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The Parish Magazine of

Rivenhall and Silver End



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beautiful spring colour.**

April

2022

50p

The Following are our services For April 2022

3rd April

9.30 am St Francis

11 am St Mary's

10th April

9.30 am Silver End

11.15 am St Mary's

14th April

7.30 pm

15th April

10 am Silver End walk of Witness Meet at the Coop

10.45 am Silver End Congregational Church Joint Service

12 noon St Nicholas Witham Holy Communion

17th April

9.30 am St. Francis

11 am St Mary's

24th April

9.30 am St Francis

11.am St Mary's

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5th Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

All Age Worship

Palm Sunday

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

Holy communion

Good Friday

Looking forward to Easter

When I was little, my dad used to paint Easter eggs. He'd use wonderful coloured inks and make vibrant patterns. It always seemed such a shame to break them open. But eggs need to be broken to be any good for us. There's no point in admiring them and going hungry. Faith is the same. No point in leaving it on a shelf to admire. We have to take hold of it, let it feed us. The Christian stories about Jesus make a difference but only when we live them.

Look at the characters in the Easter story. There are the friends sharing a meal together in a pub. The same friends who run away when the going gets tough. Or betray Jesus, like Judas. There's tough, straight-talking, a no-nonsense Peter: brave a crisis but who still ends up denying Jesus. And several women who stay to the bitter end. There are other players too: Pontius Pilate: cynical and cruel, playing games with people's lives, getting rich on power. Devout people like Caiaphas so concerned to keep religion safe and pure they fail to see truth looking back at them, straight in the eyes. And the crowds: uncertain, easily manipulated, deliriously happy one moment, brooding menace and violence the next. We are all there in the gospel story.

And then there's Jesus. Showing us what God is really like: blessed are the poor, the kind and gentle - people upset and distressed by their lives, people working for a fairer, more just, peaceful world, people who show mercy and compassion to others. God is on your side. And Jesus takes God's way right into what harms us, right into what is broken, right into what is rotten and blighted in our world. And brings God's love and justice and compassion into where it hurts, harms. That is the mystery of the Cross on which Jesus dies on Good Friday.

For me, this helps how I respond to the war in Ukraine and other things that are so wrong in our world. It helps me respond to the wonderful and cracked lives of those around us. It helps me respond to being me too.

Is there a happy ending? Not an ending as such. In the Christian story Easter is a beginning not an end. The empty tomb offer the possibility of a new hope for us all

as Easter resurrection quietly, unseen, bursts upon our world...

So go on. Break open those Easter eggs. And celebrate life in all its wonderful, difficult fullness.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan

Team Rector

Readings and Collects for April 2022

3rd April 5th Sunday of Lent

All Age Worship

Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Phil. 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

10th April Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

Readings

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 22:14- End of 23 or Luke 23:1-49

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

17th April Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

Readings

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

24th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Readings

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

The 50/50 Club March 2022 winners

1st K Bridge 2nd Paul & Alison 3rd Mrs A Riddleston

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2022

These notes are an abridged version of the minutes.

Present: Cllrs. Abbott (Chairman), Wright (Vice-Chairman), A'Lee, Cairns, Elliott, Prime and Turner.

Also present: Parish Clerk, ECC Cllr. Playle and 1 member of the public.

Chairman's Report

The recent decisions on 2 major planning applications have given some hope that these proposed developments are not forgone conclusions.

Firstly, Braintree District Council has refused planning permission for the "Bellway Phase 4" application for up to 230 houses on land off Rectory Lane, mainly because the site is contrary to both the current and proposed new Local Plans. An Appeal could follow. Together with Phase 3, these developments would more than double the number of houses in the parish. It remains a source of frustration that BDC continues to ignore Rivenhall when major plans are being decided within the parish. In this case had the development been approved, which is located entirely in Rivenhall parish, not a penny would have been allocated to Rivenhall in developer community, health or open spaces contributions – all of the funding would have gone to Witham.

Secondly, Essex County Council has refused consent to the Rivenhall Airfield waste site developers Indaver to have an "alternative" way of developing the site. ECC has confirmed that Indaver must build only what they have consent for which is an 'Integrated' facility including all the elements consented in 2010 and reconsented in 2016. It is unclear what will happen next in this long-running planning saga as the developers have said they do not intend to build all the elements of the consent and may apply for changes.

Public Forum

ECC Cllr. Playle reported that ECC remedial measures resulting from the most recent storms had been completed. He also commented on the latest ECC bus survey, the Police and Crime Commissioner's local consultation and progress re the A12 and A120 proposals. As Cllr. Playle had a planned liaison meeting with the Cabinet Member for Highways he was asked to reiterate outstanding problems regarding flooding issues, including blocked drains and defective pipes.

Matters for Discussion

Annual Parish Assembly

This is scheduled for Friday 6th May at 6.45pm at Henry Dixon Hall. No outside speakers are invited this year so that more opportunity can be given for local residents to request information from the Parish Council on local issues.

Public Rights of Way 48 and 59

The new local ECC PRow Officer has agreed to meet the Chairman and Cllr. Cairns to ascertain what can be done to improve both footpaths.

Tree & Bulb planting

The licence for tree planting on the Albert Moss Playing Field has now been finalised. The trees and all additional planting materials are to hand but the additional quotation for the fencing is still awaited. The flower bulbs will be planted at the same time as the trees despite the fact that due to unforeseen delays some of the bulbs have deteriorated.

ECC Call for Sand and Gravel Extraction Sites

It was **agreed** that the Chairman draft and circulate a response so that a representation can be made to BDC before the closing date of 25th March 2022.

New CCTV pole at the recycling site on Oak Road

BDC has confirmed that it requires the pole to be sited within the area of the recycling site and for it to support two CCTV cameras. The Clerk will contact ECC requesting permission for the pole to be installed within the recycling site at the location recommended by BDC.

Platinum Jubilee

BDC's permission will be sought for the planting of a Jubilee Oak near the existing 60th Jubilee Oak on the Village Green. An estimated cost of £200 was **unanimously agreed** for this project.

Highway Maintenance

Following the conclusion of the trial aimed at reducing the amount of litter thrown onto highway verges from passing vehicles, BDC had asked if there are suitable sites where more signs might be sited. It was **agreed** to recommend to BNDC locations at the bottom of Stoverns Hill on Rickstones Road; along the Henry Dixon Road A12 underpass and at the recycling centre on Oak Road.

The storm damaged trees and cables in Rickstones Road and the damaged pole and streetlight at the Beech Road garages are to be reported to ECC.

Some remedial work has been completed along the A12 although there is more still to follow that has been requested of National Highways.

ECC has now replaced the wooden fingerpost directional sign at the junction of Park Road and Western Road but will be reminded about the other damaged signs and the faded road markings at the junction.

Maintenance

Residential parking on the estate verges and the main village green to be considered at the April meeting.

The litter picker will be requested to give additional attention to the slope areas near the Henry Dixon underpass of the A12.

Planning Applications

There were no new applications to be considered at the meeting.

Regarding the Bellway "Phase 4" application, it was **agreed** that a letter be sent to BDC's Chief Executive regarding allocation of Section 106 monies relative to the series of major planning applications within the Parish of Rivenhall where all s106 monies have been allocated to works within Witham, despite the annual updating of the Open Spaces Action Plan for Rivenhall. OSAP projects that could benefit from the allocation of funds include the John Ray Walk.

Planning Results

21/03191/FUL: Southview Primary School extension – application withdrawn.

20/02060/OUT: Bellway Phase 4 – land off Rectory Lane – application refused by BDC.

Ongoing Major Planning Issues

Rivenhall Airfield Waste Site

ESS/01/22/BTE: Temporary use of Woodhouse Lane by non-HGV vehicles. The response from the parish council to this application, recommending refusal, was emailed to ECC on 21st February. [Post meeting note: applicants Indaver stated at a recent site liaison meeting their intention to use the “temporary” access via Woodhouse Lane for heavy unusual construction loads. A further objection has been sent by the parish council to ECC stating that under no circumstances should this be permitted and that the onus is on the developers to ensure that the already approved and operational main access via the haul road from the A120 is fully up to standard for all quarry and waste site traffic.]

Braintree Local Highways Panel

Th next meeting is scheduled for 31st March.

Information exchange and items for the February agenda

- * The next Three Parishes Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30th March at St. Barnabas, Cressing.
- * The Clerk will enquire re the possibility of a financial contribution being made in support of Ukrainian refugees.

Dates of future meetings

5th April and 3rd May at Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting at 7.30pm.

Bread and butter pudding



I thought I would share my extremely easy recipe for Hot Cross Bun Bread and butter pudding, and in my Exploration this morning I found that there are so many variations.

Above are just examples Croissants with cheese, ham and eggs makes a lovely breakfast to share with the family!

Briche soaked in Grand Marnier! With marmalade and crème anglaise, then Flambé!

Chocolate B and B pud with rum! And then a lovely one for the summer butter the bread or brioche and then spread with lemon curd, and scatter raspberries , then cover with custard and bake!

For Hot cross buns you first buy 4 hot cross buns, then forget you bought them until 4 days later. They are stale! Never mind! Cut them in half and butter them with your spread of choice. Then cut each half in four (32 pieces) Lay them in a pyrex dish. You can use a tin of custard but it should be diluted a little with extra milk as it needs to be runnier than it is. I usually make a pint of custard then pour over the buns and let it soak into the bread for at least half an hour. You want the bread to be really soaked. I gently help it. Then bake for half an hour, middle shelf 180, gas 4.

4 buns is 4 helpings. Use your imagination! If you discover a lovely combination, please let me know!

Sky Notes April 2022

Mercury is the innermost planet of the Solar System, orbiting much closer to the Sun than the Earth and also much faster. These 2 factors mean that Mercury is always close to the Sun in the sky, so much so that we can only ever see it in twilight, and when it is visible, the observing window is short.

Just such an opportunity takes place in the second half of April with a favourable 'evening apparition' of Mercury. On 2 clear evenings during that period observing sessions to view Mercury (and a quick guide to the night sky) will be held in Rivenhall – details will be posted on the Rivenhall Observatory facebook page when likely clear nights are known from weather forecasts nearer the time.

In the pre-dawn sky, Venus and Jupiter will appear very close together at the end of the month and into early May, closest on 1st May. However both planets are low down in the East in the twilight and so a clear horizon will be needed, as well as being up very early !

By the end of April daylight has expanded to the extent that sunset is at 8.20 pm BST.

Once again early in the month, the Spring young Moon is well placed in the evening sky, looking West as it gets dark, when Earthshine should be visible. The best dates are from the 3rd to the 7th.

Full Moon this month is on the 16th. The New Moon of the 30th will pass between the Earth and the Sun to produce a partial eclipse, but this will be only visible from the Southern hemisphere.

The Lyrid meteors are active this month, peaking on the 22nd. The nights of the 21st to the 23rd will be best to watch for the Lyrids, starting in the late evening around 11pm. As their name suggests, the meteors from this regular annual shower radiate from a point near the constellation of Lyra, which is led by the bright star Vega. Between 11pm and midnight, Vega can be found about one third the way up the sky from the horizon, in the North East.

Lyra is one of the 48 constellations listed by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in the second century. It represents the lyre, a musical instrument with strings that resembles a harp. It is associated with the myth of the Greek musician Orpheus.

April 16th marks 50 years since the launch of Apollo 16, the penultimate NASA moon landing mission. After years of delay, preparations are now underway for humans to return to the Moon via the NASA Artemis programme. Artemis I will be an uncrewed flight test of the Space Launch System and the Orion spacecraft around the Moon later this year.

Sky Watcher

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THE RIVENHALL PLATINUM JUBILEE FETE

Sunday 5th June 2022

To celebrate the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth, there will be an afternoon fete with entertainment on Rivenhall village green starting at 2:00 pm.

After some words of welcome from the Rivenhall Millennium Committee's chairman Bob Turner, our first guests (the Chelmsford Silver Band) will play the National Anthem. Following that, the fete will be officially open with various stalls and information stands, and lovely cream teas can be purchased. The Silver band will play-on and give a selection of their lively music.

A fund raising raffle will be run all afternoon, and we hope to have several interludes provided by members of the Essex Caledonian Band (with of course our very own Jackie Allan from Rivenhall End).

Our resident local singer Charlie Staunton will be entertaining us at various times through the afternoon (as she kindly did for our 2021 Christmas social on the green), only this time the weather will not be frosty (hopefully!)

From mid-afternoon (approximately 4:00 pm) a Bar-B-Q will be available and later the Essex Silver band will play a second set of their tunes.

During Charlie's final session, she will take a break at approximately 5:15 pm during which the raffle will be drawn: this will be followed by presentations to the winners of our special Royal Scarecrow Competition (see the separate notice in this magazine and on the Rivenhall Community Facebook Page). This competition will start the week before on Saturday 28 May and run for one week.

The fete will close about 6:15 pm.

It is not too late to book a spot for a stall (please contact our Chairman Bob Turner or any Millennium Committee member). We would be delighted if people could offer gazebos - these are hopefully for a little shade from the beating sun - but possibly to provide shelter from a rogue summer shower!

We very much look forward to seeing our residents and again welcoming new residents from the Bluebell development; and of course anyone else who would like to join us.

The Rivenhall Millennium Committee

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St Nicolas Church Concerts 2022

Saturday 12 March @ 7.30pm Colne Philharmonic Orchestra

Thursday 31 March @ 6pm Essex CC Young Musicians

Sunday 12 June @ 4pm Organ recital
by Richard Overill

Sunday 17 July @ 4pm Hexachordia - 'Gloriana'
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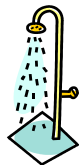
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End to End Nature Care.

For our last indoor meeting of the winter season I gave a long-awaited talk about Costa Rica, the country and its wildlife, following the visit my wife and I made there in 2019. Costa Rica is a relatively small country, less than half the area of England, situated in the tropics of Central America and hence with both a Caribbean and a Pacific coastline. The population are extremely proud of their country and its natural heritage. Following internal political turmoil in the first part of the 20th century they took the radical decision to abolish the army and to channel the money saved into healthcare and education. They also have extensive conservation measures in place, with 30 national parks and roughly a quarter of the country covered in protected rain-forest. A side benefit of this has been a boom in eco-tourism over recent decades, which now accounts for a higher proportion of the national GDP than banana and coffee exports combined, and is growing.

We found the national psyche is not a myth; nearly all the locals (known as "Ticos") are so proud of their country and its natural heritage. The large and growing ecotourism industry has created a wealth of jobs and there are so many tour guides with extensive knowledge of the wildlife and flora. Even the transfer drivers would pull over to show you particularly good views or a spot to see a certain bird. It is said that despite its small size Costa Rica contains some 6% of the world's biodiversity. While that may be something of a sweeping generalisation there is no denying the huge range of habitats, partly a factor of the country's position as a bridge between two oceans and two continents. As an example, during our time in the country (and we only explored a small part of it) the variety of bird species was astonishing, with new species being sighted nearly all day every day. This was reflected in the talk's slideshow with an extensive range of photographs displayed, from the Magnificent Frigatebird to the Fiery-billed Aracari; the Slaty-tailed Trogon to the Scarlet Macaw and the Golden-hooded Tanager to the Turquoise-browed Motmot. We also saw two species of sloth and four species of monkey. If you are fascinated by wildlife, there are few places better to visit than Costa Rica.

Returning to our local focus, our group begins its schedule of weekly Wednesday evening activities this month by counting Cowslips on our annual transect (for date and time see below). We have been doing this now since 2000 and have not missed a year, even with the recent pandemic. The plants continue to flower profusely but also distinctly earlier; we used to do the count on the last Wednesday in April but it became clear that was too late in many years and

the flowers were over.

The full schedule will be published on our website www.e2e.silverend.org and our Facebook group (End to End Nature Care) and we will also post photographs from the events on both. All are very welcome to come along to any of the outdoor events; unless they involve an external expert or guide then they are free of charge (any fee or required donation will be noted in advance) and no prior knowledge or experience is needed. Just come along and enjoy some fresh air, exercise and the wonders of nature. Each month, full details of the forthcoming activities are also published here in the Parish Magazine and if you have any questions then I can always be contacted on simon@e2e.silverend.org or 07947 388180.

Simon Taylor

| DATE | TIME | ACTIVITY |
|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 20 April | 19:00 | Cowslip Survey. Meet in the parking area at the bottom of the track to Tarecroft Wood (TL824171). |
| 27 April 2022 | 19:00 | Amble around the footpaths in the environs of Hoo Hall. Meet at Rivenhall Village Hall. |
| 04 May 2022 | 18:30 for 19:00 | Danbury Common, primarily for Nightingales. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm at 18:30 to car share or at the Armoury car park, just past the Cricketers Arms (TL779046) in Danbury at 19:00. |



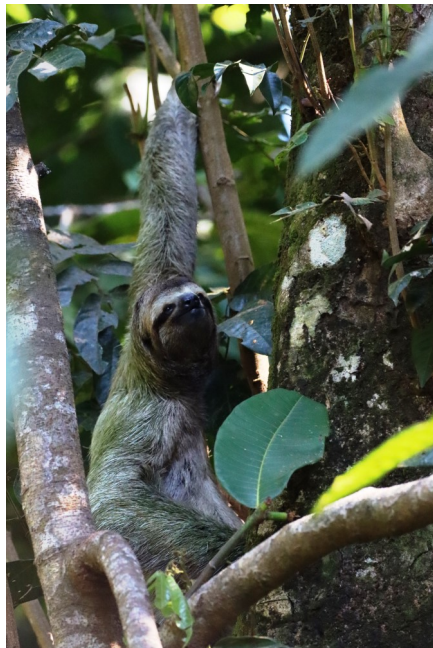
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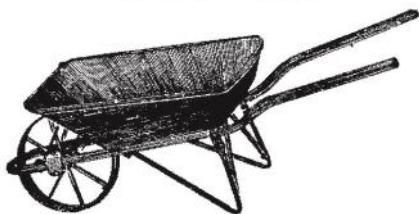
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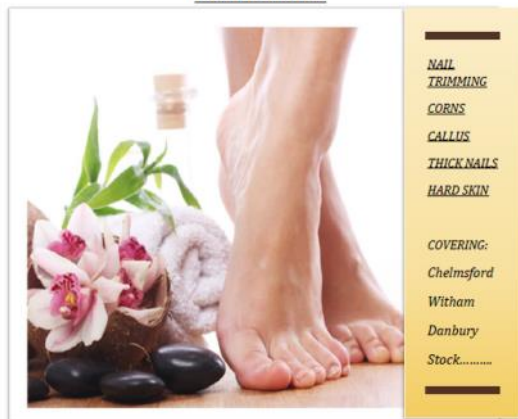
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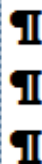
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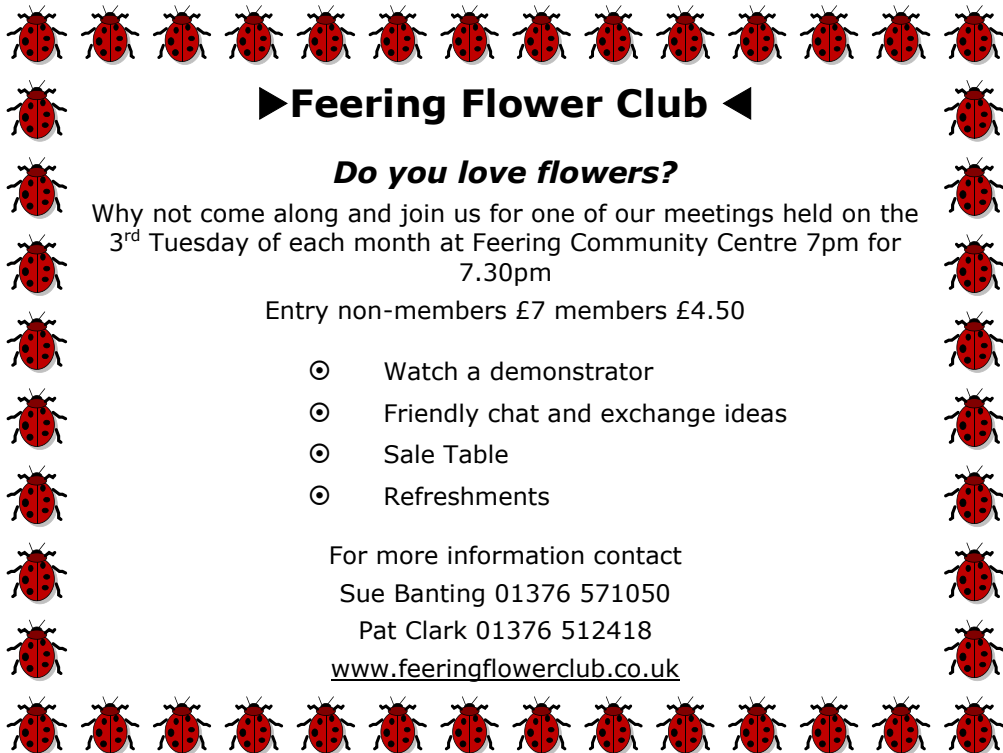
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Arthur James Sharp is my Great Uncle and this photo was taken during the First World War. Arthur was 33 when he signed his 'Short Service' (For the duration of the War) document on the 30th December 1914. On his service records it is mentioned that he became a driver and on the 21st April 1917 he was given the Good Conduct Badge. Unfortunately I cannot find what the event that happened for him to receive this. Like most of my mother side of the family his height was only 5 foot inches tall. He came home from war on the 13th March 1919. Arthur was unmarried and lived with my Great Grandparents in Braxted Road where there were three cottages (now joined as one) next to Rose Cottage. He worked Mr. Brice as a Horseman. Both his parents worked also for the Brice family. His father as a Horseman and mother at one time as a Traction Engine Driver as well as other jobs.



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Results from The Public Enquiry into the reduction in Level Crossings across Essex.

Some of you may be aware that John Macrae and Peter Hope spent many hours in November/December 2018 attending the public enquiry into the proposal by Network Rail to reduce substantially the number of level crossings along the main railway lines here in Essex. Two crossings were of particular interest in our village and the assessment of the inspector is reported below:-

The upshot of this is that the local crossing in Rivenhall End known as **E19 Potters** will remain open. However the second crossing near Kelvedon **E20 Snivellers Lane** which is a bridle way will have to close. Please read the details below: note the land mentioned as

Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

This month I have glanced through the papers for the happenings and events that took place during the month of April through the years. We start in 1848 and Mr. Henry Barwell, a butcher exhibited at Witham Market a fine beefing calf, which was fatted by Mr. John Hutley of Rivenhall Hall farm. This calf was only nine months old and was estimated to weigh around 75 stone. The calf was very much admired by cattle-dealers and farmers alike.

A concert in the Schoolroom in aid of the Church Organ Fund in 1890. The room was decorated with flowers by Misses Bridges and Hutley. The Rev. F. B. Bridges presided. Recitations by Miss E. Luard were a worthy note and brought down the house. Also songs by Miss A. Hutley and both had encores for each appearance. The programme included Miss Hawkins, Miss Bridges, Mr. Phillips, and Miss Ingles. Violin Solo's by Miss M. Luard, Mr N. Howlett and Mr H. Phillips. The proceeds amounted to £4 11s 3d and after expenses £3 6s 3d was given towards the repair of the organ. The flowers next morning were sent to a London Hospital.

In 1896 a Steam Roller was passing through Rivenhall when a boy of 11 years and son of Charles Ager of Rivenhall climbed on behind to ride, unfortunately on getting off he fell and a water cart behind the roller passed over him. This resulted in a dislocating of his jaw bone, shoulder and injuring his back. The poor little fellow lies in a precarious condition.

Demand for Houses in 1927: The annual parish meeting presided by Mr. Walter Tabor when a discussion took place in regarding the local housing needs. The Clerk, Mr. F. Claydon was instructed to write to Braintree Rural Council stating that a certain number of cottages were in an unsatisfactory condition and asking for 30 new houses to be erected in the parish (This would result in the houses in Oak Road and Rickstones Road)

Arthur James Sharp of Rivenhall End was accidentally knocked down by a Motor Coach traveling towards London, Monday 21st April 1930. He was convey to Chelmsford Hospital where it was found he had sustained a fracture to his skull and ribs. He died of his injuries on the night of Wednesday 23rd. Mr. Sharp was employed as a horseman and was 48 .The inquest was set for

being owned by Siggers on the Henry Dixon side of the railway line has subsequently been compulsory purchased by the Highways Agency as part of the A12 widening scheme so the information below predates this.

E19 Potters

115. The Secretary of State notes that E19 Potters carries public footpath EX/105/43 over the railway (IR 5.15.1). The Order would confer powers to close the crossing to the public, extinguish an adjacent length of footpath EX/105/43, and construct a new diversionary footpath (IR 5.15.5). Users would be diverted to the south over this footpath, the existing footpath network, and the footway through the Oak Road underbridge (IR5.15.6).

116. The Secretary of State notes the Siggers family and H Siggers and Son's (OBJ-173) concern about trespass on, and compulsory purchase of, their land (IR 5.15.20-22), but notes the Inspector's conclusion that the powers being sought are for temporary use of the gateway and access track for works associated with E19's closure (rather than for compulsory purchase), and that measures currently in place to combat trespass would not be affected by the works (IR 5.15.37).

117. The Secretary of State notes that, though objectors raised concerns about the diversion's length, the Inspector concludes that this is unlikely to be significantly inconvenient (IR 5.15.44). The Secretary of State further notes the Inspector's view that, despite objectors' concerns (IR 5.15.16, 5.15.24), the proposed alternative route passing through the Oak Road underbridge was safe in his experience and that there was no evidence submitted which demonstrated that using the footway would expose pedestrians to an unacceptable level of risk (IR 5.15.49).

118. The Secretary of State further notes objectors' submissions that the upcoming upgrade of the A12 would make E19's closure premature (IR 5.15.26). The Secretary of State however notes the Inspector's conclusion that, as set out in relation to E17 and E18, NR's proposals should not be delayed on the basis that a connection over the A12 may be possible at some point in the future if the road scheme is progressed (5.15.48).

119. The Secretary of State notes objectors' concerns that the proposed alternative along footpath EX/105/48 is often so waterlogged as to be impassable (IR 5.15.18, 5.15.23, 5.15.30-33). The Secretary of State further notes the Inspector's view, based on objectors' evidence and site visits, that this path is waterlogged

even in dry conditions, obstructed by a significant ditch, and overgrown such that there is “very little evidence” of the footpath on the definitive line adjacent to Rivenhall Brook (IR 5.15.45, 5.15.46). The Secretary of State also notes that the Inspector highlighted that it was unlikely NR had surveyed footpath EX/105/48 other than via maps and plans (IR 5.15.46). The Inspector concluded that, as the current route along footpath EX/105/43 is clearly located, firm and dry underfoot the proposed alternative cannot be regarded as a suitable alternative as it shares none of these characteristics (IR 5.15.47).

120. The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector’s conclusions that, taking account of these matters, E19 should not be included in the Order as the proposed alternative would not be suitable and convenient (IR 5.15.51).

E20 Snivellers

121. The Secretary of State notes that E20 Snivellers carries public bridleway EX/92/34 over the railway (IR 5.16.1). The Order would confer powers to close the crossing to the public and extinguish the PROW over the level crossing, and to construct a diversionary bridleway. Users would be diverted over this bridleway, the local road network and a nearby shared footway/cycleway (IR 5.16.5).

122. The Secretary of State notes the Inspector’s view that the creation of a new public bridleway and resultant removal of agricultural land would have an adverse impact on the land over which it would run, but that any such impact could be addressed through detailed design or compensation (IR 5.16.40, 5.16.45).

123. The Secretary of State notes Royal Mail Group’s (“RMG”) objection to the inclusion of E20 in the Order (IR 5.16.23-25). The Secretary of State notes the Inspector’s view that no evidence was submitted to detail how the closure of E20 would adversely affect

RMG’s operations (IR 5.16.41).

124. The Secretary of State notes Highways England’s planned upgrade of the A12 and A120 near E20, with multiple objectors submitting that the closure of E20 would prevent the link being incorporated into this upgrade (IR 5.16.22, 5.16.32, 5.16.37). The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector that NR’s proposals should not be delayed due to the hypothetical delivery of a means of crossing the railway and the revised A12/A120 in the future (IR 5.16.52).

125. The Secretary of State notes the Inspector’s conclusion that the alternative route would be suitable and convenient for users of E20 (IR 5.16.58). The Secretary of State notes the objection that horses and riders using the proposed alternative may be put in danger if shocked by the sudden approach of a train (IR 5.16.20), and that users would have to

contend with noise and fumes when using the cycleway parallel to the A12 (IR 5.16.29). The Secretary of State further notes the Inspector's conclusion that such disturbance would not unduly inconvenience current users of E20 (IR 5.16.56), who must contend with noise while crossing the railway (IR 5.16.47) and the A12's noise and fumes when making onward journeys to the south (IR 5.16.48). The Secretary of State also notes the Inspector's conclusion that, though the alternative's increased distance may be an issue for some users, its isolated rural position and the physical condition of its approaches should not give rise to disproportionality, and therefore the PSED would be met (IR 5.16.57).

126. The Secretary of State notes objectors' concerns about the safety of the proposed

alternative, especially along Cranes Lane and Crabb's lane, which have no verges (IR

5.16.27, 5.16.30). The Secretary of State further notes the Inspector's consideration that both lanes are lightly trafficked by vehicles travelling well below the posted speed limit (IR5.16.54). The Secretary of State also notes the Inspector's view that the proposed alternative provides a link to the PROW network to the south (IR 5.16.56).

127. The Secretary of State notes that NR's updated proposals for the new bridleway, as shown on Replacement Sheet 30 (NR-105), have been modified to avoid damage to a mature tree close to the field boundary (IR 5.16.46).

128. The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector's conclusions that, taking account of these matters, E20 should be included in the Order with the modifications mentioned in IR 5.16.46 as the proposed alternative would be suitable and convenient (IR 5.16.59).

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

Club members were pleased to meet up again on Tuesday 8th March 2022, in Rivenhall village hall. Chairman, Mrs. Tracy Scott welcomed everyone, gave out a few short notices and introduced Sarah Connelly, our speaker for the evening. Sarah is involved in puppy rearing for potential guide dogs, a Puppy Raiser (not a 'walker'). She was accompanied by her one year old dog, Ambrose, half Labrador half Golden Retriever, the eighth dog she has trained and who came to her at about eight weeks old. Sarah's friend Jane had also come along with Sidney who was a retired guide dog and who seemed entirely unfazed by the whole

evening. Ambrose was rather more vocal especially as audience member Karen had brought along his doggie pal Matty! Sarah described Ambrose as very intelligent and quite a character. Sarah has been doing this work for eleven years after being made redundant from her then job and finds it very satisfying. The temperament of the dog is very important and not all are suitable for the work. She stressed it is not about what the dog wants to do but more what is required of them and every effort is made to match dog and owner. Out in the street there are many obstacles to cope with from a great deal of noise from many sources, cars, buses, motor bikes and on the pavement, mobility scooters, prams, uneven pavements, signage on both pavements and roads. The Guide Dog Association works with local councils to try and make the environment dog and owner friendly. It is a very slow build up for the dogs to gain confidence. The dogs go to Redbridge for official training and the overall cost of a fully trained up dog is extremely expensive, hence the need to fund raise. At present the success rate for a fully working dog is just 30 to 40%. If they are not considered suitable they are retired or become a pet, some are assessed for breeding but a good home is always found for them. Another important part of the Association's work is providing Buddy Dogs for children who might have partial sight loss or where a dog will give them much needed confidence and friendship to cope with whatever their personal situation is. It is a job that obviously gives much personal satisfaction and it was a very interesting insight into the work of the Guide Dog Association.

COMPETITION RESULTS Horticultural

1st Karen Dakin 2nd Maurice Bacon 3rd Susan Donnell

Flower of the Month

1st Susan Donnell 2nd Karen Dakin 3rd Maurice Bacon

Photograph of the Month

1st Sue North 2nd Susan Donnell 3rd Jenny Claydon

Domestic

1st Karen Dakin 2nd Jenny Claydon (2 entries only)

The Club's next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th April, 7.30pm in Rivenhall village hall. This meeting will incorporate the Club's DAFFODIL SHOW, all details of which are in the Gardening Club

Schedule. It is a members only show to exhibit but open to all to view. Entry forms should be with Show Secretary Tracy Scott by Saturday 9th April. Competitions will be: Horticultural — one stem of a flowering shrub. Domestic — 3 chocolate chip cookies. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month (flowers, garden or similar). Entrance is £2 to include refreshment. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information contact the Club Secretary on 01376-512781.

THE 2022 RIVENHALL SCARECROW COMPETITION

As part of the Rivenhall Millennium Committee's celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne, we are holding a village "Royal" themed scarecrow competition.

This is a bit of fun; so as long as your display has a "Royal" theme; whether it actually contains straw is unimportant!

Entry to the competition is £10. Entry forms can be collected from 1st May. These will be available from any Rivenhall Millennium Committee member and also from the Rivenhall Stores. But all monies and entry forms must be returned to Rivenhall Millennium Committee members (whose names and addresses will be on the entry forms).

We will do our best to advertise where the displays can be seen during that week.

The competition runs from Saturday 28th May until Saturday 4th June; results will be announced and prizes awarded at the Rivenhall Platinum Jubilee Fete on Rivenhall village green about 5:25 pm on Sunday 5th June (see separate Rivenhall Platinum Jubilee Fete notice in this magazine).

Please do give this a go! Help put smiles on faces - just as so many of you did in our competition last year.

The Rivenhall Millennium Committee

HAMILTON PERRY—(WHITE STAR Line: " BRITANNIC)

Grandfather of Joan Cain (nee Perry)

The sea-captains, for the most part, are either one thing or the other—either of the jolly, genial type, or of the silent, retiring (I had almost said unsociable) sort. Occasionally one happens to be a little of both and not a great deal of either pattern of man. Such a one is Captain Hamilton Perry, who commands the White Star steamer Britannic.

He looks like a mariner, and ought to, for he comes of a race of sailors. There have been and are several sea-wanderers among the family. The elder brother of the gallant commander of the Britannic is a captain in her Majesty's Royal Navy, and perhaps the brave Perry who will always be remembered as one of America's greatest marine chieftains came from the same family of Neptunes.



He is Commodore of the White Star fleet, though he looks by no means the oldest. He is about fifty years of age, the greater part of which was passed upon the bounding deep.

He chose the sea as the sphere of his life, and was reared accordingly. He was educated at the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, England, and almost before his boyhood days were over began the practical part of existence for which, it might almost be said, he was born and bred.

Captain Perry impresses different people differently. "It depends upon how you take him," some one once said. Yes, to a certain extent, it does. If you approach him upon the deck of his ship with one of the silly questions with which, unfortunately, too many

ocean travelers are prone to harass the commanders, you will leave him presently with the notion that Captain Perry is not an agreeable man.

Don't insist upon his conversing with you when there are duties calling him elsewhere, but wait until he strolls leisurely about the deck, or lolls, when the sea is calm, over the rail beneath the bridge. Then speak to him as you would to any gentleman, and you will find the Britannic's commander a pleasant man.

He is, indeed, an agreeable man, and one who talks intelligently upon any subject, but "gushes" upon none. He has been in the service of the White Star Line for about fifteen years, but back as far as 1853 he began his transatlantic voyages, and has been crossing back and forth ever since.

Of course he has witnessed many strange sights and figured in not a few thrilling scenes during this long period, but even he has forgotten many of them, for it must needs be something startling and wonderful seen on the sea to impress itself upon the old mariner's mind.

Souvenirs of the time, such as testimonials, medals, etc., alone recall such incidents. The British government presented him with a handsome pair of binoculars, and the Shipwrecking Humane Society of Great Britain gave him a medal for rescuing the shipwrecked crew of a vessel called the Allen in 1872.

He found her in the dead of night, waterlogged and with a shattered rudder, in mid-ocean. The medal was "clasped" by the society for a similar act in April, 1876, when the crew of the Norwegian bark Augusta were saved by him.

SS Britannic was an ocean liner of the White Star Line. It was the first of three ships of the White Star Line to sail with the Britannic name.

Britannic was a single-screw passenger steamship equipped with sails built for the White Star Line's North Atlantic run. It was initially to be called Hellenic, but, just prior to her launch, her name was changed to Britannic. Together with her sister Germanic, Britannic sailed for nearly thirty years, primarily carrying immigrant passengers on the highly trafficked Liverpool to New York City route. In 1876 it received the Blue Riband, both westbound and eastbound, by averaging almost 16 knots (30 km/h).



The White Line Ship Britannic

As with nearly all White Star ships Britannic was built at Harland & Wolff, Belfast. She was built at a cost of £200,000 (equivalent to £18,980,000 in 2020), Britannic was the first White Star ship to sport two funnels. She was primarily steam powered but, as was common for steamships of the era, was fitted with auxiliary sails, and was rigged as a four masted barque. She was powered by two compound reciprocating engines, which could produce 4,970 ihp, and could propel the ship via a single screw to a maximum speed of 16 knots (30 km/h; 18 mph). As Harland & Wolff had not yet gained an expertise in building steam engines, the engines were supplied by Messrs Maudslay, Sons & Field of Lambeth. Britannic's hull was subdivided into eight watertight compartments by nine watertight bulkheads.

Launched on 3 February 1874, Britannic set out on her maiden voyage on 25 June 1874 from Liverpool to New York.[5][3] On 8 March 1876, a fire developed in one of her forward holds whilst she was under repair at Belfast. The fire was extinguished and the ship was only slightly damaged.[6] Following the work to modify her propeller system, she became competitive for the Blue Riband. In November 1876, she captured the westbound Blue Riband, averaging a speed of 15.44 knots, and a month later set the eastbound record as well,

averaging 15.95 knots, becoming the only White Star ship ever to hold both records simultaneously. She lost the westbound record to her sister, *Germanic*, in April 1877 and the eastbound one to the Guion Line's *Arizona* in July 1879.

SS Celtic collision

On 19 May 1887, at about 5:25pm, the White Star liner SS Celtic collided with *Britannic* in thick fog about 350 miles (560 km) east of Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Celtic, with 870 passengers, had been steaming westbound for New York City, while *Britannic*, carrying 450 passengers, was on the second day of her eastward journey to Liverpool. The two ships collided at almost right angles, with Celtic burying her prow 10 feet (3 m) in the aft port side of *Britannic*. Celtic rebounded and hit two more times, before sliding past behind *Britannic*.

Six steerage passengers were killed outright on board *Britannic* and another six were later found to be missing, having been washed overboard. There were no deaths on board Celtic. Both ships were badly damaged, but *Britannic* more so, having a large hole below her waterline. Fearing that she would founder, the passengers on board began to panic and rushed the lifeboats. *Britannic*'s captain, Hugh Hamilton Perry,[8] pistol in hand, was able to restore some semblance of order, and the boats were filled with women and children, although a few men forced their way on board. After the lifeboats had launched, it was realized that *Britannic* would be able to stay afloat, and the lifeboats within hailing distance were recalled. The rest made their way over to Celtic. The two ships remained together through the night and the next morning were joined by the Wilson Line's *Marengo* and British Queen of the Inman Line, and the four slowly made their way into New York Harbor. *Britannic* was repaired at New York and was out of service for nearly a month.[5]

Two-and-a-half-year-old Eleanor Roosevelt was on board the *Britannic* at the time of the collision, with her father Elliott, mother Anna and aunt Tissie. Eleanor was lowered into a lifeboat, screaming and protesting. She and her parents were taken to the Celtic and eventually returned to New York. Eleanor raised a huge protest at the prospect of going back on board a ship to continue the family's trip to Europe. Her parents went on to Europe, leaving the little girl with a maternal aunt. Eleanor had a lifelong fear of water and ships as a result of this incident.

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