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A message from the Chair of the Holland Residents' Association

Dear All,

Well it is now nearly the end of the year, how fast it has gone and I certainly believe that the older you get the faster the years go by. We have had a really busy and successful year and it is through all the hard work of our Committee Members that this is possible.



There have been regular Beach Cleans and Street litter picks plus the Cycle Rides. We have held our quarterly meetings, enjoying a happy and pleasant time together plus our AGM when the committee were re-elected to continue their work. Our first big event of the year was the Garage/Garden sale and we where amazed at how popular this proved to be. The front garden competition entries were really good and gave us a hard job to decide on the winners. And then there is the Scarecrow Festival which was held in conjunction with St Barts and I thank Julie Collitt for all her hard work on this which resulted in a wonderful success with so many people taking part and so many enjoying going around to view the scarecrows and guess who they represented. The Friendship Walk organised with the Baptist Church proved to be another success and other walks will be arranged on a regular basis. The Pitch and Putt contest had to be postponed due to continual rain on the weekend we had arranged and again on the second weekend the weather let us down so we will try again next year.

We have so much to be grateful for living in Holland on Sea and this year has provided us with some exceptionally sunny weather to enjoy both our beaches and countryside.

Our Facebook page continues to grow and is updated every day. With folk sending messages if they see anyone suspicious around or if a pet has been lost and this has fast become a means of sharing information very quickly and hopefully helping to keep us all safe from various scams or dodgy builders!! In addition we share some lovely photographs of the area and details of local events. Just search Holland Residents Association Facebook page and you will find us without having to join Facebook.

My thanks go to all our Committee Members and our County Councillor, Colin Sargeant, for all they are doing for our village. They all work really hard and put in many hours. Our Christmas event which is taking place on 5th December takes a year to plan and Jill Rulten is a star for all she does to make this a success. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our local shopkeepers and trades people and ask you all to support them and buy local.



All that remains is to wish you a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful and Healthy New Year

Best wishes, **Verity Verity Coulthard, Chair, Holland Residents' Association**

A VILLAGE GARDEN FOR HOLLAND ON SEA

Outline planning permission for a single dwelling on the vacant plot at 48 Colchester Road has been approved by Tendring District Council and this now moves forward the proposed improvements to the open space next to Ipswich Road Car Park. A site meeting has been held with the relevant Council officers to discuss possibilities and, as a result, the following ideas are currently being considered:

Several trees, primarily of the hawthorn variety, to be removed Old stumps to be removed

Removal of the wild overgrowth that has built-up around some of the boundaries A number of the remaining trees to be thinned/pruned

Removal of the hedge along Frinton Road and replacement with an ornate waistheight wrought iron fence

Wrought iron arches, with the garden name, at the Frinton Road entrance, and the car park entrance

A "nature island" to be established where suitable trees and foliage currently exist

The existing footpath replaced with a cinder "serpentine path", leading from Frinton Road to the Car Park, and on to Colchester Road

A few strategically placed flower and shrub beds, including a shingle bed

A small rockery

A small wooden play area for very young children

Occasional seating

Holland is very lucky to have a number of enthusiastic volunteer gardeners who, as a group, are planning to maintain this area for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. If you are interested in helping, as and when you can, please do contact me, either by phoning 01255 813150, emailing me at helmsdale1@btinternet.com, or simply knocking on my door — 1 Hazlemere Road (the house with the flagpole!). There are, possibly, other areas we could enhance, with enough support.

HOLLAND'S OPEN SPACES

I have been reminded of our lovely open space at Brighton Road, which is now officially designated a Village Green; thanks to the drive and foresight of the local residents. It is an excellent asset for the community and, I know, when the official request went in to gain the status it referred to past use for public get-togethers, and some mention was made of future possibilities. The Council has recently opened up the area and planted a variety of fruit trees along the western border (as detailed in our Spring edition of this magazine), making the site even more attractive. With the bonus of its own car park, free to residents under the TDC car park permit scheme, do come and visit our very own Village Green and enjoy this Holland asset. If anyone has any ideas for future events, in keeping with Holland on Sea, at our Village Green do let me know.

Another very important part of Holland on Sea that is easy to be taken for granted is Holland Haven and the Country Park. This is worthy of a separate article, with all the wonderful wildlife up there, so watch-out for future editions of the magazine.

CLIFF STABILISATION WORKS

Work is now well underway with the Cliff Stabilisation Scheme between Hazlemere Road and Queensway. At the time of writing, Jackson, the contractor is installing the king posts halfway up/down the cliff in the area of B section beach huts. The posts have been sunk into the cliff as far as the London clay level, the last four metres needing to be driven in by percussion



method. Once this has been completed then the buried concrete panels will be installed. When finished the top of this king-post retaining wall will be at cliff level and unnoticeable. Sheet piling behind the C section beach huts will start week commencing 22 October.

Jackson report that there have been no snags to date and everything is going well. By the time you read this the contractor will have met with a geological group that will take the opportunity to look for possible fossils. Also, by the time of publication, work will be underway on the disabled access slope.

One question that has been raised by a number of people is what will happen to all the large timbers being used to create a platform for the crane to operate from, on the greensward? Well, apparently, the timber suppliers have a "buyback" scheme in order for the wood to be reused on other jobs.

Should any beach hut owner in Section B or C wish to carry-out work on their hut whilst being stored then Jackson have informed the HRA that it is very approachable.

The Association continues to liaise closely with Jackson to try and assist in maintaining a harmonious relationship between the contractor and the residents, and to offer any local knowledge and advice where appropriate.

Richard O. Walker Seafront and Open Spaces



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*.



Frinton Road / Holland Haven School - School Crossing Patrol, Pedestrian Crossing

I have presented a report to the Development & Regulation Committee, handed in the Petition to the full Council and presented the case at a Highways Surgery. As a result of this.

I am very pleased to say that Holland Haven School has been granted funding for a School Crossing Patrol.

This is pleasing on two counts. It will make the crossing Frinton Rd considerably safer for youngsters and their parents and carers. However, it also offers the opportunity for ECC to measure usage of the patrol service by pedestrians and if this is very high then it will enable ECC to install a Pedestrian Crossing for use 24/7 – the main aim.

For this reason, please can I implore all residents to *use* the school crossing patrol as much as possible when it is introduced in the next couple of months - to help improve safety and to raise the usage figures.

Special thanks to the School and the PTA for their efforts in this campaign to get a safe crossing; and to get as many youngsters as possible Walking, Scootering or Cycling to their LOCAL school

Two of the 71 letters written by Holland Haven
School pupils to the ECC
Cabinet Members for
Highways (Deputy
Leader); and Education as
a result of a fellow pupil
being hit by a car when
crossing
Frinton Road
on 12th October.





Frinton Road – Safeguarding our Public Footpath and its innocent users

There cannot be too many residents of Holland on Sea who have not been hit, or nearly hit, by vehicles reversing across the public footpath onto the busy B Road or parking across the double yellow lines and on the public footpath when innocently walking along the footpath. This, despite a free car park being only forty yards away and free bays five yards across the road. Deliveries do not help, parking on the double yellow lines — often reducing sight lines to zero. Small children walking along the pavement inches away from car 'boots' cannot be seen out of rear view mirrors...

Incidents (they are not 'accidents' – as they are not unavoidable) are a regular feature. Just imagine how many tomes the Health & Safety 'Near Miss Register' would require...

A fatality is waiting to happen.

An everyday scene along Frinton Road. How many dangers can you see in this photo?

With this in mind, I have organised a Petition of ECC to carry



out a **Review of the Forecourt Parking and Loading Arrangements** currently operating in **Frinton Road**, HoS with a view to preparing a scheme for 'designing out' the existing dangers to pedestrians and other users of this stretch of road. With staffing resources cut to the marrow, physical measures rather than 'now and again token enforcement' is the answer.

I hope we can have your and your family's support in ensuring **SAFETY** along Frinton Road.

Address				
Name	Name	Name		
Name	Name	Name		

Please submit the form (immediately above, or on a separate piece of paper) completed to: Holland Library, Kings Avenue PO or Second Act

Kings Parade at Brighton Road

I have submitted a "Local Highways Panel" request for a refuge or pedestrian crossing to help residents cross this busy and unfortunately fast trafficked road. There is not another crossing for a considerable distance. Unfortunately, the 'LHP' process is very bureaucratic and time lengthy. I will keep residents posted.

ECC Carriageway Pothole Initiative

At the time of writing I am one of only two of the 75 ECC councillors who has submitted a list of carriageway potholes that require works as part of this new ECC initiative. An October list of thirty potholes have submitted to ECC Highways. Lists will be submitted each month. Residents may have seen the new ECC mobile tarmac spraying unit which is extremely efficient in temporary filling holes.

I am told the reason why ECC for the moment is concentrating its immediate attention on the carriageway potholes rather than public footpath ones is that, in the main, there are no statutory utilities close to the surface of a road to consider.

You will have probably seen by now that the road resurfacing of Holland Road is working its way along from East Clacton. The stretch between Valley Road and Sladburys Lane is included in the ECC Resurfacing Programme.

Norman Road and Merrileas Crescent

As promised, following on from the Kent Avenue work, I have started to personally fill the many potholes with tarmac along these unadopted 'non Essex Roads" to save trips/falls and car springs.

Road Closure

SAFETY being paramount - the Public Authorities and Bus Companies have kindly devised a **Road Closure Plan** and a **Temporary Bus Route** to accommodate the high numbers of residents and visitors anticipated attending the Holland on Sea Christmas event on **Wednesday**, **5th December between 4.45 and 8.30pm**. This also enables the Christmas Train to carry as many passengers as possible on the Highway under Department for Transport guidelines. More info to follow.

Hub/Surgeries

The Overview & Scrutiny role continues. ACE is soon to introduce two initiatives: dedicated Receptionist(s) at each Surgery; and a review of the Prescription procedures following feedback. These are most welcome and timely.

Month	June	July	August	September
No of Calls	15300	14357	18752	15267
Calls Answered	11849 / 77%	10451 / 73%	11229 / 60%	9378 / 61%
<5 mins	5440 / 46%	3546 / 34%	2307 / 20%	2250 / 23.6%
<10 mins	9476 / 80%	8120 / 78%	6461 / 60%	4765 / 50 %
<20 mins	11714 / 99%	10286 / 98.4%	10208 / 90%	8370 / 89%
>20 mins	135 / 1%	165 / 1.6%	1021 / 9.6%	1019 / 11%
Average answer time	5.04 mins	5.52 mins	9.54 mins	10.3 mins
Longest answer time	32.13 mins	38.55 mins	38.10 mins	37.35 mins

Holland & East Clacton Hoppa Bus

The HOPPA continues to increase its passenger numbers; so much so that volunteer driver Jon Tilbury will need to do a double run each Tuesday. For more info or to book a seat, please give me a ring on 07541 321275.

Seafront Cycle Path -National Cycle Route 150

The NCR 150 links Walton, Frinton, Holland on Sea,

Clacton and Jaywick. The HRA sponsors two mile of this route from Holland Haven towards Clacton Pier. This cycle path route runs 'along the top' so please do NOT cycle along the Promenade between the Beach Café and Holland Haven and vice versa - please kindly dismount. GET CYCLING!

Foster Care - new fee structure

ECC has recently significantly increased its fees, support and training package for foster carers allow fostering to become a more financially viable option for people across Essex. The increased fees, when combined with the weekly allowance which foster carers receive for each child in their care, mean that from today, foster carers could receive up to £479 a week for each child they care for. Foster carers on the specialist therapeutic scheme will receive up to £579 a week. As well as increased fees, foster carers will also benefit from an increased support system and training. For more info: call 0800 801530 or visit www.essexadoptionandfostering.co.uk

Things to do – older persons, young people

The many, many clubs in Holland on Sea perform a wonderful service. In addition, the beach and village cafes and eateries also add opportunities for people to meet and make new friends. As my good friend Joan says, "In Holland there is so much to do, there is no reason to be lonely". The more people meet, the more people can discover: common interests, what is going on and the many opportunities to do things. Thanks to the many people who volunteer their time and effort each week to provide services for all the local youngsters and adults to 'get out' and be part of our wonderful community.

Eyes and Ears

I hope you are noticing things are getting done with a quick response. This is mainly attributable to all the 'Eyes and Ears' helping me by reporting things to me as soon as they occur. By your Actions such as NOT BUYING AT THE DOOR – and not giving money to people forces them to move onto other areas. A good example of how with Good Intelligence, Communication and Action *together* we are all Making a Difference.

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Independent, non-partisan, non-political SHOP LOCAL DINE LOCAL SMILE LOCAL

GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN



I am very pleased to report that the HRA's first Great British Beach Clean, which was part of the Marine Conservation Society's national event, on Saturday 15th September 2018, was a huge success with over 70 volunteers attending who ranged in age from 2 years old to 85 years young; some travelling from Colchester, Witham and Chelmsford, and in one case from Scotland, to help with the task.

The beaches and upper and lower promenades were cleaned from The Haven to the Gunfleet Sailing Club, with Brighton Road Beach being surveyed. Over 30 bags of litter were collected. This data will help the MCS identify the main sources of litter on Holland beaches and keep the issue of the danger of marine litter high on the local agenda.

I was overwhelmed by the number of volunteers we had and thank everyone for coming along to help protect our environment and wildlife. We also had a natural treasure hunt for the children and painted pebbles made especially for this event and hidden along the beach with an environment, recycling and litter picking theme.



Beach litter isn't just unsightly; it can also be very dangerous to both humans and wildlife. The MCS is working towards ensuring local communities right up to UK governments work together to try and stop littering at source.

On Holland's beaches mainly public litter was found including crisp and sweet packets, fast food packaging,

plastic bottles, single use plastics and cigarette butts left behind by careless coastal visitors; or dropped inland and carried by rivers and the wind to the coast.

Beach managers need to ensure adequate bins are provided and emptied but most importantly individuals must take responsibility for their own actions and remember to never leave litter on the beach or drop litter anywhere. Sewage related debris was also found including cotton bud sticks and wet wipes, the sort of thing that gets flushed down the toilet but shouldn't be. The network of sewer pipes is not designed to filter out these items and as a consequence they end up on our beaches. The simplest solution is bag it and bin it, don't flush it.



If you would like to get involved in the HRA's next beach clean please email me at hollandbeachcleanhra@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP

Brenda's Wednesday Morning Litter Picking Group now has 12 permanent members Bev, Brenda, Carol, David, Hazel, Holly the dog, Ken, Lesley, Lynda, Neil, Peter, Rick, Sue, Terry who make such a difference to our environment. Many members also do additional litter picks where they live. Please come along and join this friendly group and make a difference to Holland on Sea.

Contact Brenda on brendadee2013@gmail.com

What You Can Do to Help Holland on Sea's Environment

If it hasn't come from you don't flush it down the loo!

Don't pour cooking oil or fat down the drain – put into an old container and scrape into the bin

Recycle, Reuse and Reduce – this will help you save money too! Bag and Bin dog waste

Don't drop cigarette butts – they can be mistaken for food and eaten by marine wildlife and have been found in the guts of whales, dolphins, sea birds and turtles where they can leach toxic chemicals.

Sue Beeney, HRA Environment Officer

GARAGE/FRONT GARDEN SALE

Following the popularity and success of the sale held in June this year, we are pleased to inform you that a second one is being held on the 6th April 2019, when hopefully the weather will be kind to us again. More information will be available early next year, but in the meantime start thinking of what unwanted items you have at home you would like to sell.

FRIENDSHIP WALK

The first walk on the 13th October which was organised by Holland Baptist Church and ourselves proved very popular with 27 people taking part. We had a nice walk along the promenade in the sunshine to The Haven and back along the Esplanade. We very much appreciated the refreshments provided in the Baptist church hall on our return! More walks will be arranged so watch our Facebook Page or notice boards for dates and times.

RAFFLE

The proceeds of the raffle which was held at the general meeting on the 29th October have been donated to Cancer Research UK. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who bought tickets which raised £50.

Brenda Bricknell, HRA Social Secretary

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Doctors' surgery is still giving cause for concern. The "hub" has now moved on to full care navigation for 20 conditions and more will be added shortly. As a result of this the waiting times have increased. In September only 61% of calls were answered. Patients were hanging up because they did not want to wait. Of these 50% were answered in under 10 minutes and 90% in under 20 minutes, the longest wait time was 42 minutes. This is still too high and we are still also being told to ring at 8 o'clock.

We are told that care navigation has reduced the number of patients seeing a GP as they are being offered a more appropriate appointment either with a nurse/health care assistant at the surgery or the minor illness unit at Clacton Hospital. Appointments are now available at weekends at the minor illness unit but they must be prebooked, it is NOT a walk in service.

As a result of all the problems with appointments, prescriptions, test results etc. four members of the HRA met with Giles Watling last month. I have also written to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to complain. A meeting is being arranged with a representative from the CCG and representatives from the other three ACE run surgeries. All four surgeries are suffering the same problems. The service provided is not good enough, we are trying our best to get it improved but at the moment we are banging our heads against a brick wall.

Rita Garnett - Health and Well being

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

I continue to walk around our village making notes on areas that need improvement such as lines on the road, obsolete posts, dangerous roads and paths that are overgrown as well as potholes that have become dangerous. All issues will continue to be reported by Colin to the County Council and I am hopeful that it will respond in a positive manner. A number of side road potholes, deemed by Essex County Council Highways as not a priority, have been filled in with tarmac to help our community. The state of our roads, and ECC's response or lack of, makes this an ongoing challenge.

We have also been making bollards for grass verges to try and prevent people parking on the grass and destroying the verges that make our Village unique. In addition, we continue to make 'tarmac kerb slopes' to assist people in wheel-chairs, on mobility scooters or pushing buggies. For a bit of time and effort we hope to improve residents' daily lives and make going to the shops or to enjoy the seafront a little less of a chore.

As most of you know the Holland Hoppa Bus runs on Tuesday mornings. We have a lovely group of people using the service and I really enjoy being their driver. Not only does it help them get out and about, it has become a friendship club too. You don't have to go every week, it is a door to door service (I will even carry your shopping in for you!) and just £2 return.

Jon Tilbury - Highways and Transport



HOLLAND-ON-SEA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

LATE-NIGHT SHOPPING & CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2018 FROM 5PM TO 7.30PM

THROUGHOUT THE EVENING THERE WILL BE

- *A free ride on the Land Train from Holland Road to Princes Road. Enjoy the entertainments in that area, visit Santa in the Public Hall and take the train back from Princes Road to Holland Road *
- * Treasure Trail Competition with a £25 voucher child prize & Prosecco adult prize. Entry forms from SPS & Co-op Store * Refreshments at the Public Hall, Baptist Church & St Bart's * Festive Food at Frinton Road Butchers and Chas Bower Butchers * A wide choice of Food at Tea Rooms, Restaurants, Take-aways & Pubs * Christmas Lights Display at 163, Frinton Road in aid of RNLI * Gifts Stall & Hot Food outside The Vintage Tea Room * Santa's Grotto * Magician * Roundabouts * The Classic Policeman * "Unicorn" & "Reindeer" Horses * Unicycles * Shanty Singers * Dancers * Theatre Group * Carol Singers * Classic Cars * Morris Dancers * The Co-operative Band & The Salvation Army Band * Stalls including Crafts, Gifts, Books, Hot Potatoes, Cheeses & more *

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Our grateful thanks go to our five sponsors for this event -Love Your Feet - FJG Solicitors - Appliance Services -Omega Property Services - MIMBLOOM (ex-Bloomfields).



HOLLAND ROAD, FRINTON ROAD & KINGS AVENUE

5pm Arrival of the Land Train sponsored by

Love Your Feet of Kings Avenue

Honor Smith accompanied by Liam Fitzgerald

at Mansion House Florist (for Cancer Research UK)

DJ at Masters & Misters

Carols with A Touch of Haven

Bazaar at St Bart's with St. Bart's Happy Singers

Children's Roundabout near Scizzor Singers

Stalls - Crafts, Gifts, Books etc at Holland Motors

Keith Clark at Grandma Lilly's Tea Room

Eddie Nash at Tesco

5.15pm Barnet Hill Shanty Singers at The Tavern

Rising Larks Morris Dancers at Windermere Road

6pm Local band Gold sponsored by and performing at

Appliance Services of Holland Road

Mad About Theatre Company at Stroke Services

6.30pm Co-operative Band at Co-operative Store



5pm Stalls - Hot Potatoes etc. Cycles & Unicycles

6.30pm Ukulele Band at Adrian Buizer Optometrist

STRATFORD ROAD/FRINTON ROAD

5pm Octopus Ride sponsored by *FJG Solicitors* of Kings Avenue

5.20pm Santa in his Grotto in the Public Hall until 6.45pm

5.30pm Motley Crew Shanty Singers at SPS

6pm Eastern Dance Group inside the Public Hall

6.10pm Pauline's Pink Flamingos Keep-Fit Group at SPS

6.15pm Carols with Holland Singers outside Golden Fillet &

the Public Hall

6.30pm Salvation Army Band outside the Baptist Church

7pm Salvation Army Band and Holland Singers inside

the Baptist Church

Pre-event Magician James at Vintage Tea Room

Post-event Sax at The Tavern

Programme subject to change – all times approx.



The Holland Residents' Association has organised a coach trip to visit the **Houses of Parliament** on **Monday**, 21st **January**.

Houses of Parliament

The cost is £11 per ticket and I will require a cheque to me for this amount in advance for a place on the coach to be secured. (This will be non-refundable for any cancellations made after 14th January).

The opportunity is initially HRA Members; however any remaining tickets will be available for non-members of the HRA from 1st December.

The Kings Coach Company will pick up at various points in Holland on Sea starting at 7.30am (from the Kings Parade bus stops; the Frinton Road bus stops and then finally from the 'Donkey' bus stop). It plans for the group to directly arrive at Westminster by 11.10am; so best to bring snacks for the journey.

There are rigorous security checks on arrival. The Tour(s) of Parliament, in groups of nor more than 20, will start at 11.40am. There will then be a short comfort/coffee break at the Cafe. At approximately 1.15pm to 2.15pm, this will be followed by a welcome to the building from our MP (Giles Watling) in one of the Committee Rooms.

The coach plans to depart Westminster at 2.30pm. (The coach company's advice, from its experience of previous Parliament Tours, is to 'get straight home' and miss the rush hour on the A12; so there will be no intermediate stops on the way back to Holland on Sea.)

For advice regarding Accessibility with the Houses of Parliament please visit the website: www.parliament.uk/visiting/access/disabled-access/

Colin Sargeant, 9, Windermere Road, 07541 321275

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MP, GILES WATLING

Dear Holland Residents.

It is hard to believe that this is my final article for this magazine of the year, it just doesn't seem possible that we are nearing the end of 2018, where has the year gone? As I sat down to write this article it gave me the opportunity to look back over the last twelve months, and what a year it's been! I have attended over 120 events across the constituency, from opening fundraising events to visiting schools, from support-



ing new businesses to raising awareness of the work local charities carry out across the constituency. I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every visit and it never fails to impress me how fantastic our local community is. I am looking forward to 2019 when I can meet even more organisations, charities, schools and businesses.

My postbag has had a variety of local issues raised with me including public transport, infrastructure, health care, education and Brexit. The biggest issue by far this year has been the four GP practices within ACE. The implementation of their new telephone system has, in all honesty, been disastrous and has caused difficulties for patients needing appointments, test results and repeat prescriptions. Indeed, earlier this year when I met with the Holland Resident's Association they raised the concerns they had with the new system and the challenges they, and other residents, had encountered.

To that end, over the past few months I have met with Lynne Woodcock, Managing Director of ACE, a number of times in Parliament, Sam Hepplewhite Chief Officer of North Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, Ian Davidson, Chief Executive of Tendring District Council, I have attended a Joint Patient Participation Group meeting and contacted the CQC regarding the challenges ACE have been experiencing. More telephony staff were hired and for a while things improved but unfortunately this was not sustained for long and the problems crept back in again. I want to reassure all patients across the four practices that I will not let this matter rest until the service has sustained improvement. I will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure that the service patients expect is the service that is delivered.

Whilst writing I would like to thank all committee members of the Holland Residents' Association for their ongoing work supporting the local community and their continued dedication to improving the local area and services offered to residents. As ever, if you would like to keep in touch with what I am up to, both locally and in Parliament then please sign up to my Clacton Conversation newsletter via my website www.gileswatling.co.uk

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with me, or an organisation, charity or business you would like me to visit please send me an email to giles.watling.mp@parliament.uk

All that is left for me to say is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

All the best

Giles

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- Involving your family and carers
- · Navigating through the maze of information about your options
- Signposting to relevant agencies and organisations
- Working together to create a "my plan" tailored to you and your future

How do I get referred?

- · Refer yourself by phoning or emailing the my plan team
- · Ask a health or social care professional to refer you
- Ask a family member or close friend to contact us

Colne is a charitable housing association which provides a range of homes for people in north Essex. We are experts in supporting older people in our sheltered homes and in the wider community. my plan is funded by the Independence, Choice and Control Fund (ICCF) to he half of Essex County Council and the five Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Essex.







If you need help to live independently at home, don't keep quiet and let it escalate. We can take the worry out of planning the support you need.

For free, friendly, expert advice contact my plan.

01206 244769 myplan@colnehousing.co.uk









Cards & Crafts Collection

Are you bored with seeing all the same things on the High Street? Why not pay us a visit and get something that little bit different

Christmas is fast approaching! Get that perfect Christmas Card, whether it's for a special relation, loved one, friend or neighbour.

Our much saught-after cards will fit the

bill - while stocks last! See our

great range of quality boxed Christmas Cards

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2 January 2019 There will be no meeting this month.

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A little boy got lost at the leisure centre and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted the room burst into shrieks with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement then then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to elderly folk, I used to take my 4 year old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions she merely turned to me and whispered, "the tooth fairy will never believe this!"

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, He picked the object up and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages "Mum, look what I found" the boy called out "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adams underwear!"

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

EDITOR'S CORNER

Well it is nearly here, Christmas that is, and all members of the Holland Residents' Association Executive Committee wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.



I would like to take this opportunity to again give my sincere thanks to all members of the committee who work so hard giving many hours of their time to organise events and also to all those who help to keep our village clean and tidy.

It is lovely to feel that we have achieved a happy and caring community with a "can do" attitude rather than moaning and groaning. I continue to greet everyone I meet when out with Sammy and hope that I can again encourage you to say good morning/afternoon/evening to all you meet to maintain our friendly community

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Going Down A Storm

The residents of Holland on Sea can sleep easy these days, in the knowledge that the recent sea defence scheme is protecting the sea wall, which in turn is securing our village. But over the years there have been some violent storms that have battered our coastline, and driven unfortunate mariners onto our foreshore.

Back in the early days of Little Holland, prior to any manmade defences, a wild sea would steadily erode the cliffs as it attacked the very base of our village. It wasn't, of course, always the ravages of the North Sea that caused the damage. The land our community sits on is made up of layers of sand and then clay. Heavy rain would see a downward penetration until a clay belt was hit, and then the excess water would run along this division until it leached out the very edge of the cliff, but we are starting to wander into another, geographic, area, so let's return to the storms.

The sea's attack on our cliffs would result in collapse and crumble, the clay would be dissolved by the power of the waves and the sand would be left deposited on our beaches – nature's natural top-up. The foreshore was, back in the old days, privately owned and whilst the owners saw an opportunity to attract visitors, and therefore customers, to their beaches, particularly once refreshment kiosks were built, and beach huts, they also recognised the need to defend their asset(s). Wooden piling and concrete walls, of varying substance, were erected but the sea was always determined to show man who was king!

90 years ago there was a record high tide recorded, resulting in many beach huts being washed away, and just a year later such was the ferocity of the sea that the sluice gates at Holland Haven, where Holland Brook meets the sea, were torn off. In 1934 the sailing barge "William Clevery" ran aground up at Hol-

land Haven, and just four years later Fiddle Fish Cafe and several beach huts were damaged by the Great Gale. In 1946, a year after the end of hostilities, the barge "Lady Guineford" found herself hard ashore at, yet again, Holland Haven; the 'Haven' not really living up to its name.

The foreshore was, over a period of time, acquired by Clacton Urban District Council and, bit by bit,



The aftermath of a storm in 1969

the Council replaced "odds and ends" of private sea wall with a more uniform and substantial defence scheme. In-between time the poorer constructed walls would collapse in whole or part when hit by a vicious sea. The last serious shipwreck was in January 1966 when the "Mi Amigo", home of the offshore radio station Radio Caroline, broke her anchor chain whilst moored 4 miles of Frinton Golf Club, and was washed hard ashore at Chezvaux Frise Point, which is just past the Holland on Sea Country Park, but still within Holland on Sea. The ship's crew and disc jockeys, including the likes of Tony Blackburn and Dave Lee Travis, were brought ashore by breeches buoy amidst a night-time snow-storm.

Smaller pleasure boats have also been blown ashore and, in many cases smashed beyond repair, although fortunately without loss of life. Beach huts have also been the subject of serious storm damage and it has been known to see complete huts heading out to sea, having been washed off their plinths; owners presenting a sorry sight as they scoured the beach for belongings as the tide dropped.

The latest sea defence scheme brings peace of mind, but foolish is the person that thinks that man has any control of nature!



Certainly not the time to go sailing, a rough sea at Gunfleet Sailing Club in 1964.





Radio Caroline's broadcasting ship "Mi Amigo" well and truly aground in January 1966.



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John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.'Giving out of love is the best way to give, for when we give out of love there is no thought of return! Simon the Pharisee gave a party and invited Jesus. Jesus intimated to Simon that the next time he gave a party he should invite the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind, because they could not recompense him.

'What do you get out of it?' a cynic asked a local preacher who was on his way, on his bike, in the rain to a preaching appointment, he could not believe that a man could serve others for the sheer joy of giving and that his soul could be refreshed more by giving than by getting.

God so loved that HE GAVE!

A little girl took her Christmas presents to her Gran, 'I'm sorry it is not wrapped up very well, but it has all my love inside,' she said. Our service may seem inadequate, but if given out of love God will accept and use it to bless others.

As we give these gifts to each other this Christmas may we not forget to give ourselves again to God for His Service!

'The highest love of all finds its fulfilment not in what it keeps, but in what it gives.' May God Richly Bless You,

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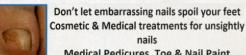


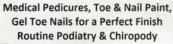
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A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She reduced altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted: "'Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago but I don't know where I am". The man below replied "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude".

"You must be a technician." said the balloonist. "I am" replied the man "how did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you have told me is probably technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is, I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip with your talk."

The man below responded, "You must be in management". "I am" replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well," said the man "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault!

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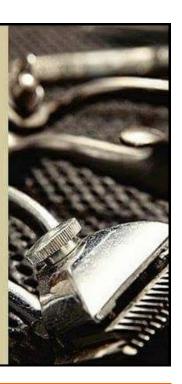
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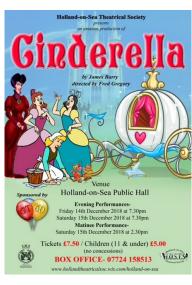
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Holland-on-Sea's very own community theatrical group, is pleased to announce that this coming Christmas, we will once again be taking you back into panto-land with a production based on a fairy-tale with its roots way back in history. Included as part of the Grimms Fairy Tales originally published in the early part of the 19th century and then of course more recently popularised by the Walt Disney studios, the "rags to riches" story of "Cinderella" has been enjoyed by panto audiences for many years now. So hopefully you will enjoy H.O.S.T.S interpretation of this story by joining us at the Holland Public Hall in December, to start off your yuletide celebrations!

Our cast & production team have been working tirelessly over the last 3 months getting ready and our production is very much for the whole family and children will be very welcome ...on no they won't, oh yes they very much will! So why not treat the whole family to a pre-Christmas treat, whilst at the same time supporting your local am-dram group.

There will be an Evening performance on Friday 14th and a Matinee & Evening performance on Saturday 15th December - ticket prices are £7.50 for adults and £5.00 for children (11 and under).

For further details or to buy tickets in advance, please contact our Box Office on 07724-158513. Hope to see you there!

When a police man was taking a routine vandalism report at a primary school, hew was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked "are you a cop? Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right he said. "Well then" she said as she extended her foot toward him. "would you please tie my shoe lace?"

It was the end of the day and when the dog handler parked his police van in front of the station and started to unload his equipment his police dog Jake was barking. He saw a little boy staring in at him. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It is" the policeman replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at him and then towards the back of the van and finally said "What'd he do?"



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A police officer was using his radar gun to catch speeding drivers on the highway when one car in particular caught his attention. He checked his radar and it read a ridiculously slow 22 miles per hour! That's when he noticed an elderly woman was behind the wheel, and it looked like her vehicle was loaded with some friends. Even though they were probably harmless, the police officer knew that he had to pull them over. They could cause an accident, after all. As he walked up to the car window, he could see that there were two ladies up front and three in the back. All of the women—except the driver—were white as ghosts. The policeman took the time to explain that driving too slow can be dangerous. Confused, the driver asked, "Officer, I don't understand. I was going exactly the speed limit!" He gently corrected her that she was on the highway, and she was, indeed, going well under the posted limit. She looked baffled. "Under? I was doing exactly the limit!" She then pointed to a road sign. The officer immediately realized the issue and chuckled. "That's A22! Not 22 miles per hour," he replied. Though embarrassed, the driver thanked him for pointing out her mistake, but the officer had one more question... Before he let them go, the officer had to ask: "Ma'am is everyone in this car alright? They looks quite shaken and haven't spoken a word." She just smiled and said, "Oh they'll be alright. We just got off of the A133."

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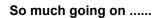
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- **6 December @ 12.30pm** Lunch Club four course lunch for anyone in the community £2:50 great opportunity to get out and meet people, spaces are limited essential to book. plus 13 December, 3 January, 10 January, 17 January
- 8 December Christmas Craft Fair with refreshments
- **18 December @ 2.30pm Friendship Club** an opportunity to meet new friends, have afternoon tea and play games and quizzes plus 15 January
- **20 December @ 12.30pm Christmas Lunch** four course lunch for anyone in the community £2:50 great opportunity to get out and meet people, spaces are limited essential to book.
- 23 December @ 6pm Carols by candlelight with Holland Eukalaly orchestra 2
- **25 December @ 10am Christmas Day** Service short family friendly service of celebration.
- **20 January @ 12 noon Homeless Sunday** poverty lunch. Selection of home made soup and bread. Donations will go to "hope into action" homeless charity.
- **16 February @ 6.30pm Valentine Dinner-** £5.00 per couple all welcome booking essential.

You are very welcome to come to any of the above events or come to our regular **Church Service** every Sunday @ 10;30 which lasts approximately an hour we have children's Club during the service.

If you have any questions or if I can be of help don't hesitate to contact me Chris Collict on 01255 814617 or email revcollict@outlook.com

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