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Welcome to your Community Magazine

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

Believe it or not this is the Summer edition of the magazine. Summertime officially started on the first of June. The beaches have been well used in recent months, not always by those that live here. But it is good to see that the money spent on renovating the cliffs and beaches has been money well spent. Hopefully as things get back to some new reality shops, restaurants and amenities will be open and we should all try to use local as much as possible. The maxim is use it or lose it.

Our lives have all altered in ways we could not have imagined a year ago and like most things the HRA Committee has also changed possibly beyond recognition. Our Secretary Tony Rulten and his wife Jill (our Trade and Commerce rep.) have, sadly, moved out of the area to be near their family. Mo Humphreys who took on the role of Chair a year or so ago, her husband Ray (our Minutes Secretary) and Gilly Wilson who was covering Tony's absence have also decided to step down. This left us with several vacancies. As the longest standing member of the Committee, I have (for my sins) taken on the role of Chair and I am continuing with my surgery role. We have been fortunate that even during lockdown we have managed to find volunteers to keep the Committee almost up to strength. We therefore welcome Andy Baker (Planning and Highways), Penny Gagne (Seafront and Open Spaces), Sandra Tank (Social Secretary), Dave Garnett (Magazine Editor) and last but very not least a new Secretary Steve Collitt. Steve has lived in Holland for as long as anyone can

remember and at one time ran the post office in Stratford Road. Andy Dunnett continues to look after our money and we are grateful to him for bringing our finances into the 21st Century. We have continued to meet albeit by Zoom.

The major change to Holland has been the move of the Frinton Road Surgery to Kennedy Way. As this magazine comes through your doors, it hopefully will have been open for at least a month. I sincerely hope that the patients of both the former Frinton Road and Epping Close surgeries embrace the new surgery as well as the recreation space that is to be provided in the central car park area opposite, by the CVS Tending for the enjoyment of all.

We will be starting to hold the quarterly open meetings at the Community Hall with the first being on the 29th July. Clearly arrangements will depend on what the Hall is allowed to do but we hope to be able to meet with you all soon. We intend to get back to our quarterly cycle with the next AGM in April 2022.

Rita Garnett, Chair



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From the Editor

Hello, my name is Dave Garnett, and I am proud to have been given the opportunity to act as editor of this, your, HRA magazine. I am very lucky to have the assistance of Mo Cochlin to help bring in material for the magazine and Dave Gough, a graphic designer, who does an amazing job at creating the finished magazine ready for printing.

I do not intend on making wholesale changes. If it aint broke don't fix it, but I will try to introduce some additional material that will hopefully make it a better read.

You will all be aware that for many reasons, not just Covid, most of the committee are more or less new to their posts. So, I want to have a "meet your committee" section where we can introduce ourselves and give a bit of background (but not all of us at once!).

There has been some discussion about introducing a gardening section, how appropriate this would be in a magazine that comes out only once a quarter I'm not too sure (don't rely on me for

gardening tips!). Perhaps we could look at some kind of plant exchange or gardening event for the Spring of next year. If anyone has any suggestions, I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Does anyone have "tales from the lockdown" things that kept you sane over the long months of restrictions? I'm assuming here, fingers crossed, that we will not be back in lockdown when you come to read this. Do you have an unusual hobby you would like to tell people about, are you doing anything for your local community that people might be able to take advantage of but don't know exists?

Finally, is there anything you think the HRA should be doing that we aren't? All suggestions will be considered, but beware, if what you suggest is labour intensive, we will be looking to you to provide some of the labour! Remember the HRA is run entirely by volunteers who give up their own time to try to help the community.

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Public Meeting

Our next public meeting will be at the Holland Public Hall on Thursday 29th July at 7.30pm. This will be the first quarterly open meeting since the start of lockdown. We will be presenting the accounts for 2019-20 and 2020-21. You will find these in this magazine.

Our guest speaker will be Dr Farrukh Shamshad, who will speak about the surgery at Kennedy Way. Any Councillors who attend will be given the opportunity to speak (at the discretion of the chair) on the understanding that they will answer any question from the floor.

The meeting shall take place subject to any Covid-19 restrictions which may be in place at the time. Please check the HRA notice board at the Public Hall for any updates or changes and members who have provided an e-mail address as contacts will be informed of any changes.

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



Holland on Sea Residents Association 3rd Community Garage Sale

Saturday July 17th 2021 10am – 3pm

The 3rd HRA Garage Sale will be held on Saturday 17th July from 10am to 3pm. Anyone who wishes to hold a sale in the front garden or garage of their property should register with us and we will produce a map with a list of addresses where items are being sold. This gives an excellent opportunity to have a good clearout and declutter and, of course, one man's treasure! The cost to vendors will be £5 and if you would like to take part please complete the form below and take it together with your payment to 'The Emporium' in Kings Avenue by Thursday June 17th. The map and and list of vendor's addresses will be available at 'The Co-operative Store' in Frinton Road from Monday 28th June for potential buyers to collect free of charge. Grateful thanks to 'The Emporium' and 'The Co-op' for supporting this event.

Vendors please be aware of the latest Covid Guidance, you must display a sign saying please be aware of Social Distancing and please use the sanitizer provided.

Holland on Sea Residents Association Garage Sale, Saturday July 17th 2021

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A Sea of Change ...

One of the real joys of living in Holland on Sea is the opportunity to walk along the seafront whenever you feel like it and take-in the sea air, admire the views, and feel the elements (sun, wind and even snow can be a pleasure); once looked upon as "promenading", although maybe not done now with a sun parasol and a lace hanky tucked up your sleeve! But as you walk from Clacton Pier to Holland on Sea, hopefully right up to the Haven, have you ever wondered, or even noticed, that the promenade has a number of angles, dog-legs, and bulges? Why isn't it just straight, or a gently curving sweep?

Ever since time immemorial the elements, and particularly the sea, have been attacking the coastline of Great Britain, with the threat of coastal erosion being constant in the minds of those who live close to the shore. The building of a sea wall in concrete and steel might appear to have resolved things once and for all but how wrong this can be. The Clacton/Holland coastline is a fine example, and provides clear evidence of the power of the sea.

Let's roll back the clock some 150 years ago when the coastal farmland of Great Clacton was identified as having the potential for a possible "new town" to rival Brighton for visiting holidaymakers from London, and a community for those wishing to live by the seaside. At that time the frontage was just a line of exposed cliffs that gently eroded as the sea took its toll, reducing the farm acreages by a very slender margin and nothing to really worry about in the grand scheme of things. Then as the town of Clacton was drawn-up it was realised that if it was to physically survive the ravages of the sea then a wall had to be built, and this was duly completed, extending at the eastern part of the town to Vista Road. Clacton quickly proved popular and began to expand eastward, so a further length of sea front had to be protected and by the time the extension of the wall, from



A major coast defence scheme, by Brighton Road, takes shape.



The collapse of a private sea wall, whilst a piling rig gets to work near a derelict cafe.

Vista Road to First Avenue, was commenced the exposed cliffs had eroded a little further back; hence the dog-leg by the Paddleboard Cafe at Vista Road. After First Avenue the foreshore and cliffs were under private ownership, with large sections leased out to farmers and, subsequently, entrepreneurs that saw that "there was gold in them cliffs"! well actually the opportunity to establish changing stations, refreshment kiosks and beach huts for hire by visitors. However, any form of solid coast protection wall was prohibitively expensive and by the time new development required something of any substance the cliff had eroded still further, hence another dog-leg by First Avenue. From here on various less substantial walls were erected, rather piecemeal, due to the cost, and of varying

resilience to the attack of the sea. After First Avenue we come to the boundary of Holland on Sea, at Sea Lane, and the Gunfleet Sailing Club. You now find yourself turning right and heading round a cliff protrusion, Star Point, so what is all this about? Well it's man's interference with nature. Way back then Clacton bordered Little Holland, the latter being part of Tendring Rural District Council, and when it came to disposing of the new town's sewage the good folk of Clacton understandably discharged it out to sea as far from the town as possible. They built a sewerage station on the then boundary and to protect the pipe, as it came out of the cliff, a coating of concrete was poured over it and the cliff face was similarly covered. This left the exposed cliffs either side to be gently (or not so gently) eroded away over the coming years. In fact it wasn't until the late 1960's that the whole of the frontage, now completely owned by Clacton Urban District Council, had a substantial wall to prevent further erosion, but by that time the shape of the cliff had been distorted by various previous tenants of the then private land, building their own form of defences.

The current promenade reflects this and the steps down from cliff-top to promenade at York Road sees another slight 'bulge' to go round, where once stood a refreshment kiosk. Then there is a further kink just before Cliff Road, and a larger one between Fernwood Avenue and The Chase. Maybe what one was less aware of, until the completion of the recent coast protection scheme, is that



The 1930's and the exposed cliffs continue to crumble.



A wall collapse back in the 1960's

the promenade does also vary in height. Questions were asked, once the recent sand had been pumped ashore, why it was higher in some parts than others. In fact the beach level was constant and it was the sea wall that varied in height.

As old defences were replaced with new walls, and in light of the rising sea level, their height above sea level was increased. Another anomaly is the promenade from Clacton Pier to First Avenue where you will notice the concrete wall that abuts the beach and the walkway changes in depth as this wall is at a constant level and the promenade itself undulates as it progresses! When a new stepped wall was built from First Avenue to Star Point in the mid 1960's it was raised noticeably higher than its predecessor, and the original height is still apparent by the compound entrance and beach ramp at Gunfleet Sailing Club where the promenade drops down before rising, again, around Star Point. This saved the scheme significant money at the time as to have continued at the new height would have meant reconstructing the launching ramp. More recently the

promenade east of Star Point, along past Section B beach huts was raised when a coast protection scheme was implemented.

Unfortunately, once the walls were in place, it was realised that the sea was actually dragging sand offshore (see the Spring edition of this magazine). A scheme of traditional Victorian groynes and breakwaters was implemented which certainly slowed down the loss (it never stopped it) but as the structures started failing, so the beach levels dropped alarmingly. Engineers also designed different sea wall shapes over the years in the belief, each time, that the latest design would be the answer, but sadly it never was.

There was the straight, right angled wall, the curved wall, the stepped wall, the wave walkers, and now the "in-thing" is rock from

Norway; it's known as "soft" engineering!! The big failing of any solid mass is the scouring impact, once the sea hits it, on the sand around it. Whilst the sea pounds on the shore and the waves break on pure beach material it depowers the force and moves the material along one way, and then along the other way, depending on wind strength; not forgetting the bit it draws out to sea. Interrupt a wave with a solid object and the sea becomes confused and usually results in a genuine backlash as it scours the material more ferociously, much of it never to be seen again.

Whilst the present, fishtail groyne scheme is too recent for an historic review of its success, the beaches have stood-up well, to-date, to the ravishes of the North Sea.

Richard O. Walker

Keeping Positive In Lockdown

It's good to hear stories of what people have been doing in lockdown. Here is one I thought I should share with you.

Lyn, aged 45, has learning difficulties, but this doesn't stop her from making a contribution to help other people of which she, and her mother, are rightly proud.

Before lock-down Lyn helped out two days a week as a volunteer at a lunch club in Clacton and she is desperate to be able to get back to work once restrictions have ended.

In the meantime, she has been making bracelets for the NHS. Lots and lots of them! Over 200 have been sent to Colchester and Clacton Hospitals as well as to Whipps Cross hospital in London where a family friend works. Another London friend, a nurse who has been busy giving Covid vaccinations has sent Lyn a jig-saw puzzle and received more than 40 bracelets in return! Lyn has even been making name-bracelets (over 100) which she hopes to sell for charity at our next garage sale.



As if this wasn't enough, Lyn took part in a 10k walk along the seafront which raised more than £400 for Alzheimer's charity.

This gallant lady puts those of us who have spent most of lock-down feeling sorry for ourselves (I am certainly one such) to shame.

Dave Garnett

The National Cycle Route 150

Some people think that cycling is dangerous and indeed it can be. My grandmother died as a result of injuries sustained in a cycling accident. Although to put things in perspective she was 84 years old at the time and the verdict was that she must have got her mac caught in the front wheel of her bike. The accident happened at America Hill, Witnesham, near Ipswich (look it up on Google if you don't believe me).

Fortunately in Holland-on-Sea there are no hazardous hills. In fact there are no hills at all unless you count Pier Gap in Clacton which is where driving instructors used to take people to practice their hill starts. Instead what you do have is a route along the upper promenade which is completely flat with magnificent sea views and almost entirely traffic-free. To add to the delights on spring days the sun warms the south-facing cliffs and the scent of wallflowers and daffodils fills your lungs as you peddle along.

Of course there is a downside. Walking and cycling along the upper prom has become increasingly popular especially during lockdown. That's a good thing but it does mean that it can become a bit crowded especially at weekends. That's where Isobel comes in. It's a terrible pun but a teacher friend of mine (whose name was Isobel) told us we could remember her name as Isobel Necessary-on-a bicycle and we all remembered it. The secret is in the timing. Ring your bell as you approach people from behind and don't forget to give a cheery "Thank you" as you pass. Works every time. Except with people wearing ear muffs that turn out to be headphones who cannot hear anything, poor dears.

The route along the upper prom is actually designated as the National Cycle Route 150 as you can see from the little blue signs. It runs all the way from Jaywick to the Naze at



Walton. In some stretches you are better off on the road especially at Clacton Pier where the official route takes you up a set of steep steps (see photograph).

This is so bizarre and monumentally stupid that it merits a special entry in a little book called "50 worst cycle lanes in Britain".

The cycle route up the steps has been there for a long time so I think it now deserves a special plaque.

So if you have got an old bike in the garage, get it out, pump up the tyres, put a bit of oil on the chain and enjoy the delights of the NCR150. But don't get your mac caught in the front wheel.

'Ol velo'.



Purple Pals

Hello one and all – hope everyone is safe and healthy! Just a little message from me as we have not been able to do much due to the ongoing pandemic – but – there is light at the end of the tunnel! We are gradually managing to get back to our walks which helps both 2 legged and 4 legged friends as it has been a pretty lonely time. The summer months are almost among us, but life is still not what it once was. We just need to make the most of what we have!!

One thing that stays the same is the love we get from our fur babies – pure and unconditional and not to be taken for granted.

On that note and on a serious side, dog thefts have increased recently due to the ever-rising price of puppies and dogs so everyone please make sure you stay safe and report any suspicious behaviour you may notice.

For those that do not know about us – Purple Pals is a dog walking group that walk in



recognition of the Purple Poppy which is for all service animals that served and continue to serve today. We are a friendly bunch who meet alternate Sundays at the York Road carpark by the seafront at 11am. You are welcome to join us – even if you don't have a dog just come along for some exercise. Find us on Facebook under Purple Pals.

Naomi Lawrence

Rich's Rocks

I believe the hobby of painting and hiding stones started in the USA. I happened upon it by meeting a lady in Clacton library in January 2020. She had a collection of various stones in lovely colours and designs from religious to confectionary bars like Snickers. I had a lovely chat with her about the materials she used and I was keen to try it out myself. Then, lockdown occurred, and so began a period of finding, washing, priming and painting the rocks. I start off priming with white household match pots from Wilkos.

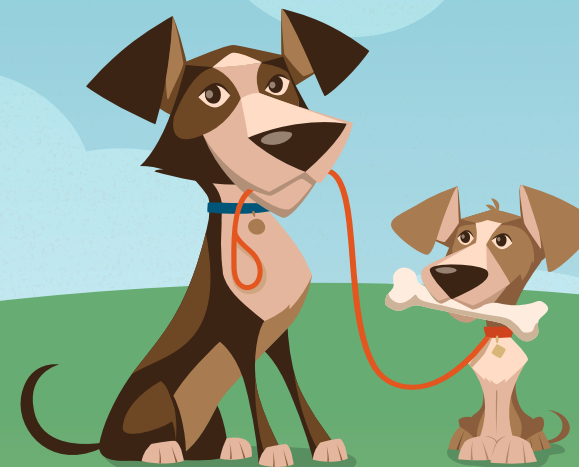
Rocks can be very rough in texture and porous so a good base coat is essential. Luckily, I was a former military figure painter and had lots of acrylic model paints in various colours. I gain inspiration online from Pinterest and Google searches for images. I sketch designs lightly with pencil and it is a bit like painting by numbers with light coats of paint built up. Then, I either seal them in either spray yacht varnish or brush on varnish from DecoArt.

Together with my wife, I think we must have painted over 200 stones and wood slices, and hid many in Holland on Sea seafront and the Gardens area in Clacton. It's quite a therapeutic and rewarding hobby and many children love hunting for them which is the main reason I paint them for the little hunters to find, re-hide or keep.



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Clubs

Holland 129 Club is a friendly Ladies Club that has been meeting in Holland-on-Sea for 55 years. It was originally formed as a Young Wives group by the founding member, Ann Dover, in her home at 129 Fleetwood Avenue – hence the name of our Club.

The Club has a full programme of speakers and social activities during the year. We welcome visitors (£3) to come and join us for the evening and consider joining (£20 annual membership).

We have an IMPORTANT change to our meeting day and venue to note – as long as Government guidelines permit – from this September.

Our new meeting day will be the 2nd THURSDAY of each month and our new venue will be HOLLAND PUBLIC HALL, Frinton Road from 9 September 2021 from 7.30 pm.

We are looking forward to restarting our Club on THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021 with a celebratory 'Welcome Back' evening for our members.

Prior to this, we have also scheduled a Post Lockdown Gathering for members on Thursday, 24 June 2021 from 2 pm outdoors on the recreation ground by the Leisure Centre to provide an opportunity to meet up as socialise. Members to bring their own chair and refreshments.

If you would like further details, please contact Carole Parmenter on 01255-813315.

Holland Public Hall

We plan to have the hall fully open after June 21, in line with whatever Government regulations are in force at that time. At the moment as long as the infection numbers are under control and the vaccination program continues to go well, all restrictions will be lifted. We are so looking forward to welcoming our groups back and getting back to some sort of normal. Some of the exercise groups will already be back from May 17, with distancing and hand sanitising in place. More groups will be returning in June and September.

Please contact your group leader to check re-opening dates. So fingers crossed, wind in the right direction and everybody doing their bit, it will be business as usual and we can't wait.

Thank you all for continuing to support Holland Public Hall and Holland Community Association in keeping this important facility open and well used. See you in June, **Barbara Ewens**, Secretary HCA.

STOP Press: We are holding our regular Autumn/Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 13 November 10 am - 1 pm. Please contact me if you would like to book a table or need more information.

From St. Barts



St Bartholomew's Church is pleased to announce that we are now open for worship on Sunday's and Wednesday's at 10 am. All are welcome and let me assure you that every precaution is taken to protect the congregation against the spread of Corona Virus. So likewise we will ask you to abide by the rules and wear a mask, sanitize your hands on entry and departure, as well as leaving your name and a contact telephone number on the sheet in the lobby.

Due to the Covid pandemic we have been unable to hold a meeting of our Social Committee because most of the social events we plan are not viable at this time bearing in mind I am writing this in April.

Please look at the church notice board for the latest information or contact us on stbartsholland@gmail.com for further information.

In the meantime stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Every Blessing,

The Revd Susan Wiggins

Associate Priest at St Bartholomew's Church



From Holland on Sea Baptist Church



Holland on sea Baptist Church are continuing to follow Government and Denominational guide lines.

We have a track and trace system in place:-

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For any further information please feel free to contact us on 01255 814617 or revcollict@aol.com

Surgery News

By the time this hits the doormats the new surgery will have been open for a month. Not that I wish anyone to be ill, but I hope you have had a chance to have a look. It is such a vast improvement to what we had that I defy anyone to say it is not good enough. I realise not everyone is happy with the fact that it is in Kennedy Way, but given the current pandemic (which is not going away any time soon) it is better to have a clean facility, with all the proper infection controls and space for people to move around without being on top of each other. There will be no locked doors from its opening on the 4th May.

Further to my last update which said we would have 4 GPs working at the surgery, we will now have a fifth. She will start in June and will be full time. We will also have an extra prescription clerk and a further clinical pharmacist. I am aware that prescriptions are still an issue but with the extra staff and the good management of the surgery I hope to see an improvement in the next few months.

Dr Farrukh Shamshad one of the partners at Ranworth Surgery who now runs Kennedy Way Medical Centre has agreed to come along to our open meeting on 29th July at the village community hall. He is very open to ideas and has always done his best to accommodate anything the patient group has suggested. He is also the man who has been in charge of the GP vaccination programme so has been very busy in the last few months, but he can still find the time to talk to us, so I hope you will take the opportunity of meeting him.

As we are technically a new surgery (the Frinton Road and Epping Close surgeries have merged) we will need to set up a new Patient Group. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Mandy Double (the Clinic Manager) at the surgery or fill in the form on the website. Or you can contact me (details at the end of the magazine).

Rita Garnett
Surgery Rep.



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Children's play area.

Sports & Leisure

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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.



Jam jars are needed again. Strawberry Sue and Marmalade Mike are at the late riser boot sale again, collecting for Air Ambulance, selling delicious jams, marmalades and pickles but they need jars with metal lids. Please contact me and I will collect from your front door. Dave: 07549007380

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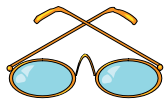
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Parliament Update



Dear Holland-on-Sea resident,

It has been a very strange and distressing year for many. It changed our work and leisure patterns, in some cases forever. There is the serious problem of increasing isolation, leading to loneliness, which is an issue I was working on well before the pandemic broke out. Many have lost loved ones and many are suffering the effects of a virus that seemingly attacks each individual in different ways, often according to age and fitness. Like many of us I have known people who have been laid low and sadly those who have lost their lives. My thoughts are with them all...

I am thankful that the government had the foresight and took the risk to order many millions of vaccines before their approval. This was a gamble that paid off handsomely, making us a world leader in vaccine delivery. As a matter of interest, at the time of writing, we have given more jabs than Germany, France and Spain combined. A very British success story - but we're not out of the woods yet...I think it is only right that I take this opportunity to thank once again Tendring District Council, the NHS, and all key workers who have continued to work on our behalf throughout this pandemic.

As you may know, the government made business grants available to help support businesses during lockdown. However, this mammoth amount of work had to be coordinated at the council level. The staff at Tendring District Council were able to process approximately £50m of business grants which was vital funding for local businesses and I know each and every business was grateful for this funding.

I would also like to just mention the NHS – yes, the staff have worked tirelessly on the front line, as I have said already, throughout this pandemic. However, not only have they been working to treat those who are unwell, they have also undertaken the biggest vaccination rollout in history to prevent the spread of the virus. Locally we have seen 70,000 vaccinations and all staff, volunteers and others have been amazing. I went and visited one of the local vaccinations centres a while ago and I was so impressed with the rollout programme.

As we start to enter the summer months here on the sunshine coast, our minds will turn to keeping our community clean and green. I am looking forward to

being out and about with a member of Tendring District Councils environment team. If you have any issues that you would like me to raise during this visit then please let me know! I am predicting that lots of people will avoid holidaying abroad and will look to have a staycation. I welcome people coming to visit the amazing beaches and community here in Holland-on-Sea, but it is vital we have the right rules in place.

On the subject of travel, many people in Holland and beyond have written to me regarding a "covid passport". Let me tell you what I have told the Prime Minister - I understand why we would want this for international travel to stop foreign variants hitting us, but I'll never support domestic passports for pubs and restaurants!

That's it for this newsletter, if you want to keep up to date with my activities in Westminster and across the constituency then please email me on Giles.Watling.mp@parliament.uk and ask to join the "Clacton conversation"!

Until next time

Giles Watling

Member of Parliament



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

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

Your County Councillor



I just wanted to say a huge thank you to so many people who put their faith in me at this election. I am humbled by the sheer amount of support that saw me re-elected to my County seat again. In these difficult times, with the fear of COVID hanging over our heads so many of you found a way to vote for me when the rest of the country was voting Conservative. Your faith in me will not be misplaced and it is now my honour and privilege to serve you all for the next four years, something I am very much looking forward to.

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Your District Councillor



I would like to thank all those residents of Eastcliff Ward who voted for me in the recent District By-Election and elected me to represent all residents for the next two years. I enjoyed speaking to as many of you as I could who voted at Holland Football Club.

There are a number of things (well quite a few actually!) that I want to try and achieve for the Ward but these will take time of course, there is never an easy fix, so please bear with me.

By the time this issue of the HRA Magazine lands on your doorstep I will have been given a TDC email address and this, hopefully, can be found on the Council's website.

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Once again, my sincere thanks.

Andy Baker

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The renal unit that was completed in August 2010 has still not been commissioned and is at present being used as a temporary (six to eight weeks) clinic whilst the Jubilee Unit at Clacton Hospital is refurbished which is likely to take 3 months.

Surgery

At full council on the 7th February Cllr Broderick and Cllr. King confirmed the offer to give the PCT Ipswich Road open space (including the car park) free of charge if they want it to build a new Surgery for us. Wivenhoe are celebrating the building of a new £1.5million medical centre. NHS North Essex has approved the bid following lobbying of health bosses by their MP. The new surgery will be capable of supporting a much greater range of services so patients will make fewer visits to Hospital. Lucky Wivenhoe, when will it be our turn?

Sladbury's Lane.

Cllr. Mary Bragg was fully committed to stopping the plans to build 2600 new homes (or any at all) on farm land from Sladbury's Lane to Thorpe Road. The Holland Residents' Association Councillors pledge to take up her banner and continue the fight.

Support our local shops We ask you to do all you can to use our local shops in Holland we have a great selection of shops and business. Think first "can I get it in Holland". These shops are there for us all year round and they need our support now. If we don't use them we will lose them.

Some things change, others do not.

Shoeburyness is still an occasional nuisance, though I don't think it's as bad as it was and don't try contacting any of the people named in the article.

The Kidney Dialysis Unit is up and running in Kennedy Way, and set to expand now the Epping Close surgery has been relocated.

The (Frinton Road) Surgery has now been relocated to Kennedy Way.

Sladbury's Lane. Will this ever be resolved?

Support our local shops. Yes please do!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Membership of the Residents Association now runs for 12 months from 1st January to 31st December. **NOT** from the date subscriptions are paid.

Therefore, if you haven't paid since September 2019 subscriptions for 2021 are now due.

It would be appreciated if you could renew as soon as possible please.

Thank you.

Holland on Sea Branch of the Royal British Legion



Unfortunately due to Covid 19 we have still not been able to hold branch meetings but with the proposed 'Road Map' for the easing of restrictions hopefully we will be able to get back to holding our monthly meetings at the end of June. Meetings are usually held on the 4th Saturday of each month starting at 11:00 and are held in 'The Tavern'. I will of course post notices in the local social media sites and village notice boards when details are confirmed.

If you aren't already a member and would like to join us please feel free to turn up for an informal chat at one of our meetings.

Geoff Manning, Branch Chairman.



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2. To provide support to the rehab team, supporting stroke survivors at daily sessions.

The centre is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday providing Stroke rehab support from 9.30am to 12 noon for stroke survivors. If you would like to attend these sessions, please contact us for more details.

Tendring Specialist Stroke Services help raise vital funds for our charity - we are collecting full bottles of products, toiletries, drinks, detergents etc for our charity bottle stall. Please bring these to our centre and they will be gratefully received. Please ensure all products are within their sell by date. Thank you.

Please contact Rosemary Garrey on 01255 815905, to discuss, or ask at the Community Stroke Rehab Centre 85 Frinton Road Holland on Sea-open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm.

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HRA ACCOUNTS 2020 -2021

Income and Expenditure 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

(2019-20 figure in italics)

Income	2020-21	(2019-20)
advertising revenue	5430	(7590)
membership	1796	(2456)
other fundraising	205	(771)
donations received	80	
sponsorship of Xmas event	-	(421)
	7511	(11328)
Expenditure		
printing of magazine	5592	(5969)
Xmas event	-	(250)
rent of village hall	10	(264)
insurance	218	(229)
charity donations	700	(1080)
postage	-	(56)
payment to NORA, TCVS	35	(35)
banners and posters	-	(72)
trophies	-	(12)
purchase of notice board	-	(455)
flowers etc	66	(65)
fees etc	-	(19)
	6621	(8506)
Surplus for year	890	(2822)

Balance carried forward from previous year	6152
Add Surplus for year	890
Equals balance on Lloyds account at 31st March 2021	7042

Notes

1. The accounts are prepared on a cash basis (which means that income is only counted when the cash is received).
2. Because of Covid restrictions all activities (and hence income and expenditure) were less than in previous years.

Holland-on-Sea Residents' Association

HRA ACCOUNTS 2019 -2020

Income and Expenditure 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

(2018-19 figure in italics)

Income		(2018-19)
advertising revenue	7590	(8106)
membership	2546	(2041)
other fundraising	771	(693)
garage sale	524	
scarecrow	247	
donations received		(100)
sponsorship of Xmas event	421	(450)
	11328	(11390)
Expenditure		
printing of magazine	5969	(7880)
Xmas event	250	(895)
rent of village hall	264	(279)
insurance	229	(192)
charity donations	1080	(200)
postage	56	(95)
payment to NORA, TCVS	35	(35)
banners and posters	72	(72)
trophies	12	(21)
purchase of notice board	455	
flowers	65	
fees etc	19	
	8506	(9669)
Surplus for year	2822	(2761)

Balance carried forward from previous year	3350
Add Surplus for year	2822
Equals balance on Lloyds account at 31st March 2020	6172

Notes

1. Only three editions of the quarterly magazine were published in 2019-20 compared to four in the previous year. Hence advertising revenue was down but so were printing and distribution costs. Membership revenue was higher than in the previous year.
2. In addition to normal charity donations the HRA made a donation of £500 to Tendring Specialist Stroke Services and £500 to the Holland Community Association (Village Hall).
3. The Christmas event was on a smaller scale so costs and sponsorship monies were less than in the previous year.



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Meet the Committee



When I became editor of this magazine, I foolishly suggested that committee members might like to do short biographic pieces to introduce themselves to the good folk of Holland. (Most of us have never attended an open meeting of the HRA as members of the committee.) Well, it was my idea, so I'll have to lead by example.

I'm Dave Garnett, of who most of will not have heard, married to Rita, of who, I expect, everyone has heard. Given that we've been together now for 45 years I'm doing us together!

We met at work, the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) which must be up there for the longest named government department of all time. OPCS encompassed the old General Register Office, (registration of births, marriages and deaths) and I spent a couple of spells running the certificate production section. I also worked in the Press office and edited a number of statistical publications. Rita worked in various statistical departments as well as Personnel (this was before the dreaded HR).

During most of our twenty odd years at OPCS we were commuting into central London from various addresses in the Croydon area, and we were getting fed up with the travelling time. So, when the Department of Health trawled for volunteers to move up to their brand-new office in Leeds, we jumped at the chance. When, less than a year later, they decided they had too many staff and asked for volunteers to take redundancy, we jumped even higher!

Since then, we have moved around quite a bit but landed up in Holland about ten years ago. We became patients at Frinton Road and soon found ourselves setting up a new Patient Participation Group (PPG). I don't want to revisit all the ins and outs of ACE, its demise and replacement, suffice it to say that attending meetings, reporting back to the PPG and keeping the HRA updated became almost a full-time job for Rita. She was invited to join the HRA committee some three years ago and now finds herself Chair; all the other members, bar one, are co-optees. I was co-opted in March to oversee the magazine.

Our main hobby is family history, Rita was researching her family when we worked at OPCS. I came on board a little later, after I ceased spending my working days surrounded by certificates. I did, however, pick up a lot of important background on the working of the civil registration system. I am now putting my time editing OPCS reports to good use (I hope) on this magazine.

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