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*Their names and contact details appear on the HRA Committee Members page.*

*Our front cover picture was provided by Nigel Wood. Thank you Nigel.*



# Welcome to your Community Magazine

Dear Resident,

I hope by the time you read this edition of the HRA magazine you will have noticed the early signs of spring. Tiny green shoots bravely forcing their way to the surface. It would be nice to think that these new beginnings will chase away all the viruses that have been bugging us!

A big thank you must go to all the firms and individuals that bought the HRA 2025 Calendar. This was a one-off endeavour as unfortunately, the cost of creating and printing proved too costly to repeat. However, the photos themselves have revived many personal memories for residents and made it well worth the effort.

Our last public meeting on the 13th January was held at the Baptist Church Hall in Frinton Road. The change of venue was due to Holland Hall being double booked. The HRA is grateful to the church for being able to accommodate us. After a great deal of discussion amongst the HRA committee, we have come to the conclusion that it would be in the HRA's interest to use different venues in Holland for our meetings.

It has been noted that residents often do not realise there is a difference between the HRA and the HCA (Holland Community Association). We are quite different organisations and perhaps

distancing ourselves from the Hall may render this fact more apparent. We are grateful to the Councillors who give up their time to attend our public meetings and provide answers to queries from the floor as well as outlining future plans of Tendring District Council. You will read more of these plans within this magazine.

One of our committee members, Mrs Maureen Cochlin, was nominated for the Pride of Tendring Award, which was well deserved.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as it enables us to hire halls, hold events and plan for the future. Keep an eye on the HRA Facebook page and website for dates. If you wish the HRA to contact you, please let us have your email address as this is the only way we can do so, given the prohibitive cost of posting a letter (85 pence for a second class stamp). To do this please email our secretary at [secretary.of.hra@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.of.hra@gmail.com)

*"The seasons pass,  
Grim winter ends the rigours of his reign.  
And over earth in beauty bends Immortal  
Spring again."  
(Charles H Simmonds)*

Enjoy the Spring.

**Carol Cooper**  
Chairperson of HRA



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*This magazine can also be viewed online*

# Purple Pals



Hi to you all! I sometimes struggle what to say to keep people engaged and interested in the group in this format as it is impossible to know who even reads my waffle!



Purple Pals has been going now for five and a half years and to be honest, it is mind boggling for me that this group has done so well. For those of you who do not know what Purple Pals is – it is a group of people who meet up every other Sunday morning all through the year and go for a very relaxed walk along the prom of our lovely seafront, with or without dogs.

The purple poppy was my inspiration for setting up the group, which is for all past

and present service animals that have been lost and those that continue to serve King and country.

What has transpired from my original vision is an amazing group of animal crazy humans and their beautiful pooches getting together and chatting and watching the dogs play and interact. In the process, friendships are formed and a network of people to share life's ups and downs with.

Even if you do not have a dog, please feel free to join in. I don't have a dog myself but have had previously and long to have another but until I can this is therapy for my dog cravings! Check us out on Facebook or just join us on a walk – you will be very welcome. Thanks for reading.

**Naomi Lawrence**

## HRA Calendar 2025



*The Kingscliff Hotel kindly sold fifteen of our calendars and General Manager, Jack Blanes presented us with the proceeds.*

All our local businesses need your help more so now in the economic situation we're experiencing. So I'm asking you all to consider using them before going to the bigger outlets and of course buying online. Our local shops cover a wide range of products including food items, hairdressing, beauty, pet supplies, gifts, cards, furnishings, electrical products, bakery to name a few. Then of course our restaurants, pubs and takeaways all need a mention too. So please give them a thought.



**Shaz Pritchard**  
**Trade & Commerce**



# HRA Supports St. Helena Hospice

The Hospice supports so many of our residents during the most challenging times. The Holland Residents Association were only too pleased to organise a Christmas Fayre and Christmas Quiz to raise much needed funds. The Hospice receives no Government Funding and relies purely on donations.

Pictured is Cllr Carrie Doyle a trustee for the Hospice receiving a check for £445.00 from Sandra Tank who organised the events.

Here is the thanks from the Hospice for our efforts.

*Dear Sandra and everyone connected with HRA.*

*Please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of everyone at the Hospice, their patients and their families.*



*The care and support St Helena provides is only possible because of wonderful local people like you.*

*The impact you have is immeasurable, bringing joy, comfort and dignity to those within our community.*

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## Holland on Sea Public Hall

Christmas seems a long way back, but we hope you were able to enjoy some of the festivities that were held at the Public Hall. It was quite a lively season for us with Fairs, a market and pantomimes, which brings us on to events for this year.

After the Christmas break exercise and dancing sessions (to get into trim for spring?) as well as the special interest groups and social activities are up and running again. Also do look out for new groups and one-off events advertising on local Facebook pages and websites, as well as at the Public Hall itself. We are looking forward to a local market, more fairs, some shows and quiz nights. We hope you find something of interest to tempt you.

If you choose to come along and join in you will find a warm welcome from the groups and individuals organising the events.

We look forward to seeing you.

# What changes in Store at Holland on Sea?

Mention the shops at Holland on Sea and the tendency will be to think of Kings Avenue and the parade from there to Queensway, but back as far as the late 1920's a lock-up shop on the corner of York Road and Holland Main Road (now known as Frinton Road) was opened. Run by Miss M Squires and her sister, it was known as The Empire Stores and sold confectionary, stationery and tobacco, plus newspapers; later its name changed to Harvey and Harris. The shop was demolished in 1964 when a modest new shop complex was built, running down York Road, with flats above. Many Holland residents will look back with fond memories of Adlingtons, that resided where Harvey and Harris were; a place you could always guarantee to find a rather special box of chocolates amongst many other things. On the opposite side of York Road was Model Farm Dairy, set in a quite imposing detached property, which also included a cafe, selling delicious Eldorado ice cream. The dairy was the base for milk delivery and immediately behind the building were the stables for the "horse" power, pulling the milk floats.



*"Queenie" and her milk float with the Queens Hall Theatre in the background. (photo courtesy Mary Muir).*

The horses "Queenie" and "Tom" became a familiar, and popular, sight round the village; the animals, as well as delivering milk, also offered a handy source of nutrition to one's rhubarb but being creatures of habit, tended to favour certain areas! The dairy became Taskers, dealing in lawn mower repairs, then a DIY shop before being demolished; making way for residential flats. Just eastward of Empire Stores was Kingsbury's Empire Fisheries, run by Mr. A W Kingsbury



*A potential customer looks at the window display of Harvey & Harris.*





*The Wool Shop sign can just be seen behind the tree, which would have witnessed the development of this area from simple fields.*

and, more recently, the Smith Brothers. Beyond there, as a later addition, there was a hardware store, with all three businesses being separated by waste land at the time; residential properties were built around the time the corner was developed.

On the opposite side of Holland Main Road a group of shops were built, in the mid 1930's, and known as York Buildings, having living accommodation above them. The shop on the corner was Tuck's Stores, a high-class grocers, with cooked ham a speciality; subsequently adding a post office to their services, with the entrance in Stratford Road. Some years later it became T A Peppin and continued selling groceries, whilst eventually the post office became an independent business. In more recent years this corner shop became the Holland Bed Centre before its change of use, firstly to selling printer ink cartridges, and finally as the base for a catering company.

The neighbouring business was the Wool Shop, run by Miss Yerall, with its 'of the time' art deco sign board. Taken over by Miss Wiles, this shop continued right through until the turn of the century and, on change of ownership and trade, a friend rescued the

original sign from a skip and it now resides in their loft. Since then, the shop has been a delicatessen - Moyles, a dental laboratory, a florist and currently trading in cosmetics. Moving eastward we came to Coffee at Eleven, and you might well be mistaken in thinking it was a form of cafe. The Misses Nicholls initially operated the shop as a circulating library where, for 2d (less than 1p) per week, you could borrow "a really catholic selection of works by the leading writers of the day; whether a biography, a technical book, or the latest thriller". You were also invited to survey their stocks of stationery, cigarettes, ladies compacts and many other useful articles suitable for presents, prizes, etc. By the late 1940's the shop had been taken over by E E Pollard and whilst it remained Coffee at Eleven, the book side was now known as Pollard's Library, and in order to satisfy the hobby of reading, offered over 7,000 titles, claiming to have the most comprehensive selection of books in the district. Visitors to Holland on Sea could also enjoy the loan of a best seller on payment of a small deposit. Subsequently run by Mrs Belcham its owners changed to Mr and Mrs Bert Kennell in 1954; the author remembers

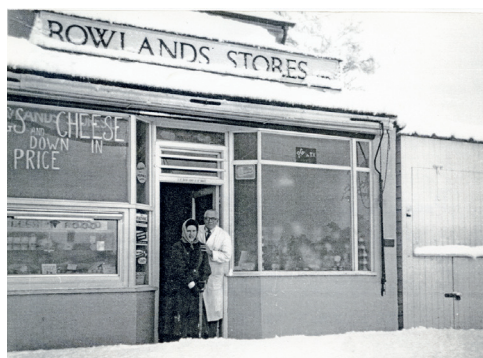


*It's 1958 and an unmade, pot holed, Stratford Road greets shoppers.*

buying a toy fishing rod there and trying his luck in Holland Brook but the fish weren't biting at the time! The shop went on to become, what is now, Windmill Bakers.

Continuing eastward there was F G Roberts the Butcher – purveyors of best grade meat. By the mid 1950's the butchers and poulterers were under the ownership of G F Guyver. More recently, as Malcolm's, it had a reputation for its marvellous range of flavoured sausages that won many prizes; continuing to this day as Frinton Road Butchers. The final shop in the block was Ambrose Stores, trading in groceries and greengroceries, it was later to become Rowlands Stores, continuing in the grocery/greengrocery line before briefly becoming an off-license, and now the base for the sale of swimming pools and hot tubs.

Heading round the corner and down Stratford Road, next to the Post Office were three lock-up shops – the first was a greengrocers, run by Alec Blandford, but he moved his business, after a few years, to another lock-up opposite what is now the Tavern, and a small tea room, known as Betty's, opened. The second shop was a ladies hairdressers called Peggy, run by Mrs. M A Heightman; this subsequently becoming Stellas. Changing its clientele it became a barbers



*Rowland Stores following heavy snow on 24 January 1958. Manager Percy Marshall and his daughter Jeanna look out for possible customers. (photo courtesy of Roger Kennell).*

– Colin's. The final lock-up was B & B Shore Repairers, which was to remain as such until the 1990's, when it closed. Colin moved his tonsorial business into the now vacated shoe repairers, and the former barbers, once again became a ladies hairdressers. The post office had, for some time, expanded into what was Betty's Tea Rooms.

So, just a small parade of shops but with a fascinating story of serving the good folk of Holland on Sea for almost a century.

**Richard O. Walker**



# Clubs

## Holland-on-Sea 129 Ladies Club

Holland 129 Club is a friendly Ladies Club and has met in Holland-on-Sea for 59 years – when it began as a Young Wives Club in 129 Fleetwood Avenue.

During 2025 we will be celebrating our Diamond Anniversary – our 60th Birthday at our Club Meeting on Thursday, 12 June 2025.

We meet at Holland Public Hall, Frinton Road on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Doors open for members at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Membership is £26 for a full year (from April) and £15 from September. We look forward to welcoming new members. Visitors pay £5 for the evening.

Our **Spring/Summer programme** is as follows:

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| <b>Thursday, 13 March 2025</b> | Annual General Meeting – starts at 7 pm followed by<br>The Changing Face of Shopping in Clacton - George Hardwick          |
| <b>Thursday, 10 April 2025</b> | Is Classical Music Dead? - Alex Knuepffer<br>An entertaining talk with live music.   |
| <b>Thursday, 8 May 2025</b>    | Police Officer Tammy Blest will give a talk on Fraud Prevention.<br>Everyone who attends will receive an information pack. |
| <b>Thursday, 12 June 2025</b>  | <b>Club's 60th Birthday Celebrations.</b><br>Music Hall Memories – Brian Thurlow followed by Dancing to 60's Music.        |
| <b>Thursday, 10 July 2025</b>  | A Dog is for Life - Stephanie Disch from The Dog's Trust   |

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

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## TENDRING DISTRICT U3A UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Tendring District U3A is an independent group and part of the national Third Age Trust which aims to provide social learning opportunities for people in older age who are no longer in full time employment.

We have been operating for over 30 years with monthly speaker meetings and separate interest study groups. There are around 30 such groups, using both Holland Public Hall and members' homes, meeting on a wide range of subjects from Art Appreciation to playing the Ukulele.

Our monthly speaker meetings are held at Holland Public Hall on the first Friday of each month with doors open from 1.45pm for a 2.15pm start including refreshments. Our Spring programme for 2025 is as follows:

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| March 7th | 'History and developments in Nursing Care' with Gary Jones CBE. |
| April 4th | Annual General Meeting (members only).                          |
| May 2nd   | 'Lost trades and skills'.                                       |
| June 6th  | Speaker to be confirmed.  |

The membership fee is very reasonable at £14 yearly from 1st January.

For any further details, please contact Paul Bryant, Membership Secretary, on 01255 479613.

# Kennedy Way Surgery News

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By the time the last magazine went out quite a lot of things had moved on.

Two further GPs have started. There are now 4 permanent GPs, one locum covering maternity leave and a further locum who works one day per week. This means that there are at least two GPs on duty every day. The surgery also has Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) who offer appointments each day.

Two new initiatives are planned for the coming months. A new team of ANPs will be responsible for a full clinical triage of all patients. This will hopefully get patients to the appropriate person and allow GPs to deal with patients with on-going chronic problems. It is hoped that this will mean that patients will be able to see the same GP each time. Also, a second team led by a further new GP will be responsible for dealing with housebound patients and those in Care Homes.

There are so many clinicians working at the surgery each day that they are running out of rooms to accommodate them. The surgery is therefore looking into reconfiguring the waiting area in order to create two new consulting rooms. An area upstairs will be used by some of the admin staff.

We are aware that some patients are still struggling to get through on the telephone and as a result feel that they have been left behind in terms of being able to make an appointment. Unfortunately, BT has still not provided the infrastructure to enable the phones (which have been in place for at least 6 months) to operate. The surgery keeps pressing but it is outside their control.

Two new prescription clerks started in December and as a result the old prescription helpline has been reinstated. When patients telephone they will be offered the opportunity to go directly to this line and leave a message. This means that fewer patients will join the general queue.

The management are trying really hard to make this surgery safe and welcoming. Watch this space.

**Rita Garnett**

Patient Participation Group Chair

## Tending Specialist Stroke Services

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The Stroke Charity TSSS, are busy supporting patients with a variety of therapy sessions, supporting stroke patients and their families.

The charity would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Market and Book Sale. The bookshop is open, and the charity accepts good quality books, children's games and jigsaws.

The charity will support anyone who has had a stroke with information and guidance from their specialist team, which includes nurses and physios. Cases of stroke are rising and it is increasingly important for all of us to make positive lifestyle choices to improve our health, increase our exercise and to make healthy choices, as well as reducing the impact of stress.

The charity are always happy to support you with guidance and information about health and wellbeing. If you would like to get in touch with us, please call us on 01255 815905.



## Timetable for New Hospital Bus

07:00 - 07:30am	Colchester - Clacton
07:30 - 08:10am	Clacton - Colchester
08:10 - 08:50am	Colchester - Clacton
08:50 - 09:30am	Clacton - Colchester
09:30 - 10:10am	Colchester - Clacton
BREAK	
11:35 - 12:15pm	Clacton - Colchester
12:15 - 12:55pm	Colchester - Clacton
12:55 - 13:30pm	Clacton - Colchester
13:30 - 14:10pm	Colchester - Clacton
14:10 - 14:50pm	Clacton - Colchester
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15:35 - 16:15	Colchester - Clacton
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16:55 - 17:30	Colchester - Clacton
17:30 - 18:10	Clacton - Colchester
18:50 - 19:30	Colchester - Clacton
BREAK	
20:00 - 20:30	Clacton - Colchester

## Travelling from Clacton and Colchester

Free shuttle service for patients and staff between Clacton Hospital and Colchester Hospital (starting on Monday 20 January 2025 for a trial period of three months).

The shuttle will run from 7am to 8pm daily and will take around 30 minutes (depending on traffic). Look out for the Elite Travel minibus.

### Pick up locations:

Clacton Hospital - pick up/drop off area near to Entrance 5 in the car park.

Colchester Hospital - Outside the main entrance next to the bus stops (please be sure to confirm with driver that you are on the correct shuttle and not the one to the Colchester Park & Ride).

***The more we use the bus, the more chance we have of keeping it***

# Kennedy Way Community Garden

As we look forward to warmer days, Kennedy Way Community Garden is working very hard whether it be sunshine or rain. The gardeners have been very busy from laying down the wheelchair path in the sensory garden, planting lots of colourful bulbs donated by Farmer Gracy, to planning what to grow this year. A blanket of woodchip, kindly donated by Tendring Open Space, has covered all the plant beds.

A new project called 'Upcycle through the generations' is starting in February to design and build a living wall on the Upcycling Hub. This is being funded by the Veolia Sustainability Fund.

Being in the garden surrounded by beneficial plants has proven to be popular with the Wellness Monday's sessions. The supportive conversations have been invaluable to those who come on Mondays. We are now starting a new session on Wednesdays called 'Meet Mo and have a cuppa' mornings as the garden is a place to come and make new friends. You do not have to come and garden if you are not able. Have a chat with Mo who will make you feel very welcome, and she is a great listener.

The men have been beavering away in the Men's Shed, working on new projects and forming strong friendships. We are very proud of Dale who has finished his very first woodwork project- a hedgehog box. They will be learning to use the lathe very soon so look out for candlestick bowls.

We are planning another Open Day in May to showcase all the hard work that the volunteers and members have achieved. Look out for our posters and Facebook posts for the date. It would be lovely to see everyone as it is a community garden for all.



If you would like to take part in any of these projects at the garden, please pop in for a tea or coffee to chat to our lovely volunteers. Or alternatively give Lynn Reed-Golden a ring on 07759 128447 or email her on [lynn.reed-golden@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:lynn.reed-golden@cvstendring.org.uk).

For more information about all the CVST ongoing activities and projects visit [www.cvstendring.org.uk](http://www.cvstendring.org.uk) or visit us on Facebook: CVSTendring or on XTwitter at cvstendring.

## Seated Yoga at Kennedy Way

Day: Thursday  
When: 1.15pm – 2.15pm  
Cost: £4 per session

## Tai Chi at Kennedy Way

Day: Tuesday  
When: 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Cost: £4 per session

## Mind the Music

Last Friday of every month. 1pm -2.30pm  
Singing with dementia

## Sports & Leisure

# Get Cycling!

Free and Easy

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

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



Tending Winner  
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Award



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

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

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

*Now get your bike out and use it by joining us as a group on the second and fourth Sunday of every month.*





# From Holland on Sea Baptist Church



## Activities at Holland on Sea Baptist Church

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

Tuesday – Prayer meeting 10:00.

Tuesday – Friendship club 1st Tuesday of month 14:00 (2 hours).

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

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

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

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

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

With various other activities throughout the month, Brownies, Guides, martial arts, fitness dancing, Choir, Knit 'n' Natter, Ukulele etc.

### *You are all very welcome*

Feel free to contact us on **01255 814617**. Website: [hollandonseabaptistchurch.com](http://hollandonseabaptistchurch.com)

Or email – [ecarpenter54@hotmail.com](mailto:ecarpenter54@hotmail.com)

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# From St. Barts



*All are welcome to St Bart's Church.*

Our regular events are...

Sunday's 9.30am Parish Communion

Friday's 2.00pm Carpet Bowls

Saturday's 2.00pm Bart's Buddies (alternate weeks)

Feel free to come along any time.

# Tendring Talking Times

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MEMBERS OF THE TALKING NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our new website, and to those who have difficulty in reading news media we have, since 1976 produced, on a weekly basis, news and articles and other interesting local reading in the Tendring area and beyond.

You can reach the Website [www.tendringtalkingtimes.org.uk](http://www.tendringtalkingtimes.org.uk) which provides all the comprehensive information needed, both to join our number of current listeners, and to answer any questions.

National and International news which we consider of note is also covered by our editors.

The TENDRING TALKING TIMES has a team of volunteers making this all possible at no cost to yourselves.

*We thank you for your interest*



**A date for your diaries.**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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## TENDRING TALKING TIMES OVERVIEW FOR **volunteers**

We often have vacancies (some now) in the Tendring Talking Times team, based in their own premises in Church Road. Clacton. Here we have the Editing room, the Readers' recording room, the Technical and Engineers room, and the kitchen which doubles up for complementary cups of coffee and tea and office, and of course the toilet. We have disability electric chairlift for use on the stairs.

The responsibilities range from being a team reader, one of 4, in the editing room and rotating one at a time on the microphone, the editor of the day, and the technical staff who record and transfer the spoken words onto memory sticks.

It is on a **Thursday** every week of the year when the nominated volunteers meet at 3.30 pm. The following information explains further:

Nominated Editor, and Readers in a team of 4 work on a 6 week rota system i.e. once every 6 weeks, finishing approx. 5.30 pm.

The Technical and Engineering staff have their own rota, and time for training new Volunteers who have this interest.

Also there is the task of unpacking the previous week's returned wallets for the next week by the volunteers as each address has two wallets one out and one in.

On the **Friday** morning at 7.00 am nominated volunteers check addresses and pack each memory stick into the special vinyl coloured addressed wallets, and pop them into post coded GPO sacks, which are then taken to the General Post Office in Oxford Road, Clacton. A new set of GPO sacks is collected for the following Thursday and returned to our office for the following week which ensures each address has the continuation of a memory stick.

THERE IS NO POSTAL CHARGE FOR OUR WORK AS IT IS FREE FOR THE BLIND

We thank you for reading this overview. We are a very friendly lot as all volunteers, and suggest you visit our new website [www.tendringtalkingtimes.org.uk](http://www.tendringtalkingtimes.org.uk).

Best wishes from John Kedge  
Volunteer Publicity person



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## Holland Art Society



At the Public Hall, Frinton Rd, Holland

### WORKSHOPS

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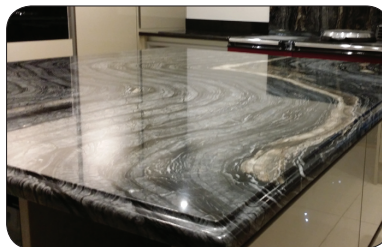


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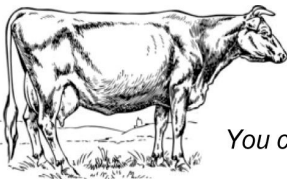
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# Your County Councillor

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Well, this is a bit embarrassing. This was supposed to be my final letter to you as your County Councillor. I was standing down in Holland-on-Sea due to a recent boundary change. That however has become old news. In December, The Leader of Essex County Council, Kevin Bentley asked the council to endorse his request to apply to Government to postpone elections for a year (the maximum term you can apply for). In all the time I have been at County Hall I have never seen Conservatives and Labour vote together on any major issue until now. I was one of 14 Councillors who voted against what I believe to be a very undemocratic position. Needless to say it passed and we currently await Government's response.

So why is this so important to us? Well, the only reason they could ask for the postponement was if they were considering Local Government Reform or LGR as it is more commonly known by its acronym. When Cllr Bentley applied for the postponement, he affectively started a clock ticking that will see the end of Tendring District Council in three years' time (May 28). The plan is to dissolve all 15 authorities in Essex and make anywhere between one to five unitaries. Likely this will see the merging of Braintree, Colchester and Tendring to form one large authority.

Whilst it will mean that we will finally have control of things like roads and education, I am concerned about the social services cost that seems to be causing a lot of financial pressure across councils in the UK. Added to that we are likely to lose 120 councillors across what I expect our unitary to be. In essence you would lose all your district councillors and be left with one person close to my current position. It's a lot for one person, not good for the residents in my opinion and hence the reason why I voted against it.

Time has moved on since then and there will be plenty to say on this in the upcoming months, not to mention my proposal for a parish/town council for Clacton and how that might impact Holland-on-sea. For now, as Leader of Tendring District Council I have to get the very best deal I can for Tendring residents.

Until then, unless something else changes, it looks like I will remain your County Councillor for a further three years, which hopefully is news well received. I will continue to work to improve the area of Holland-on-Sea, starting with a new pothole campaign to pick up those missed in the previous years' efforts.

As always, my door is always open.

**Mark Stephenson**  
County Councillor  
Clacton East

# Your District Councillor

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Soon the clocks will be going forward, the dark evenings will be a thing in the past, and we can now look forward to the spring and summer. The weather will hopefully be good as well.

I have been dealing with residents' enquiries, on issues across the Ward, reporting those where necessary, and also those that I have found while on a Ward walk, including the increase in fly tipping at Valley Road Recycling area. If the clothing recycling bins are, or appear to be full, leaving items in bags in front of them will not be treated as recycling, but fly tipping, and will therefore end up in landfill.

As I stated in the last magazine, we will be holding Councillor Surgeries in 2025, and these have now been booked for the Committee room, at Holland Village Hall. There will only be four, as all of us usually attend the four HRA meetings as well. The dates are all on a Saturday, between 10am and 12 noon, and will be on 15th March, 17th May, 20th September and 15th November.

The earth 'bund' on Eastcliff will be, I am told, improved in the coming months, and a similar 'bund' is to be put in at the Lyndhurst Road/Hazlemere Road open space as well. This will mean the wooden posts being removed there as well. Other open space areas within Holland will also have something similar happening.

You will remember from my last report that I had asked our County Councillor, Mark Stephenson, to make enquiries as to when the pavements in Dulwich Road and Preston Road are likely to be resurfaced. Mark was asked about this issue at the last public meeting in January, and they are not going to be done. Highly disappointing, why Essex County Council could not have done all the roads adjacent to each other in one go is not understandable.

As you are all aware, I also deal with many issues involving the Portfolios I am responsible for, which from the beginning of this year are now Housing and Planning (as there has been a slight re-shuffle of responsibilities), which involve at least weekly meetings with senior officers, a monthly meeting with Housing Team Managers on all things Housing and Homelessness, as well as meeting with Cabinet colleagues on a frequent basis, as well as other Committee meetings I am connected to.

We have also been preparing for the Budget setting meetings over the last few weeks, which will be decided on Tuesday 11th February. Council Tax will be going up by 2.99% for Tendring, we have not yet seen the final figures from the County Council, or Police and Fire Crime Commissioner's office.

I could include more, but unfortunately I am constrained by space.

As always, if you need to contact me, my email details are elsewhere within the magazine or I can be contacted on 07773 008077. Stay safe and keep well.

**Andy Baker**

District Councillor

Eastcliff Ward

# Your District Councillor

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Dear Residents,

Happy New year to you all. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas, enjoying the festivities in what ever way brings you joy.

It's been very cold of late so please keep warm, and keep yourself as well as can be.

At the last Holland Residents Association meeting I was lucky to represent the hospice in picking up a cheque. It never ceases to amaze me of the generosity of our community, not only in money terms, but in the continued donation of your precious time.

As you know I am an avid supporter in building a compassionate community. Both in my councillor role and in my other roles. I believe if we can't care for one another then it's a sorry state of affairs.

As your councillor I see how that care is demonstrated in our day-to-day activities. I am delighted that our Maureen (Cochlin) and our Tom (Anderson) have both been awarded the Pride of Tendring awards. Both contributing to so many activities to improve life for those living in our communities.

As said at the HRA meeting recently, I am waiting to hear from the Bus company regarding a change of route to serve people needing to get to the GP practice in Kennedy Way, once I hear I'll update you.

I'm also hoping to arrange a new years event this year if the committee at the hall are agreeable, plus a light up a life event pre-Christmas, also at the community hall.

Watch this space.

Anyhow please do contact me via email if you have anything you'd like me to help with.

**Carrie Doyle**  
District Councillor  
St. Barts Ward

# Your District Councillor

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Dear Residents,

I notice that the spring bulbs are starting to poke through the ground and am looking forward to seeing the mass of colour in Ipswich road. Many thanks to the volunteers that continue to tend this open space.

I have noticed that some of our litter bins have been used for household waste this is not an acceptable use of these bins there are ongoing discussions on how we identify and prosecute people that are doing this.

Ipswich road car park has had some vegetation cleared which will improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians entering and exiting.

Digital Essex have offered free training to help residents use tablets, mobile phones and laptops/computers and are looking for somewhere to hold this. There are several places in Holland on Sea that are being considered, which if they meet the criteria will be set up to begin in May. I hope to have more information about this in time for the next HRA meeting in April.

Kennedy Way surgery has gone online I have had residents tell me that this is a very good way to make an appointment.

Your input helps us to decide what is important to residents. We are still having Surgeries at Holland on Sea Public Hall with the next one being on Saturday 15th March at 10am till 11.45am. Please come along with your queries.

**Adrian Smith**

District Councillor

St. Barts Ward



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Please note that only full members and associate members of the HRA are entitled to attend this meeting; full members have the right to vote.

The following are extracts from the constitution of the HRA:

- a) At the Annual General Meeting all the officers and members of the Executive Committee, other than the President, shall retire, but be eligible for re-election without nomination.
- b) Any Two Full Members of The Association 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 Annual General Meeting, such written nominations being endorsed with the written consent of the nominees.
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Nominations or motions can be posted to the Secretary at the following address:

The Secretary of the HRA,  
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