the ice cream sales section.

the hostilities completely disrupted the holiday industry, and once peace returned, such was the state of many pavilions and huts that they could only be demolished. The one refreshment pavilion that remained was just below Queensway, although the wooden pilings at the bottom of Kings Avenue, and York Road, bereft of any superstructure, remained in place until the mid 1960s.

The sole remaining kiosk was run, for many years, by Mrs. Paton who lived in Queensway itself, whilst her husband had the kiosk below First Avenue that straddled the promenade, as well as a deck chair station. The popularity of Mrs. Paton's cafe could clearly be seen by the queues of people purchasing trays of tea from the external serving hatches, whilst inside there was a buzz of patrons seated at tables and, at spring high tide, the sea swirled round beneath the building. Demand for ice creams was significant, Wall's of course, and to maximise sales students would be employed to trundle trolleys stacked with large lumps of ice up and down the promenade; the familiar

cry of "Wall's ices – tubs, chocs, and lollipops" enticing children to pester their parents for that special treat – happy (and innocent) days.

Richard O. Walker



The author, and his sister, with Mrs. Paton's daughter Pauline who used to take her dog "Sheena", along the promenade as she sold ices; this would have been the beginning of the 1960s. The redundant pilings of the former York Road kiosk can be seen in the background.

Purple Pals



So the summer months are upon us! Some will say at last, while others will be complaining it's too hot! But as we all know – there's no pleasing everyone!

When it is hot we have to think more about hydration especially for our fur babies. We are very lucky that the cafes we visit cater for both our needs and the dogs – there are always plenty of water bowls full of fresh water but it's also important to have a bowl or receptacle yourself when out and about which I am sure you all do!

On another note with what has been happening in the Ukraine there are more and more dogs that need that chance of happiness. Anyone that has ever owned a dog will know the joy and unconditional love that these animals can give to us. If you are thinking about getting a dog – please always think about a rescue as they deserve a chance as well.

As for this group – it is continuing to grow which is fantastic. We are also getting more and more rescues

from other countries coming along too. Some of these dogs have such shocking backgrounds and are terrified of everything but thanks to the lovely people and their dogs in the group I am pleased to say these dogs are coming on leaps and bounds and showing so many signs of improvement. There is no prejudice in the dog world – they don't care where their new mate has come from they just accept them. Maybe we humans could learn a lesson or two!!

Keep a check on the Purple Pals Facebook page for any updates related to our walks but as always – everyone is welcome!

Naomi Lawrence



Community Pages

Useful Numbers

Emergency – Police, Fire, Ambulance 999

Police (non-emergency) 101 – Health (non-emergency) 111

Kennedy Way Medical Centre	01255 449270
Clacton Urgent Treatment (ex Minor Injuries)	call 111
Clacton Hospital (outpatients X-rays etc.)	01255 201717
Colchester Hospital	01206 747474
Citizens Advice Bureau	01255 377080
Bus Passes	0345 200 0388
Benefits, Housing, Council Tax	01255 686868
T.D.C. Emergency contact after office hours	01255 222022

Dangerous pavements, potholes, faulty lights	0345 6037631
Fly Tipping	01255 686359
Unlawful parking	01206 282316
Illegal seafront parking and seafront issues	01255 686969

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From Holland on Sea Baptist Church



Activities at Holland on Sea Baptist Church

Sunday – **Family Worship** service 10:30 approx. 1 hour everyone welcome.

Monday – **Fellowship Hub**, a time to chat, share life situations. 1st Monday of every month.

Tuesday – **Prayer meeting** 10:00.

Tuesday – **Friendship club** 1st Tuesday of every month 14:00 (2 hours).
Fun, Quizzes, Games, Speakers, Friendship and refreshments.

Wednesday – **Mens Lunch**. every second Wednesday of the month 13:00
all welcome please book.

Wednesday – **Care group**, discussion and friendship.10:00 (90mins).

Thursday – **Lunch Club** (12:30) open to all. Booking necessary 4 course lunch.

Thursday – **Care group**, discussion and friendship.19:30 (90mins).

Friday – **Care group**, discussion and friendship.10:00 (90mins).

With various other activities throughout the month, martial arts, fitness dancing, choir, Knit 'n' Natter, ukulele etc.

Sunday 3rd July – 10:30 **Church Anniversary Service**.

Saturday 16th July – **Holland Village Garage sale** (we will have stalls here at the church).

Wednesday 20th July – 13:30 **Baptism in the sea**. On the beach near Brighton Rd. Holland on sea. Please feel free to come along, you'll find it very interesting.

Sunday 24th July – **Mission Focus on Peru** with the Mahon family.

Feel free to contact us on **01255 814617** or revcollicot@aol.com

Hall hire, Weddings and Funerals.

Surgery News



We bring you news of our Diabetic Nurse, Debbie, who has retired after being with Kennedy Way (previously Frinton Road and Epping Close Surgeries) for many years. We wish her well and the very best of retirements. Whilst we will miss Debbie and we are sad to see her leave we are delighted to welcome a new Debbie to fill the position of Diabetic Nurse for Kennedy Way. Debbie brings with her a wealth of experience and will prove to be a great asset to patients and our team. For the time being Debbie will be working remotely and will be consulting with patients via telephone and video consultations. Please remember Kennedy Way has 2 digital rooms which patients can use if they do not have facilities at home to take part in video consultations. Please contact the surgery for more details.

We also would like to welcome Hei Shun, Clinical Pharmacist who has joined the team to support in medication reviews. We recognise that several patients are still having difficulty ordering prescriptions due to a backlog of medical reviews. We are working hard to overcome this, and we aim to improve the service to our patients over the next few months. Please do not hesitate to contact the surgery if you are experiencing difficulties.

The menopause is a big topic at the moment and we are pleased to say Eve, our Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) who has a special interest in Women's Health, has been running some Saturday group sessions where patients can come along and talk and learn about the symptoms of menopause. Most women will experience menopausal symptoms. Some of these can be quite severe and have a significant impact on your everyday activities. HRT has hit the news due to shortages but there a variety of lifestyle changes that can help. Eve can also offer one to one appointments if you would like to discuss your symptoms in confidence. Please contact the surgery if you would like more information.

Covid is still around and has impacted on some of our team, with this in mind we continue to ask patients to kindly wear masks to protect our staff and other vulnerable patients.

Finally, as you may be aware surgeries in the North East Essex area have half day educational afternoons where the surgery is closed. Patients are asked to contact NHS 111 during this time. The dates for the upcoming afternoons are:

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Tuesday 27th September 2022

Thursday 20th October 2022

Wednesday 30th November 2022

As always we welcome any feedback you have and we are happy to be contacted if you wish to discuss any issues you may have with the surgery

Lisa Maddox,
Practice Manager

Clubs

Holland-on-Sea 129 Ladies Club

Holland 129 Club is a friendly Ladies Club meeting in Holland-on-Sea for 56 years – when it began as a Young Wives Club in Fleetwood Avenue.

We meet at Holland Public Hall, Frinton Road on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Doors open for members at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Membership renewal was in April 2022 with subs for the year £25/£5 for visitors.

Our Summer programme 2022 is as follows:

Thursday 9 June – Celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Chris and Steve Brown with Air Raid Jive - 1940s Dancing and Demo. Please wear something of the era or red, white and blue.

Thursday 14 July – My Creative Journey Part I. Costume Designer – Amanda Sutterland. Items for Sale. Annual Club Rose Competition.

Thursday 11 August – Garden Party at Member’s House.

Thursday 8 September – Memories of an Edinburgh Childhood –Andy Scholar.

For further details, please contact Carole Parmenter on 01255-813315.

Tendring Specialist Stroke Services

Tendring Specialist Stroke Services has its therapy centre in the heart of Holland on Sea. The centre provides support to stroke survivors and their families, with dealing with life after stroke. The team will be out and about this summer promoting and raising awareness of the stroke condition. The team will be at the Holland on Sea Summer fete, the fishing competition on the Pier-The Clacton Pier Charity Shield as Tendring Specialist Stroke Services is the chosen charity. The charity will be represented at the Platina Plaza Jubilee event on the West Greensward on Saturday 4th June. Please come along and meet the team and learn about what we do. We run our charity book stall on Monday and Tuesday, and welcome good quality books, that are saleable. The charity is working with stroke survivors to improve their independence, to relearn skills and to negotiate the challenges that the stroke condition brings. The charity is dedicated to supporting stroke survivors with ongoing health support, wellbeing therapies, neuro-physio, and emotional counselling. All these therapies are vital in maintaining good health and supporting improvement post stroke. Prevention work is vital in reducing the incidence of stroke. The charity has a wellbeing diary to promote health in all facets. The centre runs sessions open to stroke survivors which includes therapeutic support on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9.30am to 12 noon. Stroke survivors and their families can contact the charity to find out more about these sessions. If you would like to know more about our services, we are happy to give talks to organisations about our work and raise awareness of the stroke condition. We would like to thank the community for supporting our charity with fundraising and supporting our work.

Rosemary Garrey, Director of Operations. Tendring Specialist Stroke Services. Contact us on 01255 815905 - we are here to support our community.

Kennedy Way Community Garden

New compost bins, a ramp to the Men's Shed and outdoor exercise equipment have all been installed at Kennedy Way Community Garden.

Community Voluntary Services Tending (CVST) has unveiled the additions to the garden, which were all part of the first phase of work at the site.

Members of the public, patients, volunteers and anyone in the community can enjoy the green space, which is also now home to Abberton Rural Training's (ART) Rural Skills Course - part of the Seeds4Growth Project.

CVST is working in partnership with ART, Paragon Care, Colne Radio, and Colbea on the Seeds4Growth Project, which is funded by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities from the Community Renewal Fund through Essex County Council.

Nicola Vella, volunteer co-ordinator at CVST, said: "The community garden has grown hugely in popularity and is really becoming a buzzing place for community activity."



Gary Hooper, a stroke survivor who was signposted to the community garden to combat depression and loneliness and is now a volunteer.



New additions to the garden all part of the first phase of work at the site.

"We are now looking forward to starting Phase 2, which will include a new community building, vegetable planters and a sensory garden."

The community garden officially opened in October 2021 and is a result of a unique collaboration between the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System Local Estates Forum, the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance, site owners NHS Property Services and CVST.

A compost toilet is the last piece of equipment to be installed at the site under Phase 1 and already CVST has received hints and tips from a guest horticulturalist from the RHS for Phase 2.

For more information visit www.cvstending.org.uk.

Sports & Leisure

Get Cycling!

Free and Easy

A leisurely hour long cycle ride along the traffic free National Cycle Route 150 taking place on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, weather permitting. We never cycle on the road.

The 'meet' is outside the Kingscliff Hotel at 10:30 am



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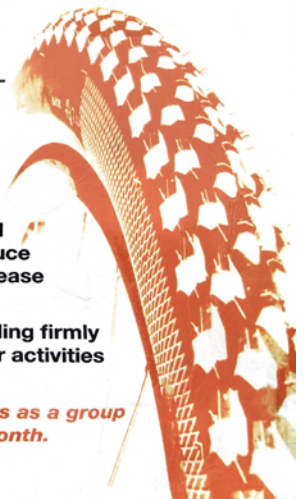
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Spending time on two wheels can have a big impact on your health too. It blitzes calories – between 440 and a huge 1,080 an hour depending on your weight, and helps build muscles in your legs, bum and hips.

The benefits aren't just physical though, cycling can improve your mental health by triggering the release of endorphins – our feel good chemicals – in the brain, which can reduce stress levels, help you sleep better and even ease feelings of loneliness.

It's no wonder that a new poll has placed cycling firmly at the top of the list when it comes to outdoor activities in the UK.

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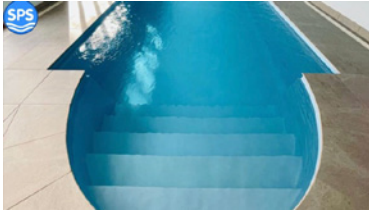
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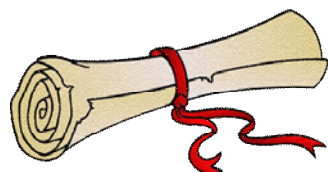


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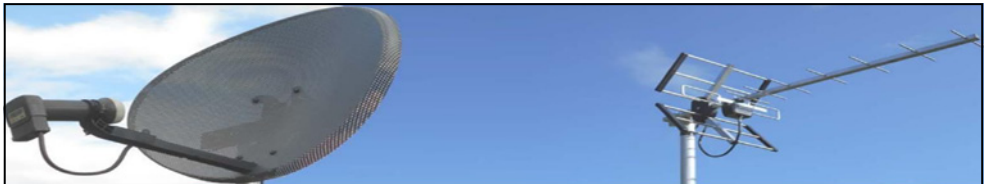
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Dear Holland-on-Sea residents.

As I'm certain you can all imagine, it has been a very busy time in Westminster!

Of course, the war in Ukraine is taking up most of the bandwidth right now and the UK is leading the way to support that benighted country. I have attended meetings with their Ambassador and a group of their MPs. They iterated their thanks to us, but asked for more help which this government, along with our allies, is pleased to give. We'll work together to ensure that this terrible, illegal Russian intervention is brought to an end very soon and the suffering of the Ukrainian people stops. Russia's leadership must be held to account.

For my part, my Chairmanship of Foreign Affairs Policy Committee for backbench MP's and Peers on the Conservative side is now in full flow. Our first port of call is a deep dive into the Commonwealth – we, along with our brothers and sisters who share Her Majesty as Head of State, are a sleeping giant on the world stage. In a world outside the EU, facing aggression from Russia and others, it is more vital than ever that we band together to be a unyielding voice for freedom, democracy, and security, as we have in recent times with Australia.

In Clacton, as of April 19th, work can start in Walton on the Naze to improve our sea defences. Government permission has been granted following the intervention of my office and local supporters in Clacton. I want to offer a massive thank you to David Eagle of the Naze Preservation Society, Tendring District Council, and Cllr Nick Turner to ensure the licence to carry out this work has been issued, and thank the Naze Preservation Society for the donation of around £30,000. The Society might be doing the work, but without the passionate support of the local community this would not have happened - they raised that money! They have all been superstars and gave me all the ammunition I needed to plead our case with the Environment Minister.

The process for this work, via the Marine Management Organisation, has been unacceptably slow. The MMO has not supported our coastal community in the way we deserve, and in my view is currently a waste of taxpayer money. I have spoken to the Secretary of State and urged a review of this body to ensure areas like Clacton can be protected by local champions here without the impediment of the red-tape brigade. I believe a local solution is possible and to that end I have held talks with Tendring District Council with a view to creating a pilot scheme here to devolve these regulatory functions.

I hope this was a helpful insight to what April has looked like for me!

With best wishes,

Giles Watling, Member of Parliament

Your County Councillor



I must be having fun as time has flown by since my last report. It's been a busy time and I must admit I had expected my inbox to slow down when the COVID restrictions lifted but that hasn't been the case.

As expected road and path issues take up most of my time as your Essex County Councillor and judging by the state of other areas in Clacton I seem to be doing a reasonable job. A long term goal of mine and election "promise" was completed recently when they finally fixed Frinton Road leading out to the marshes. The hump, as many locals had come to call it, should be gone, never to return. With a three-day road closure, I hope the powers that be are right but the proof will be "in the eating" as they say.

More footpaths have been tarmacked such as the whole of The Chase and the tree roots outside Hove Court in Brighton Road. There's still more to do and I am currently looking at paths along Kings Parade and Stratford Road to name a couple.

Queensway, which I had hoped would be completed by now ran into unexpected delays associated mainly with low staffing issues. Covid has depleted staff on the highway when one positive diagnosis would see a gang of 5 or 6 workmen having to isolate for a week. I sympathise as both Gemma and I caught Covid separately after having dodged it for two years despite both of us being triple jabbed. Queensway has been rescheduled and I hope to be saying what a good job they have done in my next article in three months time.

Potholes have come back with a vengeance with York Road having the most and the one on Turpins Avenue roundabout being the worst. I have always taken a pride in the low amount of potholes I have in my Division and I will keep up the pressure for that to continue. Please feel free to tell me of potholes in your road and I will get them filled.

Whilst I am your Essex County Councillor I do spend some of my time doing things that aren't my responsibility, but are for the good of the community. I check planning applications for all the Wards in my Division and make councillors aware of potential problems. I helped local Cllr Andy Baker with issues arising from the recent Corbeau Rally such as policing, parking and public safety which it would appear hadn't been considered. We have also arranged a debrief to ensure that if we are to do this event again next year that lessons are learnt. I've also had a request from a local care home to find a local priest that would visit them as several of the residents wanted to have communion, which was easily accommodated.

That concludes my report for now but please call me if you need my help. If you are stuck and don't know where to turn call me, if I can help I will, if I can't help I am sure I will know who can. My number is 07775537722.

Mark Stephenson
County Councillor
Clacton East

Your District Councillor



Well, Summer is almost here, and what a lovely Easter weekend we had, with the sun out, which was a change from the week before. We were lucky enough to be able to have our grandchildren come and stay, as well as visit them on Easter Sunday.

So what has happened since my last article. There are now four new trees next to the new benches on Eastcliff, it seemed that they increased in number on a daily basis! It has been nice to see the benches being used fairly frequently. I have also met with the Head of Service, to ask if a path of some sort can be put in, from the Dulwich Road entrance, up to the Children's Play area, and will follow this up in due course.

It has still been busy on the planning front, with several extra Planning Committee meetings having to be held due to workload. Several full Council meetings attended, and by the time this edition goes to print, there will be a new Chairman and Vice Chairman at the Council.

There has been the seemingly never ending reporting of flytipping at Valley Road Recycling area, along with the reporting of road and pavement defects, defective road signs, potholes, overflowing or damaged rubbish bins, damaged beach huts, dangerous unlit and unmarked road crossing points, as well as residents enquiries and liaison with TDC officers, as well as continuing to deal with a couple of Planning Enforcement matters.

As I reported in my last article, TDC purchased four mobile CCTV cameras in November 2021, two of which were immediately deployed to Dovercourt due to vandalism of several beach huts.

I was hoping to report that one or two had now been deployed to the area of the Valley Road Recycling Area, to detect those who blight the area by flytipping, and provide enough evidence for TDC to prosecute such people. I am hoping to have better news next time.

On February 11th, at the Pride of Tendring Award evening, I had the pleasure of presenting an award to the Clacton Lions, which was richly deserved, and on Wednesday 23rd March, was present when an AED (Defibrillator) was unveiled at the Kingscliff Hotel, having been purchased by the Clacton Lions.

If anyone wishes to contact me, my details are at rear of the magazine. Stay safe and keep well.

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We, as a Branch, are looking forward to participating in the HRA Village Fete on 6th August, and are hoping to hold another FUN Quiz night, to launch the Poppy Appeal in later October.

The Branch now has 35 members, at the last count, and you do not have to have served in the military to be a member.

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Born and brought up in Harlow in Essex in the mid-fifties with three sisters and a brother it was a lively household!

When I left school, I went to work in London in a bank. I met my husband in the early 1970s and married in 1975. Fast forward two children later I did various jobs such as Playgroup Worker, School Dinner Lady and Registered Childminder. I then went back to college and gained an Adult Education Teaching Certificate and would run courses for prospective childminders. During this time, I was on various committees supporting the groups that my children attended, such as scouts, brownies, amateur dramatics, and spent some time as a school governor.

My career took me to the Local Authority working with the Early Years Team, overseeing the Training of Early Years Providers. I then went freelance and worked with a company to provide mentoring to people on life skills and confidence.

I moved here with my husband in 2013 and we soon found ourselves at home in Holland on Sea. It must have been good, as two of my sisters joined us here at the seaside.

We became members of Holland on Sea Bowls Club and made lots of new friends, embracing a new found hobby.

I enjoy volunteering as I think it is good to give something back to the community. I volunteered at the hospital shop prior to Covid and during the pandemic I also volunteered at the local vaccination centre.

I joined the Holland Residents Association as I wanted to be more involved in the village community, and to be able to offer and share my skills around social and event organising. I am currently planning the village Fete and hope that you can all come along and enjoy the afternoon.

Sandra Tank
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