Holland on Sea 2019

January

On the 8th there was a tidal surge, spring tide and a strong N wind. Plans to close the Public Library located within the Public Hall buildings, Frinton Road. The major cliff stabilisation works continue between Kings Avenue and Queensway. Holland Haven school has major works going on, included asphalting a new playground.

Bungalows on the former catholic church site are nearing completion.

February

At York Buildings the Denture premises closes; reopens as a florist.

March

A new patio type glass door inserted in the west wall of the Kings Cliff Hotel. The major cliff works continues, a new access dog-leg ramp is being made. The works extend to between Kings Avenue and Queensway. The Emporium shop opens in Kings Avenue.

April

Kings Parade road re-surfaced with chippings.

May

A new zig-zag slope being constructed part of the cliff works.

Lt. Holland Hall complex celebrates being 30 years as a care home. Various events and stands. The Recorder provided a history display of the hall site.

Sovereign Courts work irregular.

The main cliff stabilization works including a disabled zig-zag ramp, are now complete. Re-instatement work underway including returning the beach huts which have been stored on the Hazlemere Road car park.

June

The Baptist Church, Frinton Road, has four bright yellow signage boards. The Rev. Chris Collict is the priest.

The Kingscliff Hotel completes a major refurbishment.

July

Week commencing 21st sees temperatures rising. The peak on Thursday with hot air being brought up from Europe. Cambridge reached 100 degrees F, a new British record. The sea front free parking was solid with cars. The usually near empty York Road car park was well filled. Flags Kiosk on the lower prom were busy all day.

At Flags Kiosk, an 'A' board by Flags and in association with the Holland Residents Association has litter pickers and bags for the collection of litter from the beach.

August

The new dog-leg slope to the lower prom opposite the Kings Cliff Hotel has been completed and open for use. The beach huts which were removed at the beginning of the works, have been returned. The cliff top greensward is undergoing reinstatement but looks very untidy currently. The roadside is still lined with metal barricades. The metal protective barriers alongside the Kings Parade road where the cliff works have been carried out, are now gone. On a windy day with S.W. winds, fine sand was blown onto the lower prom, building up in some places and including the new slope exit onto the promenade.

The Holland Scarecrow Festival concludes with prize giving event at St. Bart's Church. Sun and high temperatures for the Bank Holiday weekend. On the Sunday some swimmers at Frinton suffered from breathing problems, The TDC advised no swimming from Walton to Clacton. Despite extensive investigations the cause remained unknown.

September -

October

Extension work to house on the Frinton Road, Stratford Road corner. The bungalow once named 'Sunnyholme' is being demolished. It was built c1921.

November

Two poppies are attached to the up-right posts of the Holland on Sea signboard for Remembrance.(by Sea Lane)

Major works to the early pair of houses in York Road at the corner of Salisbury Road (Homeleigh).

Utility road works with a series of excavations, all along York Road, causing traffic disruption at times.

December

New property works underway at Stratford Road on the former 'Sunnyholme' site. After a wet spell, the Holland Marshes are well flooded, the road at lower end of Holland Hall hill also under water.

Christmas day brought a brilliant sunny weather.

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