

<b>Holland-on-Sea Recorder</b> <b>2013</b> <i>contd.</i>
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**May****June**

Masies Attic, bric a brac open on Frinton Road, next to Holland Motors  
Kings Cliff Hotel undergoing a 1 million upgrade, including an addition over  
Preston's Restaurant.

Residents contribute to provide a tarmac surface to The Esplanade. Previous concrete  
surface has been in a poor condition for some years.

**July.**

Kingscliff Hotel – now owned by Legacy Hotels; the former bar converted into a  
conference room, previous function room now ground floor bedrooms. On completion  
hotel will have 30 bedrooms.

Lower section of the steps down to the beach at York Road, have been replaced.  
Signs indicating 'no parking for motor-homes' etc. have been placed all along the sea  
front. Signs fixed to tall metal tubes – rather intrusive in appearance. Following local  
concerns, some of the signs were later taken out.

**August**

£30m six year scheme to begin next year to improve the sea defences at Holland on  
Sea and Clacton. Soil investigations are currently underway.

Damage caused to the Flags beach café.

Bungalow (No. 45 Kings Parade) is being extensively altered.

The wood surrounds to the balconies of Maplin Court, Kings Avenue, are being  
replaced. A 'cherry picker' static hydraulic platform is being used for access.

It's been a sunny and warm summer.

**September**

'Love your Feet' shop opens in Kings Avenue next to Chas. Bowers butchers.

**October**

Ells Alsorts opens on Frinton Road, set back shop near Kings Avenue.

Storm St. Jude, hits the coast on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Brick screen wall blown  
down on Holland Road, near Turpins Avenue; tree down at Little Holland Hall.

**November**

Shop raided in Kings Avenue (post-office) thousands of pounds, including charity  
boxes are stolen.

**December**

Storm surge during the night of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Water rose to just below the 1953 flood level,  
and above that level on the Norfolk coast. Holland O.K.

Official re-launch of the newly enlarged and refurbished Kingscliff Hotel on the 11<sup>th</sup>,  
with a reception

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## Holland on Sea 2014

### **January**

The empty building on corner of Frinton Road and York Road has a metal hoarding around the site, and scaffolding being erected.

The Holland on Sea sign at the public hall has been removed.

The position of Vicar at St. Bart's church is currently vacant.

### **February**

Former 'Taskers' shop on the corner of York Road/Frinton Road corner demolished. (see above).

The beach level is very low. In a gale large stones were thrown onto the promenade at the York Road area.

It has been a very wet period, the Holland Marshes are flooded extensively.

### **March**

### **April**

### **May**

A male body washed up at Holland Haven, thought to be a man missing from Clacton a few days ago, named Ronald King, on Thursday. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **June**

### **July**

The sea has been quite turquoise in colour and clear, unusual for the east coast.

A portakabin type building has been located next to the Clacton Sailing Club premises at the end of The Esplanade. Its purpose is as a visitor centre with information for residents about the £36m sea defence scheme to start this month.

Bungalow in Keswick Avenue hit by lightning and damaged.

At the end of the month sand is being pumped ashore to form a bed for the rocks which will be formed into a fishtail shape for the new sea defences, all still at the Haven location.

### **August**

Mocca Chocca shop opens in Frinton Road close to Kings Avenue junction. These are the set back shops.

Rocks being brought in to form the sea defence 'fish tails.'

The privet hedge surrounding the public conveniences at Lyndhurst Road are being cut down.

### **September**

The creation of the fish tail rock groynes is proceeding well, and is approaching the Brighton Road area.

### **October**

The sign for the Roaring Donkey P.H. has been removed.

The sea-defence programme attracts spectators every day.

### **November**

Heavy rain causes extensive flooding of Holland Marshes, unusually early for such flooding.

Sand is now being pumped ashore through a large reinforced tube to infill between the new groynes, from a vessel moored offshore.

### **December**

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## Holland on Sea 2015

### January

A metal roller shutter has been affixed to the Windmill Bakery shop window, Frinton Road. This shop has been a bakery for 50 years. Previously it was called 'Coffee at Eleven' a gift, toy and stationers shop.

### February

Death of Vera Doughty aged 93, connected to the Holland Residents Assn, and well known in the village.

The sea defence works information centre has now moved from The Gap, to the cliff top at The Point. Opposite Lyndhurst Road.

The external brickwork of the public conveniences alongside Lyndhurst Road are being rendered over.

Death of Pat Baker, St. Bart's. The late Terry Baker, librarian, was her husband. Considerable road patching works on the B1032 road across Holland Marshes.

### March

All the access slopes and steps to the lower promenade blocked as a safety precaution during the sea defence works.

The Holland Haven, Clacton Sailing Club, to the Radar Tower cliff top area is a mess with construction equipment and plant, and metal barricades. All related to the major sea defence works. The new recharged beach is looking good.

Interior works underway at the former Holland Jewellers, Frinton Road.

### April

A hoarding erected along the frontage, of the proposed Sovereign Court development, Kings Parade.

Both public conveniences along the seafront have been re-painted, and large male and female symbols positioned.

### May

Residents report the effects of a 4.2 scale earthquake, the epicentre of which was off the Kent coast at Sandwich on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.50 am.

### June

The newly re-charged beach is open as far as Brighton Road.

The Baptist Church, at the corner of Norman Road, celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### July

Building works are being carried out to York House.

The new beach is proving popular for residents and visitors.

### August

An information board detailing the former Gunfleet Estuary was un-veiled at Holland Haven, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> by the Clacton VCH Group. From HLF funding.

### September

Holland Methodist Church marks its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Harvest Festival Service, a lunch, and a presentation by the History Recorder.

Generally its been a rather poor summer for weather.

September contd.

The final sections of the re-charged beach are now all open

The 'Slope' to the promenade between Kings Avenue and Queensway has been closed following cracks appearing to the concrete facing wall. This walling is some 80 years old.

### **October**

Holland Methodist Church stages the '1925 Show' as part of their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

A large un-hewn rock has been positioned on a bed of smaller smooth stones on the greensward opposite Hazlemere Road, surrounded currently by a red plastic safety fence. [presume its to mark the completion of the £36m sea defence scheme].

Official ceremony held (27<sup>th</sup>) to mark the completion of the Holland to Clacton Sea Defence Scheme. A large plaque fixed to a unhewn rock provides information regarding the scheme.

### **November**

It has been a mild start to the month.

The sea defence works public information centre has been removed following the completion of the scheme.

### **December**

The concrete facing to the 'Slope' to the promenade which was closed to the public last September, due to the cracking of the concrete have widened.

The above average temperatures during last month have continued during the whole of the current month.

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## HOLLAND ON SEA 2016

### **JANUARY**

'Stoneridge', estate agents now occupy the small shop on Frinton Road, next but one to St. Bartholomew's Church.

Daffodils are out early with the mild weather.

### **FEBRUARY**

Works underway internally at the former 'Bookworm' shop in Kings Avenue.

Controversy regarding the proposals for a Boutique Café to be built on the greensward opposite Hazlemere Road, by TDC. A meeting is to be held on-site Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **MARCH**

Mid month – very high tide sweeps over the new beach up to the sea wall. New TDC beach-huts near First Avenue, and located on the beach flood and slightly moved.

House (Highlands) 43 Kings Avenue undergoing enlargement and repairs.

Bloomfields, engravers new shop at the former Bookworm, Kings Avenue and which has been empty for some time.

### **APRIL**

### **MAY**

Following public pressure, the plans for a Boutique Café have been dropped by the TDC.

### **JUNE**

It has been a very wet month

### **JULY**

The Co-op store on Frinton Road is closed for refurbishment, due to re-open in early August.

The shop on Frinton Road next to Alistair Keeble, is now Masters and Misterys, traditional barbers.

### **AUGUST**

Maffias restaurant, next to the public hall, temporarily closed for refurbishment.

It's been one of the best summers for weather for some years. The new beaches are well used, and cars line the whole length of the sea front.

Reports that the Roman Catholic Church in Brighton Road is to close.

### **SEPTEMBER**

The fine summer weather continues. The sea front has been lined with parked cars. 11<sup>th</sup> last service held at All Souls Catholic Church, Brighton Road. The Jaywick church also closes.

Building work underway on the land to the north of the Eastcliff playing field.

Deanhill Avenue closed to allow sewer connections to be made to the new building estate now underway on land once part of the Eastcliff playing fields.

### **OCTOBER**

Holland FC newly promoted to Division One, Eastern Counties Football League begin their campaign well.

### **NOVEMBER**

Eighteen year old Jack Atkinson died during a Holland FC home match from heart failure.

### **DECEMBER**

Late night shopping event with additional stalls, held in Kings Avenue.

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