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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 Winter edition of the Holland-on-Sea Residents' Association magazine.

"Don't mention the C-word". That's what my friend advised me when she knew I was writing the Welcome page for the December edition of the magazine. And it's true that while some people will be looking forward to the Midwinter Festival (as I shall call it) others will be looking back with nostalgia to the good old days in lockdown last year when they didn't have to travel hundreds of miles on crowded roads to spend an inordinate amount of time indoors with their extended family - who they don't 'get on' with - and didn't have to regret spending so much money on presents that no-one wanted anyway.

Instead in those halcyon days of the midwinter lockdown of 2020-1 they could enjoy being at home in our lovely little seaside village and maybe go for a walk on the seafront with a friend.

So much for nostalgia. We cannot bring back the past and actually in most respects lockdown was pretty horrible, but maybe it helped us to appreciate what we have here in Holland-on-Sea. I came across a Latin phrase the other day. Res publica. It denotes something held in common by many people. So a park or garden in the city of Rome could

either be 'private property' (res privata), or managed by the state, in which case it would be part of the res publica - the 'public realm' as we would now say. Holland-on-Sea is characterised by many hundreds of neat houses and bungalows on individual plots – each of them a res privata - set out on a grid pattern of roads established in 1900 by David Cripps-Preston as a sort of model village. And this makes Holland-on-Sea quite special.

But we are also lucky enough to have the seafront with its greensward and beaches. And this res publica makes our village extra special. Although we are on the 'east coast' our coast is south-facing – or south-south-east to be exact. So in the short winter days we get whatever light – and sunlight – is on offer. Unlike the east facing (but rather posher) resorts like Aldeburgh or Southwold where the seafront is in shadow for most of the afternoon we get sunshine on our seafront for the whole day. In mid winter here the sun rises over the sea and sets over the sea.

So we can count ourselves lucky to have such a shared resource. It's free in every sense and if you have ever visited some



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of the Mediterranean resorts where stretches of the coast are private you will appreciate this. No entry. Private land. Keep out. Not so in Holland-on-Sea. It's the beach for goodness sake. It's ours. We own it in common. And this sense of common ownership – that it's free means that you feel free too. It's wonderfully liberating. I might even take advantage of this freedom to go for a morning swim at West Beach on December 25th with all the other wild swimmers. Although I probably won't.

OK so now for some housekeeping news about the HRA. Earlier in the year I reported that the HRA Committee had lost through illness two valuable members – Rita and Dave Garnett. I'm pleased to report that we have recruited two new members to the Committee, Carol Cooper and Sharon (Shaz) Pritchard, both well qualified to take on

roles (which they have not yet been told about!). I'm even more pleased to report that at our last Quarterly Public Meeting in October Rita and Dave turned up in the audience, both looking rather fit and well.

And finally if there is one thing I remember about the lockdown it's this. I can remember what I did on New Year's Day. I sent more than 300 emails to HRA members whose email address were on our database inviting them to renew their annual subscription by direct payment into the HRA account. And many of you did. So thank you for that. I won't be sending Christmas cards this year – damn, I've mentioned it and I was doing so well – but I will be sending emails on New Year's Day.

Andy Dunnett – Treasurer (in the absence of a Chairperson at the moment).

### Quarterly Meeting

The next public meeting will be our quarterly meeting to be held at the Public Hall in Frinton Road. This will be on Wednesday 19th January at 2pm.

We have invited a guest speaker, our local Essex County Councillor and our local councillors.

Please note the trustees of the Public Hall request that face coverings be worn and have placed a limit on the total number in the hall.

So far we have not had to implement a booking system; however, priority admission will be given to HRA members and on a first-come first-served basis.

Stephen Collitt, Hon Secretary E-mail: <a href="mailto:secretary.of.hra@gmail.com">secretary.of.hra@gmail.com</a>

### Scarecrow Trail 2021

Holland on Sea held its annual Scarecrow Trail recently, another success for the organisers. This year's theme was Pantomime Characters. It was a close call this year with joint 1st 2nd and 3rd Prizes awarded.

#### The winners were:

Businesses – Joint 1st place Gwinnells with Puss in Boots and Chase Day Nursery with Ariel.

Joint 2nd place Mansion House Florists with Tick Tock, and The Emporium with Peter Pan & Tinkerbell.

Joint 3rd place Stroke Club with Dick Whittington and FJG Solicitors with Little Red Riding Hood and The Big Bad Wolf

Homes – Joint 1st Place Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.

Joint 2nd place Humpty Dumpty and Alice in Wonderland.

Joint 3rd place Dick Whittington and Rumpelstiltskin.

The organisers would like to thank everyone that took part, and the people that completed the trail. Grandma Lilly's Tea Rooms, The Vintage Tea Rooms and Chas. Bower Family Butchers for donating prizes.

They would like to extend a special thanks to the Kings Ave Post Office and the Emporium for selling the trail sheets, and Clacton Printers for their support in the printing.

Photos show some of the winners being presented with their prizes by County Councillor Mark Stephenson, District Councillor Andy Baker, Main Organiser Julie Collitt and HRA representative Sandra Tank.









### Visit Holland On Sea for some Swiss air

As Holland on Sea developed it was very evident that its gently shelving beaches, safe bathing, and rugged cliffs, with its natural greensward was very appealing to visitors looking for somewhere a little less commercialised than Clacton. So, as well as residential development, there were entrepreneurs that saw potential in encouraging tourism to the area. Following the success of the Kings Cliff Hotel, others such as Highcliffe, on the corner of Kings Parade and Queensway (then known as The Grove), and Suffolk Hotel on the corner of Norman Road and Frinton Road (then known as Holland Main Road) opened their doors. Smaller quest houses sprung up and many home owners decided to offer bed and breakfast. It was not unknown for the owner of the property to sleep in the garden shed in the summer months in order to maximise income by letting all the bedrooms!

Another means of providing accommodation for holidaymakers was by the installation of an old railway carriage in the back garden. These could be obtained, once redundant, from the railway companies and converted relatively simply, making quite cosy summer residences with their windows lowered by leather strap in order to open the door external handles only, and the word 'smoking' etched on some of the glass.

One slightly bolder scheme came from Mr C W Cooke, a Clacton businessman who was behind four purpose built chalets, set back from the road, surrounding tennis courts; tennis being a very popular sport at the time. A plot was earmarked, off Hereford Road, sufficiently close to the seafront, and a design drawn-up for the four detached houses in the style of Swiss chalets. Plans were passed by Tendring Rural



A 1935 advert with the offer of a descriptive brochure available from the site managers – Mr and Mrs Bird

District Council in March 1933, and each chalet was given its own name - 'Furka'. 'Grimsel', 'St. Gothard', and 'Oberalph' which were all after mountain passes in Switzerland. To oversee the business there was a caretaker's bungalow, known as 'The Lodge', in the same Swiss style to the left of the group as you look towards the sea, and balancing the complex was a set of four garages on the right. Just a year later, not only was the complex built but Holland on Sea had changed from being under the auspices of TRDC to that of Clacton Urban District Council when boundary changes took place. The official opening was in June 1934 when the Chairman of CUDC, Mr J Ball, conducted the ceremony. The whole thing was promoted as - A new idea in "Please yourself holidays" with the sales leaflet stating "These delightfully modern, self contained "Swiss Chalets De Luxe" provide comfortable accommodation for families or parties up to 8 people. Of attractive design, they are well



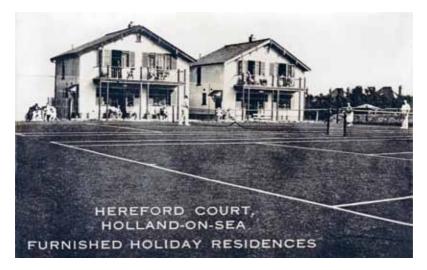
In 1936 Hereford Court was being advertised in the Clacton on Sea annual guide.



When the 1939 Clacton Guide was published, little did the population know that this was the last summer season before war was declared. By now Hereford Court was being run by Mr and Mrs Keen, and the previous telephone number of Holland on Sea 276 was now preceded by a 3; such was the growth in home phone ownership.

appointed and beautifully furnished, well above the average standard of holiday accommodation. Modern labour-saving furniture and full equipment, including kitchen-ware and linen, electric light, and gas for cooking. Modern bathroom and sanitation. Comfortable dining lounge. Bedrooms with balcony overlooking tennis courts. Garage for visitors' cars."

Within short distance of Clacton on Sea and its holiday attractions and easy reach of Frinton Golf Course, another of its slogans was "A Home not a Hotel" and "En-tout-cas" tennis courts with the slight proviso 'open to the public'. The company En-tout-cas started building tennis courts in 1909 with a strong reputation for a quality product. Plans to



The Hereford Court complex (picture courtesy of Roger Kennell).



Those 'bright young things' asking "Anyone for tennis?" (picture courtesy of Roger Kennell).

build a pavilion on the seaward side of the tennis courts never materialised and, like life in general, the holiday industry was totally disrupted by the Second World War and things would never quite be the same. Some years later the chalets were sold as private residences, the tennis courts removed and garages built in their place, but the buildings remain in their Swiss style to remind everyone of the past times when the air was filled with gaiety as holidaying parties enjoyed tennis matches in the Holland on Sea sunshine.

Richard O. Walker

## Purple Pals



A warm hello to everyone and your fur babies. December has crept up on us again and although things are getting back to normal, we're still not quite there yet! For years there was a saying a dog is for life not just for Christmas – this is still true but as we try and claw our way out of the global pandemic we now need to add – a dog is not just for lockdown.

Although there are the sad facts of unwanted dogs/puppies where people are just not able to cope for whatever the reason, there are also the success stories of people and families who have found a new lease of life with their 4 legged friends.

A new way to connect with people which

is where Purple Pals comes into its own. So many people and dogs mixing together for a walk along our beautiful seafront – very relaxed and of course friendly. Please feel free to join us and look up the page on Facebook – Purple Pals. We meet every other Sunday at 11am from the York Road Car Park.

Stay safe

#### Naomi Lawrence



### Highway Code Rule 19 Zebra crossings



Give traffic plenty of time to see you and stop before you start to cross.

Vehicles will need more time to stop when the road is slippery.

Wait until traffic has stopped from both directions or the road is clear from both directions before crossing.

Keep looking both ways and listening, in case a driver or rider has not seen you and attempts to overtake a vehicle that has stopped.

Colin Sargeant



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### SUMMER TETE



We are looking into holding a Summer Fete in 2022. If you would like to be involved in setting up a working group, please let us know.

You can contact us at SandraTankHRA@outlook.com



## **Community**Pages

### **Useful Numbers**

#### **Emergency – Police, Fire, Ambulance 999**

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Clacton Urgent Treatment (ex Minor Injuries)	call 111
Clacton Hospital (outpatients X-rays etc.)	01255 201707
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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### Clubs

**Holland 129 Club** is a friendly Ladies Club that has been meeting in Holland-on-Sea for 55 years. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at our new venue – Holland Public Hall , Frinton Road – 7.30pm for 8pm start, Visitors welcome (£3) to come and join us for the evening and consider joining (£20 annual membership).

We had a buzz around when our Club met at our new venue in September 2021. This was our first full Club Meeting since March 2020. In fact, we had a number of visitors who decided to join during the evening. They were able to come for our Harvest Supper, with entertainment by Eddie Nash, for another great night.

At present, in order to keep the Hall, Covid-free, there are a number of restrictions for users including a limit of 60 in the main hall. However, it is hoped by the time you receive the magazine, that this will be lifted.

#### Spring Programme - 2022

Thursday, 13 January George Hardwick - 'The History of Clacton - Part 2'

Thursday, 10 February Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Service

Thursday, 10 March AGM followed by Speaker - Gary Egerton

'Life as a VIP Protection Officer'

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



### 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.

10th Jan 7th Feb at 10:00.

Tuesday – Prayer meeting 10:00.

Tuesday – Friendship club first Tuesdays of month 14:00 (2 hours).

Fun, Quizzes, Games, Speakers, Friendship and refreshments.

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, ukulele etc.

Carol Service - Sunday 19th December 18:00 with Holland Singers and Ukulele Orchestra

**Christmas Day Service** – 25th December 10:00. Short family service.

Sunday 26th Dec NO service.

We Are Starting ten weeks of **ALPHA** on the 12th January at 13:00. There must be more to life than this, what's the reason for my existence, come to Alpha and explore answers to life's important questions. Alpha will help you answer some questions.

Enjoy chatting in a friendly atmosphere with a meal. Everybody's opinion is respected, look forward to meeting you starting on 12th January 13:00-15:00 for 10 weeks totally free at Holland on Sea Baptist church,

Feel free to contact us on **01255 814617** or <a href="revcollict@aol.com">revcollict@aol.com</a> Hall hire, Weddings and Funerals



### From Holland on Sea **Methodist Church**



Dear Friends from about mid-November thoughts often turn to the buying of Christmas presents for friends and family. Great consideration is given to what those we care for would like and need and our purchases often reflect this. Last year, Christmas shopping was clouded in lockdowns and the like. Whilst this year is considerably different, we are still aware of the ongoing situation.

We buy gifts for one another because we are showing someone else the depth of relationship that we have with them. Christmas is a time where Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, who came to the earth as the gift from God. As we prepare for all the gift exchanges that we hope to be able to do in person this year, let us also be encouraged not to forget the gift of Jesus as well.

Take care and God bless Rev. Chris Preece

## From St. Barts

I am pleased to inform you of our Christmas Services at St Bartholomew:

- Advent Course on Thursdays in December 2nd, 9th, 16th at 10 am-11.45am with refreshments; our theme is What would you like to keep, what would you like to give away and what would you like to recycle from your post pandemic life?
- Sunday 19th December at 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols with mince pies and mulled wine.
- Friday 24th December Christmas Eve Christingle / Nativity at 4pm.
- Friday 24th December Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11.15pm.
- Saturday 25th December Christmas Day 10am service of Holy Communion.
- Sunday 26th December Boxing Day 10am service Holy Communion.
- · We also have a regular service of Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10am all are welcome.

Kind Regards.

The Revd Susan Wiggins





### **Surgery News**

Whilst we are continuing to work to improve our services we are still experiencing a high level of telephone calls into the surgery. Please be assured this is a priority for us. We have installed new software that will help us understand the telephone demand and where additional resources are needed to meet this demand. Please remember if you have a non-urgent query or request the surgery can be contacted using the contact form on our website (<a href="https://www.kennedyway.co.uk">www.kennedyway.co.uk</a>).

Despite the rise in Covid cases, the doors to Kennedy Way Medical Practice will remain open and we are continuing to increase face to face appointments. We ask that patients wear face masks when visiting the surgery to protect both patients and staff. We are proud of our achievements within the past year and have produced a dashboard highlighting these. A copy can be found opposite and at the surgery.

The surgery now has a Facebook page so please visit us by searching Kennedy Way Medical Centre where you will find surgery news and updates on services including flu vaccine clinics and educational afternoon closures. Please note the upcoming afternoon closures are:

Thursday 27th January 2022

Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

To help us to continue to improve your surgery we welcome your feedback. Feedback forms are available to complete at the surgery, if you would like us to send you a feedback form please let us know. Alternatively, you can email us at <a href="mailto:neecg.ccpfeedback@nhs.net">neeccg.ccpfeedback@nhs.net</a>.

If you are experiencing problems with our services including obtaining prescriptions or getting through on the phone our Clinic Manager, Mandy Double, and I are available to help. Please contact the surgery if you would like to speak with us, or pop into the surgery on a Tuesday or Thursday between 1pm and 3pm where one of us will be available to speak with you.

Wednesday 13th October saw the opening of Clacton Community Gardens opposite Kennedy Way Medical Centre. The outside space boasts raised beds, grassed areas with benches and a 'Mens Shed' where the community can come along and work on projects together. Further additions to the area are planned including an outside gym area. If you would like more information or would like to be involved please contact Community Voluntary Services Tendring via their website <a href="www.cvstendring.org.uk">www.cvstendring.org.uk</a> or by calling 01255 425692. Alternatively please contact the surgery where we can put you in touch with our Social Prescribing Link Worker who will be happy to help. The exciting new outdoor space is planned to compliment the surgery's Social Prescribing services. Social prescribing involves helping patients to improve their health, wellbeing and social welfare by connecting them to community services which might be run by the council or a local charity. For example, signposting people who have been diagnosed with dementia to local dementia support groups. Debbie our Social Prescribing Link Worker can be contacted via the surgery. Debbie is also trained in weight management and has weekly clinics at the surgery; please contact the surgery for more information.

Finally, Kennedy Way Medical Centre would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Lisa Maddox, Practice Manager, Kennedy Way Medical Centre

### Ranworth Medical Group

### **Clacton Community Practices**



### Your practice during the Covid year Sept' 2020 - Sept' 2021



Clacton Community Practices (CCP) has seen an increased list size and has continued to meet patients' needs throughout the Covid Pandemic. Please see below some of the things the team have achieved.

Sept' 2020 15.236 Patients Sept' 2021

#### WEEKLY GP/ANP TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Sept' 2020

1,046 Patients

Sept' 2021



#### WEEKLY GP/ANP FACE TO FACE CONSULTATIONS

Sept' 2020

Sept' 2021

285 Patients



#### **2020-2021 ACTIVITY**

























### **Kennedy Way Community Garden**

Welcome to Phase one at Kennedy Way Community Garden.

The NHS in partnership with Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST) have recently launched Kennedy Way Community Garden.

For those who are not familiar with the term "Community Garden", it is a natural space where residents can come together to plant flowers, fruit, vegetables, and herbs.

Our Social Prescribers at the Kennedy Way surgery will be encouraging residents to become more socially and physically active and to develop strong ties with their local area.



Alongside the garden & allotment is the Men's shed. You may be wondering why it is called a "Men's Shed", and quite simply the Men's shed movement originated in Australia offering a place of social connection and friendship. In time, an increasing amount of Men's sheds focused on charitable work and recreational activities. Whilst acting as hubs for information exchange, Men's sheds remained in people's homes typically at the bottom of the garden.

These communal sheds were inspired by backyard sheds, where a man would go and carry out tasks such as restoring furniture or fixing lawn mowers but now the Men's shed is a place to pursue practical interests in making and mending so anyone attending the shed can share their knowledge in woodwork, metalwork, repairing and restoring.

It is proposed that patients attending the GP surgery will be invited to the community garden to have a look around and join in.

Volunteers, staff at CVST and the NHS would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating various equipment ranging from tools to compost bins and watering cans to chisels. In order to kick start the project, generous donations have been received from:

- Holland on Sea Residents Association
- Travis Perkins
- Paterns
- · Local Residents

Our new volunteers are ready to welcome you to your Community Garden every Tuesday and Thursday between 10:00am to midday.



If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, please call Nicky Vella on 07500 463152. Ideally, with enough support, we could be open 7 days a week for residents to come along and have a cuppa and a chat.



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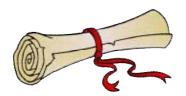
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# **Parliament Update**

Dear Holland-on-Sea residents,

Welcome to my latest article for Holland Magazine. I'm now sitting at my desk having just listened to the Chancellor taking action on issues I really care about – cutting beer duty and freezing fuel duty. However, given the world we are in, I want to focus on the next stage of the Covid fight!

A lot of local people have approached me regarding the continuing Covid vaccine rollout and the booster jabs.

Again, I put on record my thanks to our excellent local NHS. I recall the first few days of the rollout where people were telling me Clacton was neglected – those people quickly vanished when, within weeks, we became the fastest roll out in the nation – thanks to our excellent CCG!

People across Suffolk and north Essex no longer have to wait for NHS invitations to have their Covid-19 booster jabs. My wife's had hers and I'll soon follow.

Anyone in an eligible group - who had their second dose of Covid vaccine at least six months ago - can now go to a walk-in, no appointment clinic for a booster vaccination.

People are eligible for a booster six months after receiving their second dose, and include those aged 50 and over, frontline volunteers and health and social care staff, people with severely weakened immune systems and their resident household contacts and those aged under 50 with an underlying health condition.

Many people have asked what the new plan is and offered me some insights about their personal circumstances. As always, while I'll always flag up local issues, I am not a medical man, but I want to avoid mandatory masks and Covid passports if possible. So, I have offered below the advice from the local NHS about boosters, which contains contact details if you have further questions. <a href="https://sneevaccine.org.uk/">https://sneevaccine.org.uk/</a>

As always, please stay safe.

#### **Giles Watling**

Member of Parliament



## **Your County Councillor**

So much has happened since my last article in the summer issue that I will fail to get it all on one page, but I'll give it a go.

In the last issue, I discussed the need for a Patient Participation Group (PPG) at Kennedy Way Surgery. I am pleased to report that we now have one. Little did I know that at its inaugural meeting I would be made the chairman and I now have the added responsibility to help Kennedy Way become the best surgery in Clacton. If you have an issue that you feel needs dealing with please contact me at <a href="mailto:ppgkennedyway@nhs.net">ppgkennedyway@nhs.net</a> and I'll personally see what can be done.

Pickers Ditch moved one step closer to being solved after the Environment Agency cut back the reeds between the two bridges. We are a long way off from the permanent fix I am looking for, but it's a start. Covid still interferes with the delivery of some highways issues, mainly the ratling drain on Frinton Road/Bournemouth Road which will now be fixed in December. One big success is the complete resurfacing of Madeira Road pathways, which is happening as I write. Paths are terrible across Holland-on-Sea and I am doing my very best to get them sorted, but some days it feels very futile. I also have done a multitude of small things, potholes, drain and gulley clearing, sign replacements and small pathway fixes to name but a few. If you think I can help then please get in contact, my details are in the back of the magazine.

I think I need to explain what is happening with the road in Queensway, which is in a terrible state. It has been like this for quite some time and while I can, over time, get the very worst potholes fixed, this works against us. I'll explain why. I am trying to get the whole of Queensway resurfaced but this is based on how bad the state of the road is. If I fix the potholes I improve the condition of the road and make it more likely that it won't be resurfaced. We were close to achieving a resurface this year. Unfortunately, the crew carrying out resurfacing elsewhere in the district faced problems, leaving the road in a worse state than when they started and all projects were cancelled. I am now confirming, using a new system to resurface, that we are in the 2022/23 budget and I'll update you on my progress in the next issue.

On the 21st of October, the HRA had a quarterly meeting and I, along with Cllr Baker, gave reports on the work we had done. The HRA is an important organisation for Holland-on-Sea as it looks after and represents the interests of residents and the area. Please make sure you support it as best you can.

Unfortunately, that is all I have room for 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't help I am sure I will know who can. My number is 07775537722.

Mark Stephenson County Councillor Clacton East



## **Your District Councillor**

On 1st September the Planning Committee approved the Sladburys Lane application, not an ideal result but we will now wait and see what happens next.

Eastcliff Field has seen some changes, Waste Bins have been replaced and, although the Dog Waste Bins remain, I have asked for them to be removed and am hoping they will be in the near future. Two new picnic style benches have been placed at the seafront end of the field and a new Waste Bin has been placed nearby.

I was hoping to report that the fencing had been replaced, however, due to an increase in costs, it has been delayed slightly. I am still hopeful that something will happen before Christmas.

Speeding is an issue across the District, so having spoken with our hard working County Councillor, Mark Stephenson, a speed survey was undertaken in Kings Avenue. The results of that show that although there is a lot of traffic using the road daily, average speeds were below the speed limit, which means no traffic calming measures are needed. Following on from that, and witnessing what can only be described as irresponsible driving, I have submitted applications for two more speed surveys to be done. For obvious reasons I won't disclose where! Once those results are in, a decision will be made as to how to progress any further speed reduction measures, if required.

You will have read Mark's report about his attempts to get something done at Pickers Ditch so I will not say much about it, however when looking to see how it looked once the reeds had been cut back, what was noticeable was how much rubbish and litter had accumulated near to both bridges. So, together with a very willing volunteer, we cleared away many items, including bottles and cans (which have now been sent for recycling), and a very heavy cushion from an armchair!

Further work needs to be done clearing away similar items from the area around the road bridge, which I am hoping will have been done by the time you read this, although there is an issue with ownership of a small stretch of water and the banks beside it.

I have again dealt with a variety of issues affecting local residents, and have also 'called in' a planning application for ten shepherds huts, to be dealt with by the Planning Committee if it is likely to be recommended for approval. The applicant wishes to put these in the narrow strip of land that runs from Reckitts Close to Marine Parade East, behind the properties in First Avenue and Connaught Avenue East. I have also submitted my own objections to the proposal.

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

Andy Baker District Councillor Fastcliff Ward

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Tom Anderson agreed to be the Community Support Officer and should any serving or ex-armed forces personnel require welfare support Tom is able to give help and advice. He can be contacted through me on the telephone number below.

Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 11:15 am at The Tavern, Frinton Road, Holland on Sea and we look forward to existing and new members joining us. We are very grateful to the management of The Tavern for kindly allowing us the use of their premises and for the provision of light refreshment.

All being well we will have held our annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday on the 14th November in St Bartholomew's Church and hopefully we will have another successful Poppy Appeal. Your support for this appeal is always very much appreciated and with any luck we will have exceeded last year's total of £2300.

If you aren't already a member and would like to join us please feel free to turn up for an informal chat at one of our meetings, or if you would like further information please contact me on 01255 212034.

Geoff Manning, Branch Chairman.



Articles for the Spring edition of the HRA Magazine are to be submitted to Maureen Cochlin (littlemaur199@gmail.com).

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I worked for Natwest in the local clearing department for 23 years. While I was there, I was a union rep, Social Committee member and Communications Co-Ordinator for my unit.

We moved to Wickford in 2001 and soon after, I took voluntary redundancy. I then worked part time for a local newspaper for 13 years (mainly telesales)

When my husband and I retired, we decided we wanted to live by the coast, and moved to Holland, along with our daughter in 2015. Two years later I lost my husband, but because we were so happy here, my daughter and I decided to stay.

A year before Covid, my daughter became a volunteer for CVST and volunteers in the Luncheon Club in Clacton.

When Jill & Tony retired from the HRA, I took on the role of contacting the churches and various organisations for the magazine. Then when Dave stepped down through ill health, I became the editor, a role I really enjoy.

I have also now become a volunteer for CVST and am helping out at Kennedy Way Community Gardens as well as on the Patient Participation Group at the Doctors.

I'm just one of those people who needs to be busy.

#### Mo Cochlin

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