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### A message from the Chair of the Holland Residents' Association



Dear All,

Well we didn't get much of a winter did we? Thank goodness unless of course it turns up in April!! It was lovely to see the crocuses, daffodils and also the violets in the verges out so early.

We had an exciting year last year and we have the same and even more this year to look forward to.

We are organising a Community Garage Sale again this year and hope to have the usual beach cleans and monthly cycle rides. The street cleaning group continue to make a massive difference to our village and I thank them for all the time and effort they put into this. Looking forward, the work should be completed on the cliff stabilisation including the new "easier" slope down to the beaches. The beaches are all to have new names and you will find details of this in the following pages.

We continue to work with the Surgeries to try to get an improved service and the hopper bus goes from strength to strength thanks to Jon Tilbury and I know that all the trips are thoroughly enjoyed.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April and we hope to see as many members there as possible. The present committee have all worked so hard to achieve what we have done and I must record my sincere thanks to our County Councillor, Colin Sargeant for all he is doing for Holland, including being a lollipop person!!

As far as the library is concerned and the threatened closure, this has given us the opportunity to work closely with the Holland Community Association who manage and organise events at the public hall and I sincerely hope that this will continue in the future so we have a strong united front to deal with any further problems affecting us all.

This year we have the District Elections and it will be interesting to see who will be standing and who will want to work with us to make Holland an even greater place to live. We have the opportunity to have a change at this time and we look forward to working with whoever is elected from whatever party if they wish to work with us...

Verity Coulthard, Chair, Holland Residents' Association

### THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2019 HOLLAND ON SEA GOES TO THE POLLS

For every Holland resident, 18 years and over, Thursday 2 May is the chance to vote in the Tendring District Council elections. This will be the first time that the new wards come into play. The majority of Holland on Sea, from the Haven to Kings Avenue, falls within the new St. Bartholomew's ward; whilst those residents from the west of Kings Avenue and up to Sea Lane, which is the boundary of our village, will now be a part of the new Eastcliff ward. There will be two Councillors to be elected in the St. Bartholomew's ward and one in Eastcliff. The Holland on Sea Residents' Association (previously known as the Holland Ratepayers' Association), founded in 1926, has traditionally put-up candidates; however, in 2019 has decided against this.

The Association has always prided itself on being truly "independent" and works purely for the good of Holland on Sea. There have been times when it has reactively fought against proposals that were believed would be detrimental to the community, and this will continue. There were, and are, times that the Association proactively leads on improvements to village life, and there are also times when the HRA will back a positive proposal, particularly from the public sector such as the District or County Council. The HRA has always maintained a non-political stance, as a good idea is a good idea, wherever it comes from, and a bad idea is.....yes, you follow the principle, and where things emanate from is immaterial to the HRA.

The Holland on Sea Residents' Association is keen to work with any politician – be they District Councillors, County Councillors, or Members of Parliament, on matters that impact on our unique community. We want to help them understand our needs, provide local knowledge, show them the likely consequences of any proposals, and seek their support in maintaining all that is good about our village. They must be people we can work with, and equally they would be people that want to work with us. The HRA has invited the local MP, County Councillor, and District Councillors to update us all on what they have been doing, through our quarterly magazine, and we will continue to offer this opportunity to whoever is elected. Unfortunately, the three current Holland on Sea District Councillors have, for some time, declined to report to the residents via the magazine; a disappointing stance to take when such a powerful way of keeping all the residents informed is freely available for them to use.

To prevent any confusion the group called "Holland and Eastcliff Matters" (this magazine was previously called "Holland Matters) are in no way linked to the Holland Residents' Association nor is the "Holland Group". We at present have no District Councillors working with us. Any items on the Holland and Eastcliff Facebook page which have the Holland Residents' Association heading have been taken from our own Facebook page without our knowledge or permission.

#### **BAY NAMES**

We are so lucky to have our wonderful seafront restored and many of us can enjoy relaxing in one of the bays, sunbathing, reading the paper or watching the children/grandchildren/great grandchildren playing. Well the Residents' Association felt the icing on the cake, as well as being just practical, was to give each bay a name; so the Association has been in discussions with Tendring District Council and the project has been given the green light. The HRA has suggested a name for each bay from Clacton Pier to Holland Haven, the name being historically linked to the strip of land it protects.

Hopefully you like the idea and are eager to know what they will be called; well first let's start, very briefly, with the Clacton section, from Clacton Pier to Sea Lane:



We now enter Holland on Sea and if you turn to the Holland History article you can read the background behind each of the following names:



#### **CLIFF STABILISATION WORKS:**

To the residents of Holland on Sea the work on the Cliff Stabilisation Scheme appears almost complete; the king-posts halfway up the cliff behind Beach Huts Section B, are all in place and covered with top soil, and the steel pile wall immediately behind Beach Huts Section C is complete. At this point one might think it must be time for the contractor – Jackson, to put back the huts, a quick tidy-up, and life can return to normal. Unfortunately that is not the case because, whilst the high-profile "civils" are done and dusted, there now follows the far trickier job of installing an intricate set of drainage

pipes to allow the water in the cliffs to feed harmlessly into a managed system. The "Achilles Heel" of Holland on sea

is the geology of the area; with layers of sand and clay beneath us, we have the added complexity of a number of underwater springs. To those

with an interest in the history of Holland it was not uncommon for properties

to have natural wells in their gardens and a number still remain. Couple this with

the absorption of rainfall and

there

results an underground watercourse which feeds out through the cliffs. All this water finds a band of clay and works its way

along it and, after heavy downfalls, can result in the sand layer above just slipping away. Like so many things, one reaction can cause another action. In this case the steel

pile wall, to hold the cliff back, can also restrict the flow of water from the cliffs, but even if the wall was not there it would still be leeching out and sweeping across the promenade. The answer is a sophisticated drainage system that feeds the water harmlessly away, and that is what Jackson is currently working on.



A series of drainage pipes are being installed into the cliff from the greensward, down to specifically laid drains built into the promenade. A clever machine, which can drill a bore hole up to one mile long, is working its way along the cliff top, not only making the hole but feeding the necessary drainage pipes too; much of these being porous at the top. The channelled water is then safely carried away. The machine can,

Key to symbols

New inclined drains

of course, hit unforeseen objects and, whilst it handles clay quite easily, the compact sand can prove quite a challenge.

Work is also underway in building the disabled access path by Queensway. This will be a massive benefit to all those residents and visitors who are less mobile, and the "zig-zag" design will make an attractive feature. Also to be built is the walkway from Kings Avenue to the lower promenade, a very popular access point that has been much missed for many years since being closed due to substantial cliff movement.



Jackson would like to thank the residents of Holland on Sea for their understanding of the disruption caused whilst work progresses, apologises for any inconvenience, and also to share appreciation of the cooperation and goodwill that has been received from "the locals".

### Richard O. Walker Seafront and Open Spaces

### SURGERY UPDATE

Telephone response times and problems with prescriptions have shown a small improvement but are still giving cause for concern

Patients with prescription queries are now being filtered from the hub to the prescription clerks or their answer machine. The times that those calls can be made will, in the near future, be restricted to certain times during the day. The problem whereby we are all apparently patients at Green Elms continues. This does not affect individual patient records which are kept centrally. Papers are NOT being sent to Jaywick.

As well as holding clinics for COPD, Asthma and Diabetes, ACE are now introducing a six month pilot "Physio First". The first contact Physiotherapist can see patients for problems affecting the neck, back, bones, joints or muscles. No GP referral is needed. Appointments can be made via the hub and navigated through listed criteria. Appointments are available daily at one of the four ACE surgeries and if patients are willing to travel they can be seen at any of the practices.

Frinton Road / Epping Close now have a long term clinical pharmacist (Nuisha Shekarian) who will be carrying out medication reviews.

There is currently a carer support worker (Zowie Clay) who does a drop in session at Epping Close on Mondays 12- 2 for both Epping Close patients and those from Frinton Road.

Rita Garnett - Health and Wellbeing

#### **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

I have been very busy lately, walking around our wonderful village taking notes of all the potholes, dangerous paths and sending details via Colin Sargeant to ECC Highways. This can be a torturous process to get works carried out, however I hope you are seeing things are getting done.

The HRA has worked in partnership with Tendring District Council and as part of this we have provided a new replacement 'gateway sign' for the Marine Parade East site and I have painted the posts on a voluntary basis. The other gateway signs will be replaced on a phased basis. I hope you agree that we, the Holland Residents' Association are



Verity, the HRA Chair and yours truly at the Marine Parade East Gateway sign

The weekly HOPPA bus to the local shops on Tuesday continues to be successful and number are rising. From time to time new faces board and soon become new friends.

On 30<sup>th</sup> January I drove the HOPPA group to the new food hall at Marks & Spencer in Walton on the Naze for shopping and then onto Parkers Garden Centre where the 'Hoppers' had the opportunity to view the plants and have a cup of tea in the café before taking the leisurely drive back to our village. This was a door to door service as always. This outing was HRA member Joan's idea.

We hope in May and June to be organising further door to door trips from our village for the Hoppers. The first trip is likely to be to the Naze Centre at Walton on the Naze with a cup of tea and piece of cake peacefully watching the world go by and taking in the odd migrant bird - before travelling to the M&S food hall. The door to door fare is never an arm or a leg!



The Naze Centre is managed by the Essex Wildlife Trust which is supported by the HRA participating in the Trust's 'recycled bra collection scheme' (yet another initiative developed in Holland on Sea by Verity and her HRA team). So, it is good to link the HRA's Hoppa with this other HRA supported project.

Please keep your eyes peeled for dates and further details on the HRA notice boards and in the LOOK magazine.

Now that weather has warmed up a trifle we hope to return to 'temporary' tarmacking the large potholes in Merrilees Crescent and Norman Road. It's a long haul to fill them all however we will get there.

Hopefully you will have seen me carrying out voluntary work in the road on behalf of our wonderful village. Don't hesitate to say hello.

Jon Tilbury - Highways and Transport



#### 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.

### **Holland Library**

A lot has happened since the last HRA Magazine was prepared and produced. The ECC Administration has produced a Library Strategy (issued on 14<sup>th</sup> November) suggesting 25 libraries (incl. Holland) of the county's 74 libraries be closed and a further 19 be run on a community/volunteer basis. This is cultural vandalism; and simply ridiculous.

#### Facts:

It costs ECC just £620 a week to run Holland Library. ECC claims Holland Library is within 2 miles walking distance, or less, of the next nearest library. This is the criteria used across Essex and forces our library into the closure group. It is in fact 2.1 miles and this fact alone takes Holland library out of "closure". Despite being open only 16 hours per week it

'loaned' 18,000 books in 2017/18 61% of users walk to the library; 37% of users are 70+ years young; and 16%

are 9 years and younger.
The two wards served by Holland Library,
Haven and St. Barts, have the 2<sup>nd</sup> and
3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentages (both 46.9%)
of the 240 odd wards in Essex.

In terms of Value for Money - the seven other 'Tendring' Libraries cost ECC £733.000 a year to open for a total of



Glennis Ruddell (Chair HCA) and Verity Coulthard (Chair HRA) with their joint letter to Tendring's eight County Councillors requesting support for Holland Library remaining open.

233.5 hours a week (an average of £60 per hour), as opposed to Holland's £31,000 for its 16 hours a week (£37 per hour). I think this says it all ...

I have met with the Holland Community Association (which runs the village's Public Hall) and the Holland Residents' Association and have formed a Campaign team. In addition, .In addition, Beth Vine, a local secondary school student, hopes to galvanise our village's youngsters in supporting the campaign to keep Holland Library open

The Campaign team has requested an urgent meeting with Cllr. Susan Barker the ECC cabinet member for libraries.

It is refreshing to see the two Associations and the community working so positively together for the benefit of our wonderful village. A classic case of 1+1=3.

### **School Crossing Patrol, 20s Plenty**

On 25<sup>th</sup> February, resident Alan Webb and I commenced the voluntary daily School Crossing Patrol duties at Frinton Road – enabling youngsters attending Holland Haven School to cross the busy road safely. Everyone is so polite and courteous. Hopefully, this will encourage as many people as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to the local school instead of using the car. The more people who use this crossing, then the greater chance of having a permanent zebra crossing installed by ECC.

Alan told me "My granddaughter attends Holland Haven School. I have to cross Frinton road regularly to take her to school and experienced the dangers and difficulties in crossing safely. When a request came from Mrs Bardetti (the Headmistress) asking for volunteers to safely



Alan Webb on duty



HOLLAND HAVEN SCHOOL HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

escort children across Frinton Road, I offered my help. I thoroughly enjoy my new role and find the pupils and carers polite and courteous."

In addition, the HRA has erected banners to encourage drivers travelling along Frinton Road, Hereford Road and Primrose Road that "20s Plenty".

### **Dog Fouling**

Dog Fouling is on the increase; however I cannot remember the last time I saw a stray dog in Holland on Sea. From that it must be safe to assume that all this foul mess must be dumped on OUR pavements and verges whilst said dogs are on their mistresses or masters lead. In this age of mobile phone cameras and dash cams it might be time to film offenders and pass to the appropriate bodies... What would be the counter argument?



### The HRA Holland & East Clacton Litter Picking team

Two years ago three ladies (Brenda, Bev and Lesley) approached me and asked if I could give some promotion and publicity to an idea they had... So that was how the Holland & East Clacton Litter Picking team was created. With a few banners and the supply of pickers and 'bag rings' our village and its surrounding area has a set up that other villages could only dream about! It is no longer solely litter; it is now helping the council to plan where it locates its bins and combating dumped asbestos water tanks and other acts of environmental vandalism...

The regular members of the group are: Andy, Bev, Brenda, Carol, Dave, Hazel, June, Ken, Laurie, Lesley, Lynda, Neal, Peter, Rick, Roger, Sue, Terry, Tom and Holly the dog. In addition, one can't seem to walk north of the Frinton Road without bumping into wife and husband, Linda and Ray, keeping our village spick and span. Thank you to all these hard working volunteer enthusiasts. Thanks too to the number of residents who religiously 'pick up three bits of litter a day' in our village. These "doers" are all Making a Difference.

Thank you: Brenda, Bev and Lesley.

#### Citizens Advice Bureau - Holland on Sea

Thanks to funding from the ECC Local Services Fund, the CAB and HRA have worked in partnership to create a Monday Morning Advice Session in Holland Library. This is by appointment only (to book ring CAB Clacton on 01255 377080 ext. 111, Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 4.30pm). The advice is impartial and confidential and will cover any issues e.g. benefits, debt, pensions, legal, elder abuse etc. Special thanks and appreciation goes to local resident Sidney Mowatt who has kindly volunteered and been specially retrained to provide this service to Holland on Sea residents.

### **Pickers Ditch**

I am very pleased to report that the Environment Agency has kept to its promise to

David Emmerson and I that it would clear the stretch from the Sladburys Lane bridge to the next footbridge close to Dovedale Gardens. With this work and the previous clearance under the Sladburys Lane bridge and alongside the Happy Valley Bowls Club, the Ditch has become more attractive and hopefully the wildlife will return.



#### 1 + 1 = 3

One bonus of the ridiculous, crass and frankly fully downright stupid Library proposals from Essex County Council has been that they have resulted in the joint working of the Holland Community Association (which runs the Public Hall and events) and the Holland Residents' Association (which actively engages in community issues) in partnership to secure our village's wonderful Library. Two separate and very distinctive roles; one common cause. It is good to see the two Associations working in tandem.

### **Local Highways Panel applications**

Requests for: dropped kerbs at the Sladburys Lane/Holland Road junction; and Seafields Road grass verges and paving to be redesigned to improve parking have recently been made. Other applications also continued to be progressed.

### Highways and Access - work with Sally King

I am pleased to be able to report that resident Sally King is going to work with Jon Tilbury (the HRA Highways representative) and I and start to identify problems on the public Highway which can cause difficulties for people with disabilities (steep kerbs, A boards indiscriminately sited etc.). We can then hopefully get these resolved asap.

#### Norman Road, Merrilees Crescent and Kents Avenue

Now that the fine weather hopefully has returned and the tarmac softer, Jon Tilbury and I will recommence our programme of filling the large potholes with 'temporary' tarmac along these unadopted roads.

#### **Unwelcomed Visitors**

As we all know Spring brings many good things however unfortunately it also brings with it the invasion of unwelcomed guests who can harm our village's open spaces causing unnecessary work for the county and district staff; and give unnecessary distress to residents.

Please be vigilant and secure all your property; immediately report any incursions; and perhaps most important of all – DO NOT BUY AT THE DOORSTEP!!! If you would like some work done, then use good old 'word of mouth' or the details in this magazine or similar to consider using a contractor.

Essex Countywide Traveller Unit - Contact details: ECTU@essex.gov.uk

### Sea Lane, Essex Public Right of Way - encroachment

This wonderful footpath runs from Holland Road (virtually opposite Sladburys Lane) to the North Sea at Marine Parade East. This corridor is a haven for wildlife – and well used by our community.

Unfortunately, on 15th February, I was informed by one of the HRA's 'eyes and ears' that a stretch of public land immediately adjacent to the Public Right of Way at Howard Road was being cleared and fencing posts were being put in. Grateful for this report, I immediately contacted the PROW team at County Hall and an officer that afternoon attended and instructed the contractor to cease work. Despite this, three days later the post and fence erection continued.

The PROW team informed me that only six foot width of the path belongs to ECC and for the remainder of the land ownership is uncertain. The PROW team contacted the TDC Planning Enforcement team who at the time of me writing this item were investigating the encroachment. STOP PRESS: Advice is householder likely to submit for Change of Use to add the land fenced off to the domestic garden. Everyone can then have their say.

### We are so LUCKY to live in Holland on Sea

There cannot be a better society/community in Britain than Holland on Sea for those people who are vulnerable, confused, lonely, depressed etc. etc., and for those, heaven forbid, who just might wish to pass the day with someone! Thankfully this is where our village's and surrounding area's churches, faith groups, clubs and groups and shops and hairdressers and cafes and yes, ECC **OUR LIBRARY** come into play. I know well of a lady who tells me she cannot walk more than 50 yards along Kings Avenue without someone saying to her "Good Morning" or "Hello" and giving her that all important boost - that she has been acknowledged to actually EXIST! She tells me when living elsewhere she could go days without even getting a nod.

We should not take all this, often voluntary, help and assistance for granted. It does not simply happen by luck. People elsewhere would bite off our hand for what we have in Holland on Sea. I think the professionals call it "the Culture" of an area. Personally, I think it's simply RESPECTING one another. And one can see the very much hardworking HRA team (all volunteers) applying this principle to all that they do – working with, not against; championing others, not knocking; listening with their *two* ears and talking with their *one* mouth. No wonder the HRA membership, I am told, has doubled in two years.

Thanks for your support. Best Wishes.

### Colin

Essex County Councillor Colin Sargeant serving East Clacton, Great Clacton\* and Holland on Sea Tele: 07541 321275
SHOP LOCAL DINE LOCAL SMILE LOCAL SAVE the staffed HOLLAND LIBRARY

### **BEACH CLEANS**

Last year was very successful with regular beach cleans happening nearly every month and so much plastic and other waste was collected it was amazing and made the beaches so much safer for everyone, especially children and our four legged friends.

We took part in the Great British Beach Clean and saw people joining us from as far away as Wivenhoe and Colchester and in all around 60 people took part.

We very much want to continue this and are now looking for a volunteer to lead the cleans either on a monthly or quarterly basis and if you are able to help with this please email me at veritycoulthard@yahoo.co.uk. The HRA supplied banners, bag rings and pickers and is now set up to make the job easier. Our County Councillor Colin Sargeant will be leading a group on 15th June but we really would like to see others taking the lead in this.



We'd love you to create your own Scarecrow to be displayed outside your home or business in Holland -on-Sea this summer. This year's theme is

# CHARACTERS FROM CHILDREN'S TV OR CHILDREN'S FILMS.

Important: please register your intention to make a scarecrow **BEFORE** starting. Contact Julie on 813212 or email julie.collitt@btinternet.com to obtain further information. This is a fantastic family community event run jointly by Holland Residents' Association and St. Bartholomew's Church.



# Get Cycling!!!

We meet once a month on the last Sunday of every month for a cycle ride. We meet at 10.30 opposite Brighton road on the top promenade. This is open to all ages from children to grandparents. We are a friendly group who just cycle on the path

Cycling can help with getting fit, weight-loss and depression. It also cuts our carbon footprint.

### Did you know:

It only takes between 12-15 minutes to cycle from Holland to Frinton and Holland to Clacton pier takes 10-12 minutes, but by car it's longer and more costly apart from the time it takes to find a parking space.

So come along and have a leisurely cycle ride with us. Dave 07549007380



### HOLLAND ON SEA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SECOND COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 4TH MAY

After the success of last year when over 60 homes took part we have decided to arrange another Garage Sale to be held on Saturday 4th May from 10am to 3pm. The idea is that anyone who wishes to hold a sale in the front garden or garage of their property registers their interest with us and we will produce a list of addresses where items are being sold.

This gives an excellent opportunity to have a good clear out and declutter and, of course, one man's clutter is another man's treasure !!The cost to vendors will be £5 and if you would like to take part please complete the form on page 32 and take it together with your payment to either SPS Pools & Spas or Omega Estate Agents in Frinton Road by Saturday 15th April. The same two shops plus the Co-op have kindly agreed to sell the list of vendor's addresses and these will be available for potential buyers to collect from Saturday 20th April and will cost £1 each. Lists can also be collected at the HRA Quarterly Meeting to be held on the evening of Thursday 25th April.

We are grateful to SPS, Omega and the Co-op for agreeing to act as collection points for us and also the many other businesses who have offered to help.

Brenda Bricknell, Social Secretary

....and there is more to look forward to

We are already working on organising a summer teddy bears' picnic on the village green and details will be on our notice boards and in the summer edition of the magazine. Also after the success of the trip to the Houses of Parliament we are hoping to be able to offer further coach trips to places of interest later in the year so look out for notices about this too.

### Holland-on-Sea Residents' Association Members Annual General Meeting 2019

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the Holland Public Hall. This meeting will commence with a presentation on the progress of the merger of the Ipswich and Colchester hospitals (subject to confirmation at the time of going to print), following which we will hold our 2019 Annual General Meeting for members of the Association.

At the AGM all members of the present Executive Committee, with the exception of the President, will retire but be eligible for re-election without nomination.

Any two FULL MEMBERS of the H.R.A may propose any other candidate or candidates for office by notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary or the Chairman, not less than seven clear days prior to the AGM (by midnight Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019). Any such candidate must also be a FULL MEMBER and written nominations MUST be endorsed with the written consent of the nominee(s).

For the purposes of clarity, the two FULL MEMBERS eligible to nominate candidates, must be from two separate households, in line with the "one vote per household" clause in the current constitution (clause 2a).

The positions listed below will become vacant when the present committee retire: Secretary; Treasurer; Planning; Highways & Transport; Trade & Commerce; Health & Wellbeing; Seafront & Open Spaces; Public Relations; Social Secretary; Minutes Secretary.

As indicated above, current post holders are eligible for re-election without nomination, if they wish to stand again. Any new candidate/s should indicate which position they wish to apply for. Should an election be necessary, only those who were FULL MEMBERS at midnight Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 will be entitled to vote.

To avoid any confusion, the following matters should be understood:

- (a) A FULL MEMBER is a resident of either St. Bartholomew's or The Haven ward, having paid the annual subscription (currently £2 minimum) within the twelve months ending at midnight on Wednesday18<sup>th</sup> April 2019. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, (those who live outside these wards), are not eligible to vote or stand for election.
- (b) Membership of the HRA is per household NOT per person. Therefore, there is only one vote per household.

We hope this explains the situation clearly, but if you have any queries please contact one of the following:

Secretary -Tony Rulten. 23 Chelmsford Road, Holland-on-Sea. CO15 5DN Chair- Verity Coulthard. 78 Madeira Road, Holland-on-Sea. CO15 5NE

NOTE – because of the restriction on the number of people allowed in the hall it is requested that ONLY MEMBERS ATTEND. Thank you.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR MP, GILES WATLING

Dear Holland Residents,



I hope 2019 is treating you well so far, it never fails to surprise me how quickly time passes. The Christmas break seems so long ago with so much happening both locally and in Westminster. On that point, it was a welcome relief to get away from the 'B' word for a bit to judge the Christmas Window Display Competition back in December, which I thoroughly enjoyed. A number of businesses took part and the window displays were so festive, without wishing the year away I am looking forward to seeing the displays again this year!



I was delighted to welcome members of the Holland Residents' Association to the House of Commons in January. The group had a tour of parliament and then we had a lively question and answer session in one of the committee rooms. Individuals, schools and groups are welcome to visit parliament. If you would be interested in visiting parliament for a tour please contact my office who will be able to arrange that for you.

I had a great morning a couple of weekends ago when I was out walking the, windy, streets of Holland-on-Sea. I was knocking on doors asking residents if they have any issues or concerns they wanted to raise with me. Don't forget the local elections are being held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. As ever don't forget to vote and polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm. I am sure you will be getting literature from all of the parties!

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: <a href="mailto:giles.watling.mp@parliament.uk">giles.watling.mp@parliament.uk</a>.
Until next time

All the best Giles

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

to all our loyal advertisers who have been supporting the production of this magazine. Without this help the magazine would not be possible. We really appreciate your continued support



### Message from Dr Raja - Lead GP for the ACE Practices

THE Hub and Care Navigation have been in place for more than a year now and it's been slow progress but we are beginning to see improvements in callhandling times and GP appointment availability.

One recent development we have introduced as a result of patient feedback is the diversion of prescription queries away from the care navigation staff. This resulted in our weekly performance for calls answered in less than 20 minutes rising to 95%.

Patients can help us improve call handling times even further by trusting that if they have submitted a prescription it will be processed, so there is no need to call the hub to 'check on progress'.

Another action patients can take is to register for on-line services. This is quick and easy to set up by taking one form of photographic ID in to the practice and the receptionist will be able to set you up.

The Care Navigator's role is to direct the patient to the appropriate clinician based on symptoms, which may or may not be a GP and I have provided a brief summary below of the roles we have within our team.

The demand for GP appointments has increased during the past few years across the country and Tendring is no different, if not worse off, than the rest of the country. The issue is compounded by the fact that an area that is hard to recruit to has a high deprivation index, a high proportion of elderly people and significantly higher disease prevalence. We need to think and work differently in using the finite resources both in terms of workforce and finance to provide safe and sustainable care for patients registered at our four practices.

I am pleased to see that the publication of the NHS Plan will ensure increased funding flows into primary care and that the changes proposed are consistent with the services we are implementing in ACE. In many ways, ACE is one of a number of GP services forging a path where all other practices will follow in the near future. Here are some of the clinical roles in our team.

**Clinical Pharmacists:** the pharmacists are based in all four surgeries and are very knowledgeable and experienced clinicians who provide valuable services to our patients. They perform medication reviews, issue repeat medications, update and align prescriptions when changes are made by hospital specialists. They have helped in reducing the delays in prescriptions, medication reviews and most importantly have improved the care we provide to patients.

We have a Clinical Pharmacist at Frinton Road two days a week. The Pharmacist also addresses the prescriptions requests / queries remotely from another site when not at Frinton Road Medical Centre.

**Nurse Specialists** / **Advanced Nurse Practitioners:** these highly skilled and qualified professionals assess patients not only for minor illnesses, but also run dedicated clinics for asthma, COPD and diabetes They play a vital role in helping people with these conditions stay happy and healthy by supporting them to stabilise and manage their condition. We have an ANP at Frinton Road Medical Centre Monday to Friday.

**Practice Matrons:** practice matrons are senior nurses with advanced skills in assessing and managing patients. They help support the Care Navigators in the HUB, prescribe medications, assess patients and perform home visits for the elderly and infirm who are not able to attend the surgery. They also support the management of long term conditions for housebound patients. Their contribution to the practices and as the whole to the community has helped us to support very complex patients in a safe and effective manner.

**First Contact Physiotherapists:** the physiotherapists are trained professionals specialised in musculoskeletal conditions. They are able to see patients with joint and muscular problems without the need for patients to see a GP first. Their role improves access for patients and also provides an opportunity for earlier intervention if needed. They can also avoid the need for a referral to the hospital for assessment. We have a Physiotherapist working five days a week at each of the ACE practices and at Frinton Road specifically on one day a week. However, if patients are willing to travel they can see the physiotherapist at any of the four practices.

**Mental Health Practitioners and Paramedics:** we are currently exploring the options of introducing mental health practitioners/counsellors and paramedics. Counsellors would help with easier access to counselling and management of mental health conditions. Paramedics have a wealth of experience in assessing sick patients particularly in a home environment and could bring that expertise into our home visiting service.

All these highly skilled professionals have and will significantly contribute to the new model of care that will transform the way care is delivered in a safe and timely manner to our patients.

On a final note, we continue to work with our commissioning colleagues who are ultimately responsible for the premises development. Although I do not have final dates to provide readers at this stage, the Kennedy House development continues to gather pace and I hope we will see a new surgery site developed in the not too distant future.

Dr Raja

# A BAY BY ANY OTHER NAME

FT9 - FT10 GUNFLEET BAY: After the Second World War some local residents



wanted to sail small dinghies from the shore and looked for a sheltered place to operate from. The area below Hazlemere Road was identified and an agreement was reached to rent the land from Clacton Urban District Council in 1951. Clacton on Sea Sailing Club started at this site but soon moved up to Holland Haven and the small site at Hazlemere Road became the Gunfleet Sailing Club.

FT10 – FT11 STAR POINT BAY: Star Point has been the local name for the buttress since it was formed when the original sewerage pipe, serving the east of Clacton was laid and concrete protection placed over it, where the pipe went from the cliff to the sea. The land either side, being unprotected by any defence at that time, was eroded by the sea and so formed Star Point, which

provides a panoramic view both east and west.

### FT11 - FT12 KINGS CLIFF BAY:

When David Cripps Preston developed Holland on Sea he sectioned the area off into different estates; the Kings Cliff Estate being named as a result of the forthcoming Coronation of the Prince of Wales, as King Edward VII. Key to the (envisaged) success of the estate was the erection of a hotel but the



site for this attracted little interest by possible buyers. Eventually a buyer was found and the construction of a hotel commenced in 1927 but due to the purchasers untimely death it was not complete and opened until 1932.

FT12 - FT13 JOHNSTON BAY: Walter Johnston was a local builder that leased



several areas of seafront in Holland on Sea, constructed sea walls and erected rows of beach huts, as well as constructing refreshment pavilions on stilts. His "corporate" colours were orange and cream, and he helped to make Holland on Sea a fashionable place for families to take summer holidays.

FT13 - FT14 ARCADY BAY: This was the name of the large house in York Road, built in 1910, as the residence of Mrs. Ada Maria Garner- Watts. It had a separate chalet house in Dulwich Road which housed her cook and chauffeur. The Countess of Warwick used to occasionally stay here. Walter Johnston was to subsequently buy it

and change its name to York House. It became a guest house for some years and is now a home for people with special needs.

FT14 - FT15 SWISS BAY: Set a little way back from the seafront, in Hereford Road was Hereford Court, a development of four Swiss style properties. These surrounded some tennis courts and the whole complex was overseen by a caretaker's bungalow, designed in the same Swiss style. The Swiss chalets were let out as rather unique holiday homes. The properties are still there but the tennis courts long gone.

FT15 - FT16 FIDDLE FISH BAY: Walter Humphries, owner of this section of cliff, erected a popular refreshment pavilion in 1925 which was called Fiddle Fish cafe (a nickname for Skate). He also let out beach huts erected either side of the cafe and offered bathing under floodlight during the summer season, with a charge being made to use this facility.



Hereford Court



FT16 - FT17 SPARROW BAY: Prior to residential development in Holland on Sea



the land was used for farming. The Sparrow family, of Bennetts Farm in York Road, recognised the growing popularity of holidaving on the coast and set out sites for camping, especially for organised camps such as business companies and youth groups. A report in 1936 referred to the area as "literally covered with canvas".

FT17 - FT18 PRESTON BAY: David Cripps Preston of Dulwich who, at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century, acquired much of the ancient parish of Little Holland. He had a scheme for a new seaside resort and was the pioneer of Holland on Sea. He had the area laid out as four building estates - The Kings Cliff Estate, The Queens Cliff Estate. The Empire Cliff Estate, and the Preston Park Estate. So reasonable were the prices for the building plots that many were purchased in advance of any development and when it came to the council levying charges on land owners for constructing roads, several

corner plot owners (where a double charge would be incurred) failed to materialise.

#### FT18 - FT19 CHRISTIANSEN BAY:

Arthur Christiansen lived at Little Holland Hall and was the legendary editor of the Daily Express from 1933 – 1957. He went on to star in two films – "The Day the Earth Caught Fire" and "80,000 Suspects" playing the editor of a national paper (typecasting!) and was the subject of a This is Your Life television



programme on the BBC. His widow continued to live there until she too passed away and it was then sold and turned into a sheltered housing complex.

FT19 – FT20 CONNAUGHT BAY: In 1904, as a prelude to the First World War,



Thousands of British troops undertook a mock invasion from sea, and much of the landing took place at Holland Haven, overseen by the King's brother – the Duke of Connaught. The Duke's wife, Margaret, and two children, Patricia and Arthur, witnessed the "attack" on Essex in which 150,000 troops made a surprise landing.

FT20 - FT21 SMUGGLERS BAY: The Essex coast was always popular for the



landing of contraband and the more remote the better. Holland Gap was a particular hot spot with a Mr. Bushell of Great Holland a notorious smuggler in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century; goods included gin and tea. Local labourers would assist in transporting the fare and often be rewarded by partaking in

any alcohol that made-up the haul. As a result of this smuggling, coastguard stations were set up, along with signal stations at intervals, including Little Holland. **FT21 – FT22 BIANA BAY:** In the 1935 a "modern" flat roofed house, in the art



deco style was built on the seafront, just east of the Clacton Sailing Club headquarters and called "Biana". It featured in Country Life as cutting edge design with sparkling white walls, tangerine curved Crittall windows and balustrading, and light blue front door and gates. Taken over by the army in the Second World War it then went into the

hands of Clacton Urban District Council and used as a cafe run by "Monty" Montague until 1971 when it was demolished.

**FT22 – FT23 BORROW PIT BAY:** When Little Holland was first developed, sand was excavated from the cliffs to assist in the building of the residential properties. A company was set up and, at Holland Haven, it started extracting sand – the name of the area becoming known as Borrow Pit.

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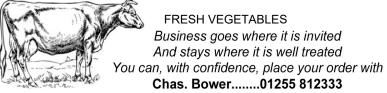
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### EDITOR'S CORNER

Well it has happened again, I have had to increase the number of pages and we are now up to 64. When you think that I started this as a newsletter 10 years ago and printed it at home myself, we have come a long way since then with many more advertisers and many more voluntary groups wanting to have their activities included. I think it will have to stop at 64 as our printer may begin to have problems with the distribution because it is just getting heavier and heavier to carry all those copies. We distribute to 3500 homes and also leave copies in the King's Avenue Post Office, each of the churches and the Library.

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Spring is my favourite time of the year. Daffodils Crocuses, Snowdrops....... I love the smell of fresh flowers, the warmth of the sun greeting a new day, and the joy of new beginnings found in nature all around me. In the spring, I feel as if I can do almost anything. Spring is a time of forgetting the past, leaving winter behind, and looking forward to the future with renewed energy.

Today becomes the by-word. Yesterday is gone and, we cannot change it. Tomorrow is only a dream, not even a promise, but today, today is ours. Today We can start the diet, write the letter, make that call, send a card to a friend, and take our family to lunch. Today We can put into motion all those marvellous what-ifs niggling in the outer edges of our mind. Today We can start again. Spring a time we do that deep cleaning, why not in our lives also! a time for forgiveness and change. Beginning again maybe for a second, third time or more. But, in the spring we forget all that and our hope is renewed; the possibilities are endless.

To harness all the power of this season requires a deep resolution on my part. I must be willing to put the past behind me, forgive myself, and anyone else involved in my failures, and look forward. This is not always easy for our frail human nature. Jesus is the ultimate example of forgiveness. He forgave me and you, and he has forgiven millions of others. If Jesus can withstand the indignity of the cross and continue to love us, why do we have such a hard time forgiving ourselves and each other?

Un-forgiveness is the acid that eats our hopes away. How can we expect to move forward if we are chained to the past by hatred and Un-forgiveness? When we master the art of forgiving have a positive impact everywhere. BUT when we harbour grudges, refusing to see the other persons perspective, live in anger, hate, and resentment that will, by its very nature destroy relationships.

You know People hurt us both intentionally and unintentionally. When we trust God, our minds are free to do other things. We can concentrate on the important things in life with fewer lines and wrinkles. While learning the art of forgiving others we must not forget to forgive ourselves. We must accept our weaknesses, strive to overcome them, and move forward.

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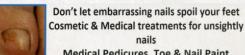


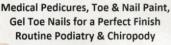


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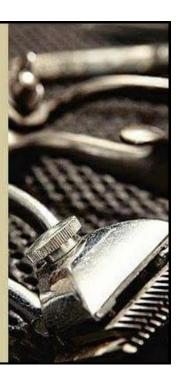
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Musical Director, Antony Sanders has always promoted a policy of encouraging young players from the Tendring area to learn and progress through the Academy, into the main Band, not only to secure the Bands future, but also to equip them musically for future years. In recognition of his dedication to music and of encouraging others, Antony was recognised in the 2018 Pride of Tendring Awards, an evening where the Band played to accompany the presentations.

Previous young members of the Band have gone to play with The National Children's, and National Youth Brass Bands of Great Britain, as well as into careers with the Royal Marines Band Service, and the Band of the Grenadier Guards.

In 2016 the Band qualified for the National Championships Finals in Cheltenham where they achieved a creditable Third Place in their section . Recently the Band competed in the Area competition and were placed Fourth, but more importantly, gained promotion from the Third Section up to the Second Section .The result was even more impressive considering the band of 29, a third of whom had come through the Band's own Academy, included three 11 year olds, one 12 year old , and 8 of the band had never contested before!

The Band play a wide range of genres of music including Classical, Jazz, popular music from Stage and Film, Gospel as well as traditional Brass Band Marches.

Currently the Band is continuing their "Tendring Brass on Tour in Tendring" series,

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If you are one of those people, and would like to hear the Band, there is opportunity to attend a future concert.

At **3pm** on Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**, the band will be continuing their popular 'Tour' at Holland-on-sea Public Hall, Frinton Road, Holland, where they will be providing an afternoon of

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Details of ticket outlets will be available on the band website www.tendringbrassband.co.uk in March 2019

If you would like to know more about the band or would like to get back into playing, the band can be contacted by email <a href="mailto:enquiries@tendringbrassband.co.uk">enquiries@tendringbrassband.co.uk</a> or by calling 0845 2500581

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- My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
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- My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, incase you're in an accident."
- My mother taught me IRONY.
- "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
- 8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM."Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- 10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

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- "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

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- "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
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- 18. My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."
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#### **HOLLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

#### The next quarterly meeting will be the AGM

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10.00 - Sung Communion Service
11.30 - HeartBeat, an all-age gathering with free lunch
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#### Special Events Holy Week

Thursday 18 April - Agape Meal (Maundy Thursday) - time TBD Friday 19 April - Good Friday Services - 12 pm, 1 pm & 2 pm Sunday 21 April - Easter Services - 10 (Traditional communion) & 11.30 (Family Service)
Sunday 28 April - Annual Parish Meeting - 10 am 6-7 July - Children's Weekend

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16<sup>th</sup> April 14:30 **Friendship Club** come alone meet new friends, play games, quizzes and enjoy afternoon tea. 19<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 Good Friday Service 14<sup>th</sup> May 14:30 **Friendship Club** come alone meet new friends, play games, quizzes and enjoy afternoon tea. 5<sup>th</sup> June meet the **Mahon** Family are visiting from **Peru** come along listen to there stories and enjoy afternoon tea.

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Coffee Mornings every Friday from 10.00am

7 April Café Service, 14 April The Stewards, 21 April Easter Sunday - David Bavister, 28 April Rev Crawford Logan – Holy Communion, 5 May Liz Marshall, 12 May Michael Topple, 19 May Rev Alec Potter, 26 May Rev Crawford Logan – Holy Communion