

<b>Holland on Sea 2017</b>
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**January:** A rear extension underway to the property next to No. 72 York Road.

**February:** Storm 'Doris' on 23<sup>rd</sup> causes some minor damage. (it affected the whole country).

**March:** Major alterations being carried out to No. 79 Kings Parade.

**April:** Lovely dry Spring Weather

Holland FC had a very successful first season in the Eastern Counties League (Thurlow Nunn) First Division.

**May:**

**June:** Construction work begins on Sovereign Court at Kings Parade, after the site being derelict for some time.

The Roaring Donkey (Hungry Horse) is closed for refurbishment work.

Heaps of soil have been placed along the edge of the public open space in Sladburys Lane to deter access.

The Masters & Misters hairdressers on Frinton Road is under new management.

**July**

The Roaring Donkey public house has now reopened after refurbishment.

**August**

Major alterations are being carried out to number 44 Kings Avenue.

Advertising placed for a major cycle race, The Tour of Britain with road closures.

Beaches reported as packed for the hot Bank Holiday Monday.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> the Tour of Britain cycle race came to Holland and Clacton for time trials.

Route went along Kings Avenue and thence through Sladburys Lane to Great Holland and return. The whole seafront road was sealed off.

**September**

The earlier building work for Sovereign Court (see June) appears to have stopped.

A 1400lb WWII bomb trawled up on the 20<sup>th</sup>, a mile and a half off Holland Haven.

Later, the Royal Navy detonated it, and the resultant explosion shook many properties in Holland on Sea.

**October**

A new octagonal white wooden shelter with a shingled roof erected in the garden at the Kings Cliff Hotel.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> the former hurricane Ophelia hit Ireland. Here after a sunny morning, the sky became a yellow/grey colour and the sun turned red making an unusual phenomenon. Dusk came earlier than normal. The cause was said to be that the hurricane winds had sucked up ash from Portuguese fires, together with sand particles to filter out the true light.

£5m TDC project to stabilise the cliffs approved and work to start early 2018.

**November**

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**December**

A late night Christmas shopping event hailed a success, especially in Kings Avenue where there were outside stalls.

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