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6th October - Messy Church - 3.30 pm 13th October - Friendship Walk

10th November Joint Churches Tea Dance at St Barts

11th November - Armistice Service - 10.30 am.

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Sunday 7 October Reverend Crawford Logan - Church Anniversary

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Sunday 21 October Gill Bavier, Sunday 28 October Café Service Songs of Praise

Sunday 4 November Bonnie Beard, Sunday 11 November Reverend John Allison - Remembrance Service & Communion, Sunday 18 November Margaret Potter

Sunday 25 November Mavis Stephens & Stewards

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The Community MAGAZINE

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HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The next quarterly meeting will be held on
Monday 29th October 2pm in the Public Hall, Frinton Road

Speakers will be
Jonathan Hamlet and Rebecca Duff-Cole from TDC will be talking about the council re-cycling policy and introduction of wheelie bins

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A message from the Chair of the Holland Residents' Association



Dear All,

Well, what a wonderful Summer we have had. Too hot for some I know but for others it was like living by the Mediterranean. Even the sea was warm and clear and I for one felt fortunate to be living in Holland on Sea.

Following on from our successful garage/front garden sale we have had a wonderful Scarecrow Festival organised by St Barts Church and the HRA. Over 56 entries was brilliant and thank you to all who took part. Details of the winners and photographs can be found on page 16.

We continue to have regular beach cleans and thank Sue Beene for organising these and also to the ladies who kindly clear litter from our streets on a weekly basis.

Our new Treasurer, Andy, is bringing us up to date with our accounting methods and we hope, in the not too distant future with our new website, you will be able to pay membership on line. Our aim is to have our new website up and working before the end of the year and we thank Scott Pepper from Front Estate Agents who is building this for us. Thanks also go to our hard working County Councillor and committee members who contribute so much to all we are doing.

We continue to be grateful to Tracey, Jeff, Chloe and Tom at the Kings Avenue Post Office for all the support they give to the Residents' Association by collecting our membership subscriptions and having spare copies of the magazine on display for anyone who may not have received their copy and receiving other forms for registration and selling maps for garage sales and Scarecrow Trails.

Our Facebook page is still growing and is seen by so many thousands of people now when posts are shared. Thank you to all who send me messages of lost cats/dogs, suspicious activity/people and all the other interesting items that we can now include. We have nearly 800 regular followers but you do not have to be "on" Facebook to see what we are posting. Just search Holland Residents Association Facebook page and you will find us.

Inside the magazine you will find details of our HRA Pitch and Putt Contest the "Friendly" Walks we are starting with the Baptist Church and Chat Tables. So much going on now helping to strengthen our excellent community spirit.

Best wishes, **Verity**

Holland's Seafront and Open Spaces - an update

A VILLAGE GARDEN FOR HOLLAND ON SEA:

The Village Garden plan continues to move forward and outline planning permission for a dwelling on the plot No: 48 Colchester Road went to the Council's Planning Committee on 21st August with a recommendation of approval. The opportunity to sell this plot provides capital income to Tendring District Council, some of which will be spent in landscaping our Garden. The redundant public toilet block is no longer to be used as a dance studio so the Council is looking for another possible tenant, and should they find one we would hope that they would be willing to help maintain our new public garden.

A big thank you to all those that have come forward as volunteers to look after the garden, which brings me neatly on to.....

HOLLAND'S OPEN SPACES:

We are all very aware of the significant budget reductions that have occurred right across the public sector, and one area is local councils, both at district and county level. As a result we are seeing a necessary reduction in some areas of service delivery, not least of which is grounds maintenance. As someone once said, nobody will be seriously hurt, or worse, if the grass isn't cut quite so often. But there is an answer – it's us! We are so lucky to live in Holland on Sea and it belongs to us; yes, all of us. We can make it as good, or not so good, as we want. The positive response to the proposed village garden has spurred on the HRA to look how it could make key areas look more attractive. Sue and her team are actively litter-picking throughout Holland, and what a difference that is making. So let's complement that by targeting certain areas and cutting the grass, trimming the hedges, and weeding the borders; yes, between us we can really put a smile on the face of Holland on Sea. With this in mind, the Association has applied to Tendring District Council's Big Society grant scheme for some funding in order to buy the appropriate equipment. I am delighted to say we passed the stage one level and are now onto the second and final stage.

The bid is for suitable tools such as a ride-on mower, a walk along mower, a couple of trimmers, hedge trimmer and a blower/sucker. We have sought advice from the Council's Horticultural Services as we knew we needed "industrial" rather than domestic equipment, and we are looking at battery operated rather than petrol/diesel. This is both more environmentally friendly, and far less messy. We have also applied for safety specs, ear defenders, gloves and steel cap shoes, and even a first aid box, although we hope we will never need this!

Thank you to those that have already offered to help, that has been specifically based on looking after our village garden, but now we are after a "Friends of Holland's Gardens" group to tackle other specific public areas. These areas will be determined by the number of residents responding to this plea, and also where they would feel the most benefit could be gained. If you are interested in helping, as and when you can, please do contact me, either by phoning 01255 813150, emailing me at helmsdale1@btinternet.com, or simply knocking on my door – 1 Hazlemere Road (the house



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40 different clubs and groups use our Hall...from Art to Zumba. Also we have a Snooker room and Darts room available. See posters in both entrance Halls We now have books for sale in the entrance hall, with proceeds going towards future projects (as well as the dress rail and bric a brac.)

Fun Quizzes...14th Sept...26th Oct...30th Nov (t.b.c.)

H.C.A. Dances.. Fridays 21st Sept. 19th Oct...16th Nov...7th Dec.

Trad Jazz 2.00p.m. on 21st Sept and 16th Nov.

Christmas Bazaar 24th November...for a table (£10)

call Barbara on 220 309.

For all of the above, please check posters and caretakers for details.

P.S. any unwanted paperbacks, bring to the hall, proceeds towards future projects.



Celebrate Harvest at the Baptist Church

We invite you to join with us for a Harvest Supper on Saturday, September 29th at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £5 for two people and there will be a vegetarian option. To book your places please call Chris on 814617. Tickets will be on sale until Wednesday, September 26th.

....and on the following day why not join us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 30th at 10:30am? During the service we donate items of tinned or dry food for Clacton's Food Bank.

If you would like to come and contribute, please choose something from the following list: Tinned fruit, potatoes, tomatoes, pulses, custard, and spaghetti. Coffee, hot chocolate, fruit juice, jam, soup packets and mashed potatoes. Please note that fresh fruit and vegetables are not suitable. After the service we look forward to meeting you over refreshments.

The Committee of Holland Residents' Association would like to say a very big

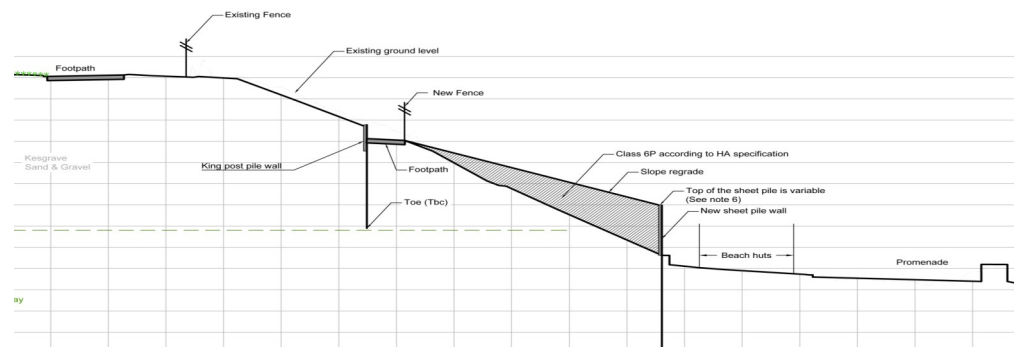
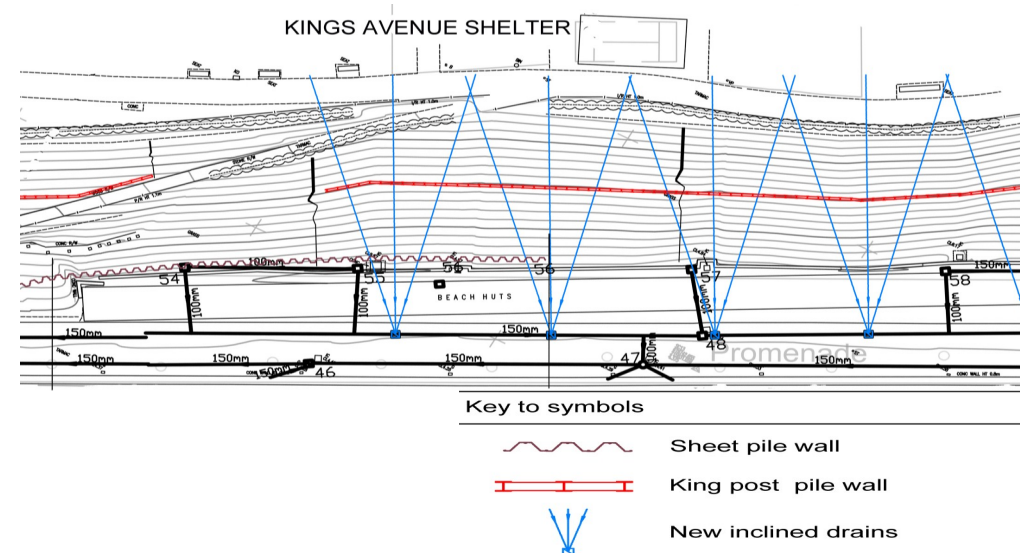
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CLIFF STABILISATION WORKS:

As you receive this Autumn edition of the Holland on Sea Residents' Association magazine the main engineering works will be underway on the Cliff stabilisation Project. The base for the works will have been established in the west half of Hazlemere Road Car Park, the beach huts affected will be either in the car park, on the green-sward, or about to be transported to one of these destinations. The scheme is estimated to take about a year but as the saying goes – "short-term pain – long-term gain". Below is a drawing of just part of the cliff, showing the shelter at the end of Kings Avenue, and the (presently closed) access path down to the lower promenade.

And here is a cut through drawing of the cliff where the access path is situated.



As can be seen, just from these two drawings, a key part of the project will be the pile driving of a steel wall to "ease the pressure" of the natural downward movement. On everyone's lips will be the question "will we be subject to months of 'thump-thump' noise and vibration as the work progresses?" Well the simple answer, and good news, is "Not if it can be helped". The more modern method is to either gently vibrate the pile down into the ground, and this you would never know was going on, however close you live to the activity, or simply using a phenomenal amount of downward pressure that glides the pile into situ. However, there might be times when ground conditions will only allow the traditional 'thump-thump'

To ensure safety of the public, the promenade, top footpath and all paths on the slopes will be closed to the public during Slope Stabilisation works (between Hazlemere Car Park and the public toilets just East of the Kingscliff Hotel). There will be pedestrian diversions in place throughout these closures and the beach will remain open to the public.

Should you have any queries on the above, or the works as a whole, then please contact Tendring District Council's Coastal Manager James Ennos at 01255 686962 who will be pleased to answer any questions.

HOW SAFE IS OUR SEA?

We are so lucky to live at the seaside but the recent tragic accident at Clacton has, no doubt, raised a question or two in people's minds about just how safe is it to go in or on the sea.

I've been regularly sailing at Holland on Sea since the 1960's, and the sea off our local shores has always held a fascination for me. The local waters have a gentle tidal pull but do not suffer with rip-tides or hidden eddies, as opposed to many areas around the British Isles. Nor does the sea come rushing in at such a pace that it might trap you on sandbars.

On the other hand you must always respect the sea, its power is phenomenal and must never be underestimated. Prior to the recent coast protection scheme, when tides were extra high (known as spring tides and nothing to do with the season), and gales battered the coast, people of all ages could be seen making their way along the lower promenade, dodging the waves as they washed up onto the walkway. It appeared to them to be such fun, but unaware of the sheer strength of that sea which could easily have washed them off their feet and to an almost certain death by drowning. Brave or fool-hardy? I will let you decide.

When you, and your family and friends, visit the beach and splash in the sea do you know whether the tide is coming in (flooding) or going out (ebbing), and if you do, are you aware which way it will want to pull you, however gently? A flood tide flows up the Thames Estuary towards London, so from Frinton towards Clacton, and onwards. When it is ebbing, it flows out the Estuary, from Clacton to Frinton. So if you intend swimming along the shore then it would be best to swim against the tide and then let it assist you on the way back.

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday. 'I'd like to be twelve again', she replied, Still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Alton Towers theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; The Death Slide, the Corkscrew, The Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a Mc Donald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.. Then it was off to the cinema with popcorn, A huge Cola, and her favourite sweets.....M&M's.. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile And lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being twelve again?' Her eyes slowly opened And her expression suddenly changed. 'I meant my dress size, you daft thing!!!!' The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

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So, here's a quick checklist:

1. Which way is the tide flowing, and when does it turn?
2. Which way is the wind blowing?
3. If using an inflatable then attach a length of cord to it, especially if young children are playing on it without an adult in the water.
4. If you have a canoe, kayak or stand-up paddle board, or a larger craft, always wear a buoyancy aid or lifejacket. Those that don't are sending a clear message out and it's certainly not one of machoness.
5. Always use the simple rule – "if in doubt – don't go out", either in or on the water

With the above 5 ticked off you will be able to have a fun and relaxed time at our seaside and, most importantly, know you are safe; enjoy

**Richard Walker,
Seafront and Open Spaces Committee Member**

Surgery Update

From the 13th August full electronic Care Navigation should be taking place. This will mean that the hub staff will ask why patients need to see a clinician and they will then ask a series of questions to direct them to the most appropriate help.

As a result of the partial navigation that has been taking place the waiting times have been adversely affected but the need for GP and Nurse Practitioner appointments has reduced dramatically as patients are being redirected to a more appropriate way of dealing with their problem. This has meant that on some days GP appointments are not fully utilised.

In October the new Government directive that GP appointments must be offered 8 until 8 comes into force. It is unlikely to be available at the four ACE surgeries but they will be banding together with their alliance partners (mostly Clacton Surgeries) to provide this service probably at Clacton Hospital.

By the time you read this Care Navigation should be bedded in and the need to ring at 8 in the morning should no longer exist....but don't hold your breath.

Rita Garnett - Health and Wellbeing

Report of the Essex County Councillor – Clacton East Division

I come not from Heaven but from Essex – William Morris (1888)

Special thanks to the **Holland Residents' Association** for once again giving me the opportunity to update readers on my work and activities on behalf of the local residents of Holland on Sea, East Clacton & Gt. Clacton*.



Holland 'Eyes and Ears'

Thank you to all the local residents contacting me (by email or over the phone) with reports of issues that need resolving. These are very much appreciated. Please keep them coming. The quicker they are reported, the quicker they *eventually* get carried out or repaired.

Buses

By now hopefully the new arrangements introduced by First Buses at the end of July should have bedded in. It was extremely disappointing that once again First Buses gave little advance information on the changes and seem to believe everyone has access to a computer. Hard copy timetables featuring the changes are like gold dust. I think you will agree that keeping the public informed and distributing new timetables to our libraries, cafes etc. would perhaps help First in maintaining or even increasing passenger numbers.

I would like to thank Dave Hawkins for contacting me one Friday evening immediately he got to know of the changes to the 7, 8, 74, 76 etc. Thanks to Dave I managed to get at least something out to residents, many of whom rely literally on the buses to exist, via my LOOK article. Please use the buses as much as possible. The Concessionary Fare is particularly a great passport to get out and about. Please do not give the bus companies any excuse to cut services on a 'commercial basis'. I will continue to publicise the local bus services in my monthly LOOK article. A good tool is also nextbuses.mobi on the internet. On your smart phone or PC you can immediately obtain the live arrival times of buses to any particular bus stop by entering the unique bus stop code (see below). Maybe make this a 'bookmark'.

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The recent tragic incident off the Clacton seafront has highlighted the work and commitment of the Clacton on Sea Lifeboat(s) and Crew. The volunteer Crew are prepared to go out in all conditions and all hours into the North Sea to rescue people and saves lives. They look ordinary people from the outside; however are very brave. A significant number of the Crew reside in Holland on Sea and East Clacton.

Public Health and EXERCISE

At a recent meeting at County Hall I was been shocked at two facts given by the public health officers:

- ☐ 68% of Tendring residents are obese or overweight
- ☐ Women in Tendring on average die eleven years earlier than their peers 'from the other side of the A12' – with much of this difference being attributable to lifestyle choices.

Obviously there are many complex factors which effect these indicators; however one activity, or to be more precise *inactivity*, that can make a significant negative impact is LACK OF EXERCISE.

Be it walking, hopping, running or even getting up out of chair and sitting down again repeatedly - regular EXERCISE will make a difference. Walking for a cuppa and a chat to one of our village's many cafes, churches and other outlets (the vast majority having toilets), will help us all towards an improved health and general well-being. And, all for little over a pound.

Over recent years, significant progress has been made in the battle against Tobacco; hopefully the same can be made against Obesity and Diabetes.

Pedestrian Crossing for Frinton Road

I continue the journey to obtain our crossing. The Petition was presented at County Hall, Chelmsford on 15th May; a Question asked at Full Council at County Hall, 10th July; and the Highways Surgery attended with the Cabinet Member and ECC Highways at County Hall 21st August.

Sladburys Lane – De-silting

During the first week of August, the Environment Agency commissioned contractors to clear the 'rubbish' and silt from the Pickers Ditch waters below the bridge. Special thanks to the Happy Valley Bowls Club for allowing these staff and the large vehicles to operate from its car park.

Highways

Much of my work is Highways (and footpaths related); and I thank Jon Tilbury, the HRA's Highways Lead for the many hours he has given and continues to give to help the cause.

Highways Surgery 21st August, County Hall, Chelmsford

Frinton Road pedestrian crossing
Holland Park and Clarendon Park bell mouths
Frinton Road School Crossing Sign and Flashing Lights

Corner Kerb 'Slopes'

It is important we are all able to get out and about. However many of our area's footpath corners lack dropped kerbs. As a consequence, it is difficult if not treacherous for people in wheelchairs, using mobility scooters, pushing buggies or even walking to negotiate the high 'steps'.

The normal process for getting a dropped kerb installed is to make an application to the Local Highways Panel. This is a bureaucratic, torturous and laborious process and at the very end of it, it is extremely likely that the answer will be that "there is insufficient funds" for the proposal to be approved.

To bypass this, I have been personally purchasing tarmac from a local supplier and laying it to corners that receive high traffic from people mobility issues. If you know of a particular corner which could do with a tarmac slope, because of a genuine need, please kindly let me know.

Kings Avenue outside Salisbury Court

It has been a long time coming, however here it is. Thank you for your patience. Dangerous slabs replaced.



Kents Avenue

Kents Avenue is an 'unadopted road' and therefore Essex County Council has no legal responsibility for its upkeep. This is the responsibility of the 'frontagers' – those householders who face the road. However, it is a road used by many to get to and from nearby 'Essex roads' and has large potholes in its concrete surface which have existed and grown over a number of years. On a personal basis and without prejudice I have started to fill these holes with tarmac purchased from a local supplier. It may not look pretty however might save trips and the odd spring or two. I will continue this and then do similarly in Merrileas Crescent and Norman Road over the coming weeks liaising with residents as I go.

Holland Road, East Clacton resurfacing

Cross fingers this should be happening this month, to the stretch by Haven Vets etc...

Adopt Your Road Signs – a once a month 'wet wipe'

It is very pleasing to report that it is now extremely difficult to come across road signs that need a bit of love, attention and fuss. Well done and thank you to those residents who are helping to improve the aesthetics of the village by giving 'their road sign' the odd wipe or two.



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Foster Panel

I continue to be the ECC representative on the North Essex Foster Panel. More truly special people are signing up to be foster carers and helping youngsters to have the opportunity to develop and progress in our world.

I have attended the Foster Team meeting and met some very committed staff working to recruit foster carers; and have worked with Scott Pepper of Front Estate Agents, Frinton Road, to have a foster carer recruitment advert running on the office's electronic notice board in the front window.

Surgeries, Hub and the Care Navigation system

The Scrutiny and challenge role continues. The Hub supports 23,500 patients across four surgeries; and 3,500+ calls are received each week. The telephone call answering times have improved; now 30%+ calls are answered within 5 minutes, 75%+ in 10 mins., and 95%+ in 20 mins. However, difficulty in obtaining an appointment to see a GP with an issue remains – something which is being reported across the country.

With the use of Nurse Practitioners, improved recruitment of clinical staff and the deployment of the new care navigation software it is anticipated access rates to clinicians should improve. Please help by signing up as an online patient to help make your prescription ordering and collection easier.

August saw the roll-out of Care Navigation software for use in the ACE practices. This software will provide clinical guidance to call handlers in the Hub to allow each patient to be directed to the most appropriate clinician and treatment for the condition that are calling in with. Initially, this may make the call times a little longer whilst the staff undergo training, however the immediate benefit to patients is that they see the clinician most appropriate, and therefore improving the specialist care they receive alongside making the best use of the appointments that are available. The call activity will continue to be monitored to ensure that waiting times and call times remain under scrutiny whilst the software is introduced.

The HRA's GET CYCLING

'Cycle Sundays' take place on 'the 4th Sunday of every month' (whatever the weather). For more info contact: **Dave Morgan 07549 007380** or **me 07541 321275**.

People should be able to promenade *or* cycle: safely, comfortably and pleasurably! Please can cyclists dismount on the Promenade between Holland Haven and the Beach Café and vice versa.

The National Cycle Route 150 runs 'along the top'.

Holland Residents' Association's Hoppa Bus

The Holland & East Clacton Hoppa runs every Tuesday; and passenger numbers continue to increase proving its popularity and success. Jon Tilbury kindly voluntarily drives the minibus and helps residents with their shopping. It is a 'door to door' service with destinations being ASDA, the Shopping Village and Morrisons at Little Clacton. Just for £2 return. Please give me a ring if you would like more details or to book a seat.

Unauthorised Encampments

We must be ever vigilant to see off these visits. Intelligence and immediate reporting are crucial. However, residents just simply not buying at the door will force these people to move on.

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Our first community garage/front garden sale which was held in June proved to be a very popular event with 70 addresses taking part. The grand sum of £350 was raised for HRA funds. We are planning to hold a second event in Spring 2019, so look out for details in the next edition of the magazine.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The scarecrow festival was an event suggested by St Bart's Church and we have been happy to assist them. Once again, this has proved to be very popular with 56 addresses registering to take part (including 16 shops/businesses/clubs/pub). We are very grateful to Holland Insurance Brokers, Holland Co-op Society, Kings Avenue Post Office and Second Act for agreeing to sell the maps and answer sheets and collecting the £1 charge for those entering the competition to name the scarecrows. Names of the competition winners can be found on page 16.

Brenda Bricknell, Social Secretary

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We are hoping that this year our Remembrance Day celebrations at St Bartholomew's Church will be extra special, as we honour the lives of those who sacrificed themselves in wartime. It has been decided that we would like to erect a stone memorial in our church garden, alongside Frinton Road, in memory of all those who sacrificed their lives for our benefit. At present we do not have a budget for this, so if you would be willing to make a donation towards the cost, which we estimate to be around £2,000, we would be most grateful. At present a faculty has yet to be obtained, which is formal permission granted by Chelmsford Diocese, before we are able to pursue this project further. However funding needs to be in place before we can proceed.

At the celebration on Sunday 11th November we would look to dedicate this memorial and, weather permitting have a short service outside, as well as the usual laying of wreaths in church. We do hope that as members of the wider community of Holland-on-Sea, this project meets with your approval. We look forward to hearing from you, either with any suggestions or questions you may have, or indeed with a donation, be it large or small. In the event of the project not taking place, any donation would, of course, be returned in full.

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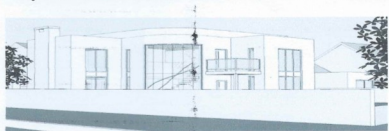
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Message from our Highways and Transport Officer

I have lived in Holland for 21 years and joined Verity's Committee last year as I wanted to take an active part in helping keep it a great place to live. I think the HRA does an amazing job - which is what prompted me to get involved. I like the fact that the Association makes tangible improvements to our Village and is very inclusive. On the Highways issues, I work closely with our county councillor, Colin Sargeant.

What I have done so far?

Colin and I have been walking our village making notes on areas that need improvement such as lines on the road, obsolete posts, dangerous roads and paths that are overgrown as well as potholes that have become dangerous.

While walking around the Village we have also been cleaning road signs. It is surprising what a difference the occasional cleaning wipe makes to their appearance. I think the professionals call it 'kerb appeal' !

I have also been making bollards for grass verges to try and prevent people parking on the grass and destroying the verges that make our Village unique. Most recently we have been experimenting with filling in potholes on the side streets. (Unfortunately we are unable to help with holes on the main roads due to the volume of traffic). The benefits of having these 'temporary' repairs outweigh the short term inconvenience. This is of course an ongoing challenge with the state of our local roads.

What I plan to do in the future?

I will continue to monitor the state of the local roads and make minor repairs if possible. All issues will continue to be reported by Colin to the County Council and I am hopeful that it will respond as soon as possible.

In addition, we intend to continue to make 'tarmac kerb slopes' to assist people in wheelchairs, on mobility scooters or pushing buggies. Many of these people simply cannot wait for the county council to decide to act - let alone act. I hope you will agree I am making a difference.

As most of you know I voluntarily drive the Holland Hoppa Bus on Tuesday mornings. We have a lovely group of people using the service and I really enjoy being their driver. Not only does it help them get out and about, it has become a friendship club too. It is a door to door service. If you would like to come along, or know someone who would value this service, please give us a call. You don't have to go every week.

Jon Tilbury HRA Highways and Transport Committee member

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CHRISTMAS 2018 - CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We have been busy making plans for this year's Christmas event, to be held on Wednesday 5th December. Many of you will be aware that we have been successful in obtaining a Road Closure Order for parts of the village. This will help to ensure the safety of residents and visitors which is of prime importance to us.

Several entertainers and activities are already booked but there is always room for more so please put on your thinking caps as new ideas are very welcome.

Two new sponsorships by local businesses have been secured. Fisher Jones Greenwood have generously agreed to cover the cost of the Children's Octopus ride and Omega Property Services will provide advertising boards to publicise the event.

A huge thank you to all you lovely residents who have already agreed to have a board situated in your front gardens but more are still needed. Ideally, we are looking for sites in areas of Holland where the boards will be easily seen by the most people. If you live near the school, shops, a church or on a busy road or bus route, would you be willing to have a board on your property? No effort is involved as Omega staff will deliver and erect the boards a couple weeks prior to the event and remove them afterwards. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you.

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I do not think I need to 'big up' this event. There will be crowds if last year's event is anything to go by. Please could I ask for volunteers to join in the spirit of the occasion and give up five minutes of their time on the evening to help move cones, barriers and signs a few yards out from the pavement onto the road (and vice versa) at key times at the key points in the village. Please kindly give me a ring or email.

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Wednesday Litter Picking Group

Would you like to help the environment and keep Holland on Sea and East Clacton clean and tidy, meet some new friends and get some exercise?

Please come along and join Brenda and her friendly team of litter pickers. They meet every Wednesday at 10.30am, covering a different location each week. Please email Brenda for more details: brendadee2013@gmail.com

Thank you so much to Brenda and her team for all the hard work they are doing to help protect the environment and wildlife in Holland on Sea and East Clacton.

Sue Beeney, HRA Environment Officer: hollandbeachcleanhra@gmail.com



UPDATE FROM OUR MP - GILES WATLING

Dear Holland Residents,

Here are some updates on my local activity over the past few months, and a little bit on my work in Westminster.

Firstly, an update on my previous column – I am pleased to let you know that I have helped to move the Parking (Code of Practice) Bill through Parliament. This crucial piece of legislation will introduce a code of practice for the management of private parking facilities and will directly address the parking scams that have regularly impacted on the Clacton constituency. Locally, I have met with several important organisations, including: Tendring Reuse and Recycle (where I bought a very useful set of second hand garden chairs), Grassroots - a social action charity, Affinity Water, and ON-TRACK Rail Users' Association. Likewise, I was delighted to attend several community events, and would like to thank Specialist Stroke Services for having me along recently to open their Spring Fayre in Holland – I understand that they raised £1113.20!

I have also conducted a blind "guided walk" on Connaught Avenue in Frinton – supported by The Guide Dogs for The Blind. Participants, from local businesses, left with a far greater appreciation of how "A-boards", street furniture, and obstacles on footpaths can impact on the visually impaired. In June, I visited the amazing Clacton based organisation, CADOWS to talk about the invaluable work they do supporting clients with learning difficulties. The volunteers there are an inspiration – they do so much, selflessly, for the community.

During the past month, I have spent a great deal of time with our emergency services and recently joined an ambulance crew for a shift. I have also visited Clacton Fire Station for a tour and a discussion with local firefighters, and was pleased to meet with outgoing Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh to thank him for all of his hard work before his retirement. He celebrated my initiative getting more police officers on our streets.

Away from the constituency, I have been away with our excellent Armed Forces several times over the past few months. This is part of a Parliamentary scheme, to help us better understand what our military personal encounter when on deployment, and when in training. I look forward to sharing my experiences with Parliament when we return from Summer Recess. In the coming weeks, I will be meeting with the National Citizen Service and TenPAG, and will be sitting down with staff at Clacton Hospital – which, contrary to negative reports in the press, will not close, but will have its services redeveloped as part of a £14.7m scheme. Following that, I am hoping for a peaceful holiday, before returning to the constituency and meeting with ACE, who I continue to see regularly to discuss our local health services.

Finally, in September, I will return to the House, where we will be dealing with important legislation relevant to Brexit. If you are interested, my Brexit statement, which covers recent developments, can be found on my website: <https://www.gileswatling.co.uk/>.

If you would like to discuss any of these issues further, or if you have any other concerns, please do drop me an email on: giles.watling.mp@parliament.uk.

Until next time, All the best



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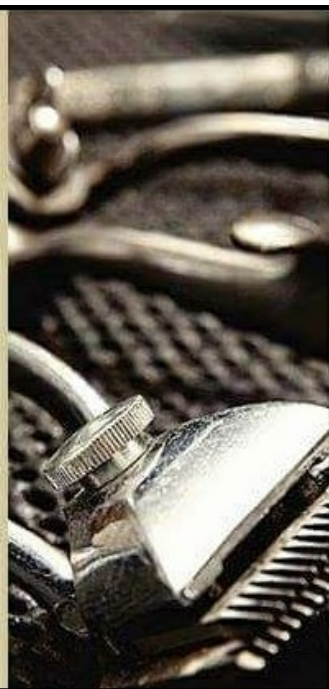
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4. My mother taught me about OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
5. My mother taught me about the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, I can take you out."
6. My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in the world who don't have wonderful parents like you."
7. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when we get home."
8. My mother taught me about GENEALOGY. "Shut that door... You think you were raised in a barn?"
9. My mother taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids... I hope they turn out just like you!"
10. My mother taught me about LOGIC. "Because I said so, That's why."
11. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until your spinach is gone."
12. My mother taught me about IRONY. "Keep crying. I'll give you something to cry about."

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SCARECROW FESTIVAL

A big thank you to Julie Collitt and St Barts Church for organising our first Scarecrow Festival. What a success and what a lot of pleasure this gave to those who built the 56 scarecrows, those that visited the scarecrows to guess who they are and for the wonderful community spirit generated by this. The winner was John and Frances Harvey of 17 Haven Avenue with their depiction of the Witch, from "There is Room on my Broomstick" In second place was Mr Crane of 2 Brighton Road with Worzel Gummidge and in the business section the Electric Bed and Chair Co came first with Cruelle de Vil and second was Gwinells,



Undertakers with Dick Whittington.

Well done to all who took part and it was really difficult for our judge Ian Findley from the Art Club to make a decision. Our thanks also go to Ian for being our judge. Also to be mentioned is the wonderful effort made by the Stroke Club and also Zac at the Co-op for all his interest and enthusiasm and special scarecrow.



Makes you Think !!

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The Grandmother replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before: Television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill, There were no credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not yet invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your Grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir." And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir." We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends not purchasing time shares. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CD's, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to Big Bands on our radios. And I don't ever remember any youngster blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. You could buy a new car for £600, but who could afford one?

In my day: "grass" was mowed, "coke" was fuel, "pot" was something your mother cooked in and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby. "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store and "software" wasn't even a word. And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap. How old do you think I am? I bet you have this old lady in mind. You are in for a shock!

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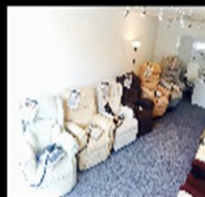
Thank you to all who took part in our Front Garden Competition which was judged by John the plantsman at Clacton Garden Centre. The winners were William and Elaine Thurston of Salisbury Road and the runners up were Malcolm and Jessica Titman of Queensway. The top photograph is of the winners being presented with their award by HRA Chair Verity Coulthard together with our Social Secretary Brenda Bricknell. The second picture is of Malcolm and Jessica Titman. Well done to the winners.



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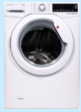
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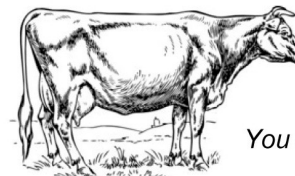
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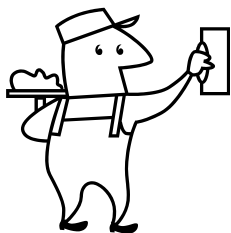
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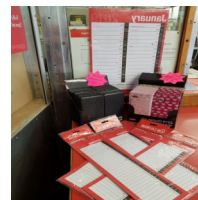
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HRA Computer Corner

Dear Fellow Residents of Holland on Sea,
After HRA's last quarterly magazine, I have had a very good response from many people about the Scammers contacting residents at home via the phone suggesting they were calling from either BT, Microsoft, Virgin or Talk-Talk. I actually received 3 calls from residents saying that they had the call and asked me if they were scammers. In all 3 cases, they were. I'd like to think that the reading of our HRA magazine in those cases had thwarted those particular scammers. So well done everyone in passing on the details to those that may be vulnerable.

The issue is, this has been going on for many years and these Scammers stop for a while, move offices and phone numbers and start again. So always be on the lookout and remind those who may forget. Just to reiterate, remember, BT, Microsoft, Virgin or Talk-Talk, would never know you had a problem with your PC, neither would they phone you. Your PC cannot affect their networks or cause them problems. SO, if you ever receive a call similar to the one above, simply say nothing, put the phone down and block the number if you have the option to do so.

On a lighter note, I have had several calls with regards to a recent Windows 10 update which seems to be causing several people issues. In most cases, the laptop needs many hours to resolve itself and the issues can be caused by shutting the PC down (or battery dying) during this process. If you get stuck in the (loop of death), plug your mains charger in, manually check for updates and leave the PC on whilst you're around. This often resolves the issue.

HRA Quarterly PC tip: "Avoiding Overheating".

People ask me how can they "preserve" the life of a PC/Laptop. There are several ways in which you can do this and here are a couple of tips.

1: Laptops are called laptops but shouldn't actually be used on your lap! Most designs will have the Vent/Ports at the bottom to allow the air to flow freely. Sitting them on your lap blocks the vents and blocks the free flow of "Cool" air to keep the internal component temperatures low.

Overheating is one of the main causes of laptops breaking. Therefore, if you like to sit down with it on your lap, I would suggest that you use a hard piece of wood/board to sit the laptop on and then place it on your lap allowing the vents/ports underneath to be free to breathe.

2: Leaving your Laptop on over-night. Whilst laptops generally check and download updates overnight, try to do regular "manual" checks for updates after you've finished using it.

At night, shut the Laptop/PC down and turn off the mains charger from the plug socket. Mains charging adapters do run very hot and have been known to pop! This will stop overheating which I mentioned is a common reason for electrical components dying. Unfortunately, "Sleep mode" (whilst convenient) still uses power and still draws on that ever increasing price of a Unit of electricity.
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The group are currently planning to raise further funds with a Macmillan coffee morning and a barn dance in the coming months, with a Happy New Year variety show on 19 January 2019 at the Holland public hall. The group looks forward to seeing everyone again at these forthcoming events and if there is anyone who is interested in joining the group, either on stage, or helping with backstage support please do not hesitate to contact our secretary Jill on 677074 for further details.



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Our Autumn programme will be as follows:

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| 5 September 2018 | ' <u>Growing up in the Dutch Quarter in Colchester in the 1940s and 1950s</u> ' (Part One) by Mr Walters |
| 3 October 2018 | Harvest Supper with entertainment from Martyn Harrison who will provide a 'Harvest of Melodies'. We have a meal at this meeting so any prospective new members will need to speak to Carole or Mary for details. We start our evening earlier 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm |
| 7 November 2018 | Presentation on 'Dutch Holland' by Mr Mousley |
| 5 December 2018 | Christmas Supper – again earlier start 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm with entertainment of Christmas songs by 'Susie M'. |

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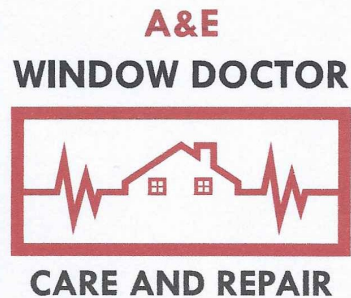
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Alistair Keeble Solicitors, established for over 20 years, has extensive experience in a range of legal services, mainly undertaking private client and conveyancing work. The existing staff will continue at the new firm whilst Alistair Keeble himself will remain with the firm as a consultant for two years to ensure a smooth hand-over.

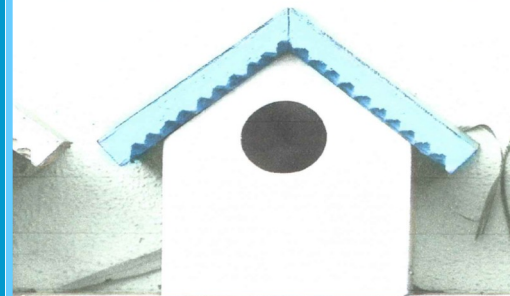
Paula Fowler, Managing Partner at FJG said: "We are delighted to announce this exciting acquisition for FJG. It is a move that will see us further strengthen our links in the Tendring community following on from our recent move to Station Road in Clacton. The opportunity to acquire a local firm with an established reputation for friendly, professional and effective advice is one that will see Fisher Jones Greenwood (Incorporating Alistair Keeble Solicitors) thrive and prosper moving forward."

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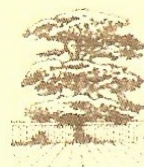
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On Holland on Sea beach there are a number of "Dog Friendly" bays which can be enjoyed by dog walkers all year round.

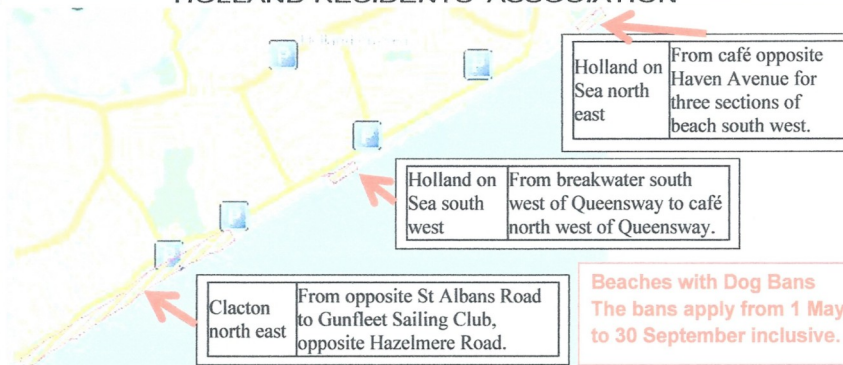


In addition, there are three "Dog Free" sections of the beach in operation from 1st May to 30th September inclusive – see accompanying plan. These are enforced by TDC. Please note the maximum fine for contravening this byelaw is £500; and this also applies to dogs not on leads on the Promenade behind the sections of the beach.

There are people who wish to enjoy the beach at any time of the day during the summer without being bothered by dogs. Please allow them to do so.

Thank you for your support in helping everyone to enjoy our village's beach and seafront.

HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Beaches with Dog Bans
 The bans apply from 1 May to 30 September inclusive.

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY MOVED INTO OUR FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Yet again our magazine is filled with so many interesting articles, not only all the usual ones about ongoing projects the HRA committee are involved with but also new things happening in our village. A report on the successful Holland Scarecrow Festival, the planned Pitch and Putt competition, the "Friendly Walks" to be organised with the Baptist Church, the "Chatting Tables" idea we would like to try. We are also going to repeat the successful garage/front garden sale in the Spring of 2019 and still have other ideas of events we would like to arrange.

All the Executive Committee Members of the Holland Residents' Association work so hard to bring new ideas and interesting events to our village and I want to give each one my personal thanks for all they do and the support given.

Unfortunately, there seems to be less room for "jokes" now so maybe it is time to increase the number of pages yet again. When I started a newsletter nearly 10 years ago it was 8 pages I certainly didn't expect it to grow to 60 pages !!

Verity



JARS WITH LIDS WANTED

Dave and Lin still require jam jars with metal lids to help Marmalade Mike and Strawberry Sue, who can be found at the late riser boot sale every weekend. They get through 50 to 70 jam jars every week and the jams and marmalades are homemade and delicious. The proceeds from the sales of jams etc. all go to the Air Ambulance service. So, please save all your jam jars. Dave and Lin are happy to collect and pick up from your doorstep. Phone on 07549007380. Finally, a big, big thank you to everyone who has helped by collecting their jars. Let's hope none of us will ever need the Air Ambulance.

KEEPING INFORMED

If you are on email and would like to receive information on events and activities in Holland or if you are holding an event (non political) and you would like it publicised via email please drop a note to tonyrulten@yahoo.co.uk



Message from our Baptist Church Minister

We've had a lovely long hot summer, I trust you enjoyed it. Now its autumn Harvest time again. As I look at the wonderful variety of fruit and vegetables that we can grow, I find myself saying, "Thank you God!" When I lived in Brazil (Holland is just as lovely) I loved looking out to sea and being amazed at the sight of the sun setting over the ocean and saying, "Thank you God"; and when I was growing up in Scotland, I appreciated the lovely lochs, mountains and the stunning scenery, I said, "Thank you, God." I remember thinking, "God, what a wonderful imagination you have got."

Near the beginning of the Bible we read about the creation of the world, all that we see. In the first chapter we read this: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Gen 1:31). God made everything good, including the most amazing and intricate part of his creation – you and me! Isn't a tiny new born baby just so amazing!

When each of my children were born and more recently my two grandchildren, I marvelled at God's creation. The delicate design behind human life convinces me that we are not accidents! All very amazingly created, planned and designed.

At this time of Harvest, we give thanks for God's wonderful provision; we remember the Story of the Israelites crossing the desert God provided for their every need with bread (Manna) fresh every day, quail and even their sandals did not wear out. God continues to provide for our everyday needs even today. We say in the Lords Prayer "give us this day our daily bread" and he does!

Part of our thankfulness must surely include things like, our village of Holland on Sea, our households, our neighbours, the church, family and friends.

There are those around us that are less fortunate than ourselves. they don't have so much to thank God for, going through difficult situations with health, finance or many other circumstances. Let us reach out to others with prayer, friendship and in practical ways. One way we can help is through our local "Food Bank" which does a tremendous job in our community We can contribute with any unperishable goods. It might not seem much but every little helps.

God has been and is so good to us, Lets pass on that blessing to others. I pray that you will continue to be Blessed. If I can be of any service to you please contact me.

Chris Collict, Minister of Holland on sea Baptist Church

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Little Holland – In The Beginning

Holland on Sea claims but a short history, being developed just over 100 years ago, so what preceded our modest community?

Little Holland, as opposed to its neighbour Great Holland, was anciently a separate village and manor, occupying an isolated promontory. On one side the sea and on two other sides an expanse of tidal water, its only land link was through Great Clacton.

However, access by the sea was more convenient for coastal villages and there was no lack of activity when the Gunfleet (Holland Brook) was a useful haven for shipping. Little Holland, such as it was, was probably located by its Hall and may have originated with the defence of the estuary against early intruders – the Saxons and Vikings?

Excavations in 1988, at Little Holland Hall, when the land and building were bought and converted from a private residence to a care home, has dated its former church from about the 12th century, but there is evidence of various alterations to the original structure. The Hall itself is older than it appears and incorporates a timber-framed building, in part more than four hundred years old; this would have replaced an earlier manor hall.

In Elizabethan times there was a landing place in Little Holland Hall ground, and indeed *“men may and do use to lade with shyppes and bo-tes all the length of the coste of Hollande”*.

Little Holland was always a small village, but about this time the Gunfleet estuary began to silt-up, and being abandoned by shipping was, in the 17th century, spanned by a sea wall. No longer a port, and with its coast being steadily eroded by the sea, Little Holland must have suffered a decline. The villagers became more dependent on Great Clacton, to which the parish was annexed about 1650. The parish church was then abandoned; its bells were removed to Clacton for disposal and its stones taken as building material. Not until those excavations of 1988 were its foundations uncovered.

In addition to the Hall were two principal farms, latterly known as Cants, or Kents, and Bennetts. The former farmhouse is now the Oakwood Inn but the latter, once standing in York Road, has long been demolished. During the Napoleonic wars there was a large military encampment surrounding Bennetts, and a signal station near the Hall. Later a Matello Tower and battery were built just beyond the Haven, but not retained.

In 1799 a Great Bromley worthy sent his children to stay at the Hall, and shortly afterwards the place was recommended by estate agents for the convenience of sea bathing.

There was a small alehouse, the Princess Helena, now replaced by the Roaring Donkey, and a bibulous landlord, one Fleetwood Codd, who must have been his own principal customer and often overindulged!

It was a Dulwich man, David Cripps Preston, who bought much of the land and early last century planned the gridiron pattern of roads and offered building plots. But overshadowed by Clacton, Little Holland on Sea for long comprised little more than a few modest summer residence, ideal for informal holidays, and Preston's attempt to cash in on the 1904 military manoeuvres by erecting an obelisk on the cliff hardly proved an attraction.

Development accelerated following the First World War, but it was not until after the area was absorbed into Clacton in 1934 that drainage was provided, the roads made up, and the cliffs protected by a sea wall.

St Bartholomew's a corrugated iron church was erected in 1903, superseded in 1929, and replaced in 1972 by the present building. Seven years later a new parish was created incorporating part of the ancient parish of Great Clacton.



The first of three St. Bartholomew's churches.
When it rained you all had to sing-up to be heard
over the din on the tin roof



For many years
the landlord of the Princess Helena
was a man named Fleetwood Codd.



Little Holland Hall which has its roots
back many hundreds of years ago.



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