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The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End



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April 2026 50p

The following are our services For April 2026

5th April 2026	**Easter Sunday**
9.30 am St Francis	N/S
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
12th April	**2nd Sunday of Easter**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
19th April	**3rd Sunday of Easter**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11.15 am St Mary's	All Age Service
26th April	**4th Sunday of Easter**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

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‘VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES’
‘Catching the love’ with JOY…….

I was with someone at the weekend (who will remain nameless!) who has been going through a really tough time, and yet continues to keep a wonderful smile on her face, and find humour in the situation around her. As she said to me:

‘When you can’t polish a turd, you can roll it in glitter!’

Her attitude reminds me of *Winnie the Pooh*, one of the most positive animated characters created, whose optimistic approach to life would see him similarly reflect: : *"When life throws you a rainy day, play in the puddles".*

But finding joy in life, especially in our most darkest times and circumstances, is not easy……. and I give thanks to God for this lady, and all those, who despite everything, continue to remain positive and upbeat – they are an inspiration to us all.

In a few days’ time I will be celebrating Easter – the biggest festival in the Christian calendar (yes, even more than Christmas!). After the pain of Jesus’s crucifixion on Good Friday, we rejoice on Easter Sunday in Jesus’s resurrection, and in the knowledge that death does not have the final say. It is the ideal example that things will get better.

As Winnie the Pooh would say: *"the nicest thing about the rain is that it always stops. Eventually".*

I conclude though with a particular scripture from the bible, that has been very important to me: *‘The joy of the Lord is my strength’ (Nehemiah 8:10)*

Knowing that I am not alone, but that I have the constant companionship and love of a God who loves me (despite all my faults!) and Who provides others to be there for me as well, is the promise and truth that continues to sustain me through life’s ups and downs.

May the Easter promise, and the peace and love it reveals, be with you all.

Love and God bless
Rev Jane x

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July-Sep	Terling
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Please contact Rev Jane if you are interested on:

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Readings and Collects for April 2026

5th April 2026 Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 28:1-10

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.

12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Readings

Acts 2:14a,22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
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.

19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Al Age Worship (11.30 st Mary's)

Readings

Acts 2:14a,36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

26th April 4th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Readings

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

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Carpet Bowls Thursday evenings.

Saturday afternoons - 7th Day Adventist Church

Coffee mornings have now returned on Fridays:
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Bingo sessions Saturday Night run by Jack Prime…

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Dates for your diary!
March - May

St Mary+All Saints Church, Rivenhall and St Francis Church, Silver End

APRIL

5th @ 11am	Easter Sunday service St Mary+All Saints
15th @ 1pm	Book Club St Mary+All Saints
25th @10.30am	Coffee morning St Francis

MAY

10th @3pm	Pet Service St Francis
14th @ 7.30pm	Ascension Service St Mary+All Saints
20th @1pm	Book Club St Mary+All Saints
23rd @10.30am	Coffee morning St Francis23rd
@ 8pm	Pentecost Bonfire Service St Mary+All Saints

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NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2026 IN HENRY DIXON HALL

(Formal Minutes can be viewed on official village noticeboards and the council's website)

Present: Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Cairns, Macrae, Abbott, Wright, Prime and Hammond. Also present were our clerk Amanda Brown and our ECC Councillor Ross Playle.

Chairman's Report: There was no chairman's report this month, just a mention that our long-awaited Bluebells notice has been erected, courtesy of Bellways' contractors.

BDC Councillor's Report:

Public consultation on the BDC Draft Local Plan will start shortly due to a delay in the Sustainability Appraisal which must go out to consultation at the same time. The consultation will run for six weeks.

Rivenhall parish wheelie bins for the new kerbside waste and recycling system are scheduled for delivery in April.

BDC councillors continue to press BDC on the appalling amount of fly-tipping that has come from the hotel, thrown on to the slopes of the Henry Dixon Road A12 underpass verges. BDC visited again in early February and stated that the hotel would be allowed up to 2 weeks to clear this. By early March, only half has been moved. BDC has been asked to prosecute if the dumped waste is not cleared soon. BDC councillors have, as in previous years, made a Springtime

request to National Highways and BDC to clean the A12 which is heavily littered except for these areas where volunteers and local councils clean it.

BBC Essex visited Rivenhall End recently to report on the repeat flooding at the railway bridge and interviewed local residents who so often have to deal with this issue. Along with local residents, BDC councillors have yet again reported the flooding to Essex Highways, with photos. The main underlying cause of this repeat flooding has been known for over a decade - defective underground pipework.

Rectory Lane is once again in a poor state with mud deposited on the road, deep ruts along parts of the verges and deep potholes that could easily cause damage to vehicles. This has been reported to both BDC and ECC with photos.

About 500 yards of hedgerow and many mature trees on Braxted Road, from Rose Cottage to Appleford Bridge, have been cut down: BDC councillors reported this to BDC with photos. Parts of the hedge have been ripped out by the roots. BDC are investigating a potential breach of the Hedgerow Regulations.

Planning:

29 St Mary's Road: this development has changed from the original plans. BDC officers have agreed to visit the site. Our Clerk will formally write to BDC on this matter.

Fly-Tipping in Rivenhall End: Our Clerk will write to Mr Thompson of BDC to press for a full clean-up and a formal response.

Annual Parish Assembly / Annual Report

The Parish Assembly was fixed for Tuesday 28th April (Village Hall). The Annual Report would follow the same format as last year with councillors contributions. Various speakers will be asked to attend.

Dog Bins and Signage

Councillors have asked whether all the dog litter bins in the

area especially on the Bluebells estate, next to the children's play area, have been adopted as some seem to be in desperate need of emptying: the clerk will write to BDC.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tue 07 April 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Tue 28 April Annual Parish Assembly 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Tue 26 May 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

How did we Keep Warm in the 1950's

By Peter Hope (Editor)

This winter since November my central heating has been on the blink, the noises it was making were the worst kind of indigestion. To be fair the boiler was 25 years old and had been installed by Andy Milman who many will remember as their local and reliable Plumber. As a result, through December and most of January I was heating the house with a gas fire and various electric fan heaters. Without Central heating the house got very cold.

This got me thinking about the heating in our new family home in Kent in a new build 3 bedroom semi detached house in the village of Kemsing in Kent in the year 1955. The house came with wall mounted electric bar heaters in the bedrooms a coal fire in the sitting room plus a coke burning range in the kitchen which provided hot water.



In my memory the kitchen was the only warm room in the house, other rooms would only be heated when occupied.

On a cold morning my brother and I who shared the front bedroom would wake up and scrape the ice off the inside of the bedroom window, (I kid you not) to see what the weather was doing. We would switch the wall mounted electric heater on in preparation for dressing.

In our dressing gowns and with bed socks on we would take our potties downstairs to the only bathroom. For our morning ablutions and teeth cleaning. We also had porcelain hot water bottles like those above.



The picture left is a traditional porcelain potty.

In the 50's as a 5-10 year old we always wore shorts even on the coldest days , Shorts long socks, thick (home knitted) sweater, school tie and blazer and maybe an overcoat on the coldest days.

One of my favourite memories of these years was the free milk we received every day, delivered in 1/3 pint glass bottles. On cold days the cream would freeze.



Many of the children didn't like the frozen cream but I loved it and could easily drink any leftovers maybe that is why I like Ice Cream so much.!

Bed clothes were very different in those times. I would have sheets bottom and top, blanket or blankets and on top, a feather quilt. I am sure we spent more time in bed in the winter just to stay warm. The coldest year was the famous winter of 1963 when it started snowing on New years Eve and stayed frozen until early March. While many people like to say how they walked to school every day through the deep snow. This was not true in my case. I was by this time at secondary school in Tunbridge Wells. My journey to school comprised a mile walk to Otford train station a train to Sevenoaks another Train (The Westerham Flyer pulled by steam) to Tonbridge Station and then bus up the hill to Southborough. The buses didn't run for more than 6 weeks so living under the North Downs. Our break from school was spent sledging a great winter for us children though not for the Grown Up's.

Operation Varsity Commemoration Rivenhall Airfield Memorial - 22nd March

By John Macrae



On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning it was a great pleasure to be present for this year's commemoration at the old airfield. This was again organised by Chris Bullock Parachute Regiment and led by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Col Hugh Toler in the presence of some sixty people including Rivenhall's own Deputy Lord Lieutenant Jackie Allen, ten standard bearers, former military personnel and locals

(including Jane and I).
Here are a few photos:-





Walking The Great Glen Way Peter Hope

Fort William to Inverness 77 Miles, 8 Walking Days.

About 18 months ago my friend Moira turned round to me and said "I would like to Walk the Great Glen Way" so I Looked in to it and came up with a plan of how to do it without wild camping. The plan



was to take a car and stay in three centres and walking the *wrong Way* on some sections. Also to use the City Link busses and when all else fails Taxis.

The first day from Fort William went well except when we got to Gairlochy after 11 miles we needed to walk another 3 miles to Spean Bridge to get the bus not ideal. The next day we manged to walk to Laggan Lock on the way to Invergarry and completed this section with a Taxi ride back to the Hotel in Fort William. For day 4 and 5 for 2 nights we stayed at a rather nice Hotel in Invergarry (the Invergarry Hotel). The next day we walked to Fort Augustus via the Bridge of Oich, first along the Invergarry link and then the



The Walk into Invermoriston





An Osprey in flight and the three Sisters peaks at Glen Coe

second section of the Caledonian Canal from the bridge of Oich to Fort Augustus. After a good rest the next day we took the high route to Invermoriston. According to the book this section is a bit shorter at just over 8 miles (it didn't feel like it). The views from on High (Picture 2 above) were stunning but the walk down was a killer for my Calf Muscles.



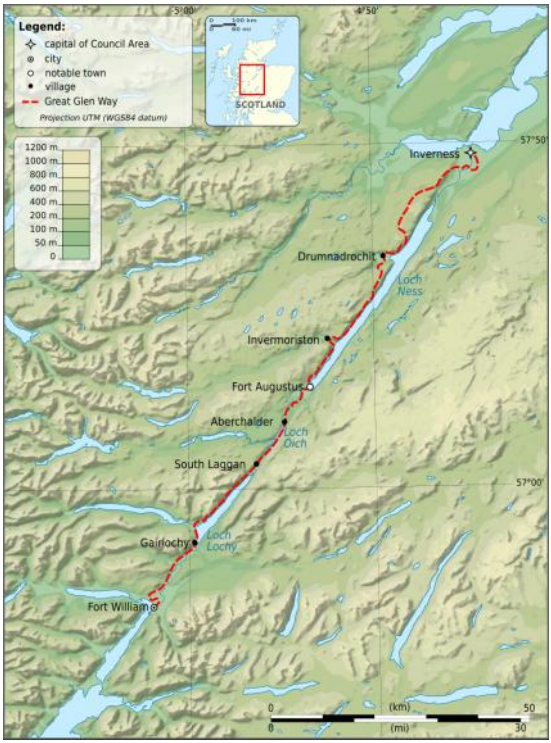
After 2 nights at the Hotel in Invergarry we moved to the Ancarraig Lodges (left) located near Drumnadrochit (referred to as Drum in this article) for 4 nights. This lodge was on the mountain side above Loch Ness and conveniently close to the Great Glen Way.

Drum has in the past been a nice little town close to Loch Ness and including the Loch Ness (Monster) visitor centre with history of the Monster, which was reputedly first sighted by Saint Columba in 565 AD. Facts about Loch Ness for future quizzes.

Length 22.5 Miles. Depth 745 feet it is the deepest freshwater lake (Loch in the UK) and contains more fresh water than all the lakes in the United kingdom combined. A random fact is you could put the population of the world 10 times over inside Loch Ness.

This is the map of the GGW starting at Fort William and ending in Inverness the route is navigable due to the Caledonia Canal that links sections along the route.

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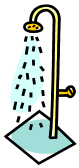
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Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

This month Silver End celebrates its 100 years of Francis Henry Crittall building his model village for his workforce for the Crittall Windows factory in what was a small hamlet called Silver End. Many years ago when working on a project I found the 1841 census very interesting and helped me map out where the folk of this little hamlet lived. This was then and before it became a part of Rivenhall Parish.

So, this month we are stepping back in time with some of the articles that Rev. David Nash wrote during 2002 -2003 on the history of Silver End. In this issue of the End to End magazine covers his works of 2002.

We first start with his study of Boar Tye. "Boarstye Farm, Bowser's Hall and Rolph's Farm are probably to be associated with the families of Rober de Bouser, Bossier, Bourchier (1327…1339 etc.) and Thomas and John Rolff (1435, 1523 etc.)" So wrote P.H. Reaney in his monumental "...Place-Names of Essex" (CUP 1935). Our Essex historian Philip Morant (1768) described "Bourchiers Hall" as being named after its noble owners beginning with 'Robert Burghcher' who held lands here at his death in 1349…This must be the man P.H. Reaney mentions above. When F.H. Crittall developed the area in the mid 1920's he named many of the new roads after various people. He could, if he had wished, perpetuated the various field-names of Boars Tye Farm – a small but significant step in securing historical continuity…but he didn't, and we must respect his zeal in founding the modern village of Silver End. Many of our present street-names, if replaced by the appropriate old field names, would sound somewhat quaint:

For School Road …. Ten Acres

For Valentine Way …. Me Pear-Tree Avenue

For Broadway …. First Grove Way

For Francis Way …. Kitchen Field Way

For Silver Street …. Long Field Drive…and so we might go on.

But what about the old village of Silver End situated near the "Western Arms"? I have now collected three pieces of evidence that are relevant to its late formation as a name, and to its exact location:-

1834 (19 March) Moses Ardley's will included a mention of his cottages…"at a certain place called Silver End" (i.e. although it was only half a mile down the road from Rolph's farm, it wasn't a sufficiently well-known place-name at the time. We know from the Great Tithe Award of 1838/9 that Moses owned cottages in the present Western Lane.

1839 Pigot & Co's Essex Directory (Under blacksmiths: - "Beckwith Thos. Silver End, Rivenhall") We know his smithy was in Western Lane.

Late 19th Century: Emma E. Upson "An Essex Country Childhood" writing about her upbringing at Boar's Tye (Brett Valley Publ. 1971)

"In those days Silver End was just a short lane with a few houses on either side, from the rear of the Western Arms to the back entrance of Rivenhall Place Park. But it was a place of some importance, for it had a blacksmith's shop and the only letter box (in the wall) for the considerable area".

Francis H. Crittall might have wondered whether to call his model village "Boar's Tye", but he chose to enlarge the area of old Silver End to take in the new development.

Rev. Nash second article is titled "Boar's Tye Farm & Silver End History"

I first visited the farmhouse shortly after I came to the parish in 1966: the reason I called was because Dan Crittall was terminally ill, yet he did not appear to be so, apart from a hyperactive determination to take me to view his splendid model steam locomotive. His face was flushed and I assumed it was his normal colour. He was ever a steam enthusiast and I had heard from the Trench family at Rivenhall Place that they couldn't keep Dan away from two traction engines they hired for some work several years earlier.

When the little roundabout was constructed outside the Silver End Village Hall it was one of the first to be built in England…and quite a novelty; Dan had apparently been seen driving round and round it in its early days. He was a great character and I believe Daniel Way was named after him. I often visited his widow, Hilda, and enjoyed long conversations over a cup of tea; she came from Canada and had a wealth of reminiscences.

My abiding memory of the house is a strong fragrance of apples which had been harvested and were laid out ready for storage; but I must retrace my history and see what I have on the farm and its

occupants back in the 18th century. Amongst some fine photographs is a survey made in 1716 by Benjamin Fallowes of Maldon. It was one of several made for William Western giving details of his various farms: "An exact Map of the Farm called Boarssty Lying in ye p'ish of Rivenhall in the County of Essex belonging to the same P'ish & County, Esq., & now in ye occupation of John Anderson, Containing with two Fields in Bowsors Hall Farm, 153 acres, 2 roods, 12 poles; Survey drawn July 3th(sic), 1716".

The Church Rates book for 1719/20 shows John farming Boars Tye and a small field called 'Ravens'. He is probably the John Anderson who married Jane Bridge at Rivenhall on Tues. 6th April 1708. They were both single and doubtless quite young when this wedding took place and the Anderson family were probably local people at this time, since an Elizabeth, with a Thomas, was buried at Rivenhall in April 1711. They were almost certainly John's parents, since they were an older generation. Thomas had married Elizabeth Wood in Sept. 1672 (He died about 1723). By the end of 1729, John and Jane had moved away whilst William Western had died of smallpox; money isn't everything – he was only 36.

The third article is titled: Two Ancient Silver End Oaks:

A painting still exists of the ancient Boar's Tye Oak; a man with a walking stick points up at the great tress which is in full leaf, whilst his friend stands next to him. In the right hand foreground, balancing the two men, a flock of a dozen sheep appear to be enjoying the shade. In the distance is a d house which is probably not the farmhouse. I have no clue as to the artist but it was probably painted in the early 19th century. Turning onwards in my copy of Hawkins' "Annals of Rivenhall" I come to the King Stephen Oak, a very much older tree. It used to stand in a field behind Bowers Hall and was said to have been planted by King Stephen in the 12th Century. The tree appears to be in late terminal decline and Bill Prime, in Rivenhall, has photos of it. Many of you will know that Rector Andrew Hunt took part of it to make the font at St. Francis Church. A tree specialist could examine the rings and date it, but we know oaks of that age have been known. The text that goes with this painting was supplied by Rector Hawkins in the mid-19th century and finished with a piece of his sardonic wit:

"The old boundary oak, commonly called "King Stephen's Oak"; this venerable oak is reported to have been planted in the time of King Stephen, in whose reign (1135-1154) the parish of Rivenhall was endowed with manorial rights. It appears by ancient records that the manor of Rivenhall was conveyed to the Crown by an heir of the family of Boulogne, being married to King Stephen. The tradition of the Boundary Oak having been planted, as stated, is 'indisputable'."

Stephen's wife was Matilda of Boulogne, as opposed to the Empress Matilda who fought Stephen in a civil war for most of his reign. Stephen's Matilda was a braver and wiser woman than the empress and appears to have been a more mature person than Stephen. He was softly-spoken though full of energy; liable to respond rapidly to any crisis – often without a second thought; and gradually acquiring the ability to be firm though never able to rid himself of the reputation of being shifty! During the civil war, all our nearby castles in Essex were 'for the king'…so he may have even been popular. I ploughed through the "King's of England" series by Arthur Mee and was only able to discover one item of antiquity associated with Stephen's name: a chair in Hereford Cathedral upon which the king is said to have sat. But Nikolaus Pevsner in his "Herefordshire" (1963) describes it thus: - "Chair of early C.13 i.e. something extremely rare". Well, that's some 50 or so years after Stephen; well Pevsner may be too cautious!

The last article that David wrote in 2002 titled: Boar's Tye Green, Farm and Farmhouse.

This month I am quoting entirely from the report by Rodwell & Rodwell, 1993:

"The first mention of Boarstye – then Bourghier's Tye – is in the time of Henry VIII, and it is marked on both the 1777 and 1801 maps. The 30 acre Tye was probably unencumbered until part of the southern end was enclosed by Bouchier's Hall (in the 15th century?) and the remainder was lost when Groom's Farm was established, sometime in the 16th century. Thereafter, the name Boars Tye Green was applied to a small triangle at the road junction at the northern end of the former Tye. In this triangle stood an ancient and noted local tree, the Boar's Tye Oak, which was only felled in the 1960's.

Another equally venerable and noted tree, King Stephen's Oak, stood…east of the green. The village lock-up was also sited at

Boarstye and was called 'Hellhousted' in the 16th century. There were formerly relict features of several medieval crofts abutting the perimeter of the green, only two of which survived into modern times. The historic topography of the entire area has been destroyed since 1926, when the construction of the Crittall Factory and Silver End Model Village began.

"Boar's Tye Farm…lay just beyond the northern limit of the green, on the west side of Boarstye Road. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to distinguish between this property in records, from Bowser's or Bouchier's Hall, which lay at the southern end of the green. The earliest unequivocal reference to the farm is in Thomas Wyseman's marriage settlement of 1588, where it is separately recorded as 'one tenement…called Bowchers Tye".

"The property was purchased by Ralph Wyseman in 1580's, and was first mapped in 1716. The late 16th or 17th century timber-framed farmhouses still survives, albeit much altered. There were two contemporary barns, for barley and wheat; the latter still survives" (1993).

"The site plan indicates that the farm began its existence as a simple tenement on the frontage of an end-on plot that was no more than c.3 acres in original extent. On the north was the chaseway and Groveland and on the south a 16 acre parcel called Lond Field. The name suggests that this was an area of wood pastures, a land, on the edge of the medieval deer park. South of Lond Field was Temple Lane, which ran from Boarstye Green to Cressing…".

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

For the second meeting in 2026 members met on Tuesday 10th March in Rivenhall Village Hall. Chairman, Maurice Bacon, welcomed everyone and gave out Club notices including reminding everyone of the Daffodil Show on Saturday 21st March in the Henry Dixon Hall.

He welcomed our speaker for the evening — Stephanie Callister-Jarrold who runs the Essex and Suffolk Owl and Birds of Prey Rescue Centre. The very interesting talk this evening concerned her work with Owl Rescue. She has become very well known in her field of expertise and will travel distances to help any owl in distress. The owls acquire the name of the place at which they have been found. She spoke about Barn Owls, Tawny, Little, Short Eared and Long Eared Owls and showed `before and after' photographs of the

ones she has helped in their distress, her very appealing `after' pictures showing how much good work she does. She also advised that if you have netting over a pond this should be as taut as possible to prevent injury to the bird should it become entangled in it. Barn Owls are perhaps the one we are most familiar with, Tawny Owls stay in a relationship for life but if they are injured they stop feeding. Little Owls were introduced in the UK in the 19th Centurybut they tend to be tough little birds. Short eared owls are rather attractive and have yellow eyes, long eared owls are the least common owl and can be distinguished by the tufts of feathers on the top of their head. Stephanie has also been on local television talking about her work. Her extensive knowledge made for an absorbing talk.

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

Horticultural

1st Maurice Bacon 2nd Clare Ramsden
(2 entries)

Pot Plant of the Month

1st Maurice Bacon 2nd Shirley Bacon
(2 entries)

Flower of the Month

1st Shirley Bacon 2nd Mike Selby 3rd Sue North

Photo of the Month
1st Sue North 2nd Jenny Claydon 3rd Clare Ramsden

Domestic

1st Mike Selby 2nd Clare Ramsden 3rd Karen Dakin

The next Club Meeting is **TUESDAY 14TH APRIL,** starting at **7.30pm** in **Rivenhall Village Hall.** Our speaker will be Mrs Gillian Owen who will be advising about `Growing and Showing for the Show Bench'. Mrs Owen will be our Horticultural Judge at our September Show. Club Competitions will be Horticultural — stem of a flowering Shrub. Pot plant of the month. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the month. Domestic — 3 sausage rolls. Evening entrance is £3 which includes refreshments, there is also a raffle. All are very welcome and for further information contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781. We look forward to seeing you.

Peter James Burcher

10 Aug 1944 - 15 February 2026



By John Macrae

Though a sad occasion, along with many of his family and friends, my wife and I attended the funeral of Peter at Three Counties Crematorium on Thursday 18th March.

For many years, Peter and Jean lived in Tusser Close, Rivenhall where they brought up their family. Peter was heavily involved in village activities, being a Rivenhall Parish Councillor, a member of the Rivenhall Playing Field Association, and the caretaker of Rivenhall Village Hall (where he single-handedly did most of the internal maintenance - including regularly rubbing-down and re-varnishing the floorboards).

Peter frequented the former Fox Inn where he played darts, cards and crib. He became an apprentice to a E G Coates in Newland Street, Witham and quickly became deft at repairing televisions around the Witham area. He would often be seen driving in the company van to repair, collect or deliver appliances. So many people knew Peter and would phone him at home when their equipment failed. Even on Christmas Day he would leave Tusser Close and freely offer his services.

Latterly he would regularly be seen shopping in Witham on his mobility scooter; always with a welcoming smile and always happy to stop for a chat.

Our hearts go out to Jean and Peter's family. Peter - It was a delight to have known you.

New All Age Service every 3rd Sunday at St Mary's

On Mothering Sunday 15th March this year St Mary's held the first of the new All Age services and a group of youngsters were given tasks to produce a card for their mothers.









END TO END NATURE CARE SUMMER 2026		
DATE	**TIME**	**ACTIVITY**
29 April	19:00	Cowslip Survey. Meet in the parking area at the bottom of the track to Tarecroft Wood (grid ref: TL824171).
06 May	19:00	Spring visit to Silver End Pits. Meet at the Western Arms (CM8 3SD though it may be necessary to park elsewhere).
13 May	18:30 for 19:00	Shut Heath Wood, Great Totham. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm, Rickstones Road (CM8 3HQ or TL825172) at 18:30 to car share or at 19:00 at the wood car park off Tiptree Road (CM8 3ED or TL853133).
20 May 2	18:30 for 19:00	Birding at Abberton Reservoir, particularly for Nightingales. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 on the Layer de la Haye Causeway (the one by the Wildlife Trust Centre CO2 0EU or TL962175)
27 May	19:00	Rivenhall fields and Barrowfield Wood. Meet at Rivenhall Church.
03 June	18:30 for 19:00	Lexden Park Nature Reserve, Colchester. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 at the reserve car park off Church Lane, Lexden (CO3 4AA or TL971250).
10 June	18:30 for 19:00	Maldon to Beeleigh Falls waterside amble. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 in Maldon Tesco car park (CM9 4LE or TL849076).
17 June	18:30 for 19:00	Goldhanger for coastal surveying. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 outside the Chequers Inn (CM9 8AS or TL904088).
24 June	18:30 for 19:00	Stisted, to sample the River Blackwater. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm at 18:30 to car share or at 19:00 at All Saints' Church Stisted (CM77 8AW or TL798246). On street parking.
01 July	19:00	Tarecroft Wood and Rivenhall Thicks. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm, Rickstones Road. Followed by optional glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station).
08 July	19:00 for 19:30	Summer Social at Stovern's Hall Farm (CM8 3HQ or TL825172). Bring a bottle and/or nibbles.
15 July	19:00	Ambling around White Notley. Meet at the entrance to the sewage works (CM8 1RS or TL787184). Followed by optional glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station)
N.B. Some details may change. If you are unsure of specifics for any activity, please call Simon on 07947 388180. Any evenings with a guest guide/expert may involve a small donation, usually £2.00 per person.		
End to End Nature Care's Website: www.e2e.silverend.org or join our Facebook group "End to End Nature Care"		

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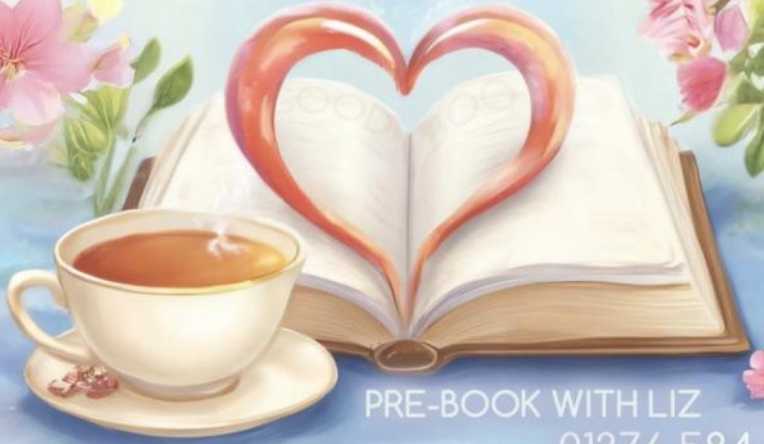
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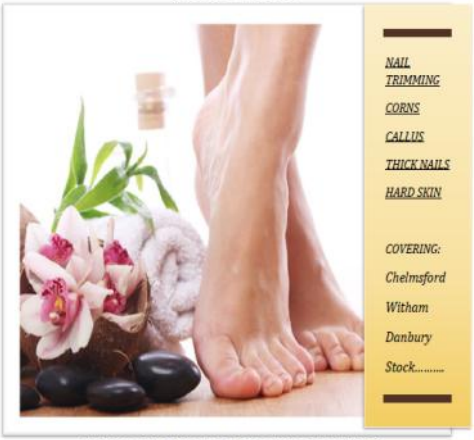
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Email parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net meets every first Tuesday		
End to End Nature Care	Simon Taylor	01621 810141
Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	07738 705585	
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Facilities

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Organisations in Silver End

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Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
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Friendship Club	Maureen Green	585275
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