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The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End









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The Hyde Hall Flower Show 5th—9th of August

August 2026 50p

The following are our services For August 2026

2nd August 2026	**9th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
9th August	**10th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
16th August	**11th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11.00 am St Mary's	All Age Service
23rd August	**12th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
30th August	**13th Sunday after Trinity**

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'VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES' –

'Catching the love'…the hope that doesn't kill!

This time last year, as some of you may remember, I was writing about the Wimbledon men's final, and in particular Carlos Alcaraz, who exhibited joy and grace even in defeat. Unfortunately Alcaraz did not make this year's Wimbledon because of injury, but there was still an impressive display of tennis to be seen, not least from British 'wild card', Arthur Fery, who made it all the way to the semi-finals. Wimbledon however has had to compete with another major sporting event taking place at the same time this year, the football World Cup! And as I write this, the England team, like Arthur Fery, have just progressed to the semi-finals.

In a couple of days time therefore, Graham and I, along with millions of other football fans, will be sitting in front of the TV nervously watching the game, *hoping* that maybe this will be England's year to bring the 'cup home' again.

As Graham is quick to say though, *"it's the hope that kills"*! The expression given to the painful emotional letdown of expecting a positive outcome that never arrives. Which of course will often be the case in a competition where only one person/team can win. But which can also be levelled at many other areas in life where things do not turn out the way we would like – a job interview, a house purchase, an illness, a romance…….

However, having this time last year written that joy is not the same as happiness because joy is not dependent upon circumstances, similarly, *hope* has nothing to do with circumstances or events going well…. *Hope* can thrive even in the midst of adversity

and trial, because *hope* transcends the physical….. *hope* is the language of the invisible. It transcends circumstances because it transcends physicality. Indeed *hope* can feel more real than anything we can see or touch.

For me, as the great hymn proclaims, *'all my hope is founded on God'*…… and in knowing His love for me, and His love for all.

And love changes things….. As I recently read: 'when our own prime motive is love, a different logic comes into play. We find courage and confidence, not in the likelihood of a good outcome, but in our commitment to love. Love may or may not provide *a way through* to a solution to our predicament, but it will provide *a way forward* in our predicament. Sustained by this love we may persevere long enough that, to our surprise, a new way may appear where there had been no way. At which point we will have reasons for hope again.'

And so, *'may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' (Romans 15:13)….* whatever happens in the football!

God bless

Rev Jane x

'PRAYER HOUR' 2026

First Monday of every month

July-Sep	Terling
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Readings and Collects for August 2026

2nd August 2026 — 9th Sunday after Trinity

Matins

Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

9th August — 10th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

16th August — 11th Sunday after Trinity

Al Age Worship

Readings

Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

23rd August **12th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

30th August **13th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Readings

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The 50/50 Club July 2026 winners

1st C Allars 2nd I Paton 3rd A Clarke

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SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST at 9.30am at St Nicolas Church, Chipping Hill, Witham. A CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS OF MOTHERS' UNION with a service including Holy Communion. All welcome.

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST we will meet at Cressing Temple at 2 oclock for a stroll and refreshments.

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Mondays: Under 5s storytelling mornings, Karate late afternoons and

Gardening Club 2nd Tues;

Carpet Bowls Thursday evenings.

Saturday afternoons - 7th Day Adventist Church

Coffee mornings have now returned on Fridays:
good fun for all with bingo sessions, raffle and cake etc etc run by our volunteers 9 to 12 noon

Bingo sessions Saturday Night run by Jack Prime…

RPFA will be holding a Xmas bazaar

on Sat 28th Nov in the village hall from 11.am until 2.pm. Anyone interested in a table there will be a fee although cost not decided yet. Table holders will have access from 9.am Also hoping to have Santa in his grotto…

We will also be arranging a quiz night during October final date to be arranged. watch this space?

If **you are interested in hiring the hall or joining any of the above groups, please contact the bookings secretary for further details email: rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com**
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NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY 2026 IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL

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

Present: Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Cairns, Macrae, Wright, Abbott & Prime. Also present were our clerk Amanda Brown and our Essex Councillor Paul Thorogood. Apologies were received from Cllr Hammond.

Public Participation: A member of the public asked if the council were receiving updates from the Norwich to Tilbury Transition Link: the Clerk said nothing had been received recently so she will chase up the organisation to enquire if we are missing any information. A matter concerning the Code of Conduct was raised about one of our councillors: the Chairman will speak to that member.

Chairman's Report: No report this month.

ECC Councillor's Report: Reform UK has been granted a Judicial Review of the Government's proposed 's Local Government Reorganisation, work to prepare for it continues. Cllr Thorogood is Chair of Kelvedon Against Urban Sprawl (KAUS) and firmly opposes the Kings Dene Development. Through the ECC Community Funding Initiative, Cllr Thorogood has approx. £1,000 available for projects within the parish of Rivenhall and is happy to discuss potential

applications.

BDC Councillor's Report: The new bin system is in operation but there have been several issues with it, exacerbated by the recent hot weather conditions. The new Leader of Braintree District Council is Tom Cunningham.

Parish Council's official notice board and broken posts on the village green: The Clerk will check prices for a replacement board at the village shop. BDC have still not replied to our enquiry regarding replacement of the village green posts.

Transport Engagement Meeting: Cllr Prime attended and asked about reinstating the Rivenhall End bus stops: he was told this will not happen unless the local speed limit is reduced reported to 50 mph and the ingress and egress strips are lengthened. The Rivenhall bus service now has more scheduled buses, but Stephensons do not have the necessary drivers: passengers do not know when the next bus will arrive.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tue 04 Aug	7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall
Tue 01 Sep	7:00 pm Henry Dixon Hall
Tue 06 Oct	7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Note:- The following Councillors represent our area at County Council (Essex) and District Council (Braintree) Council contacts for our area

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RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

There was no evening Club Meeting in July as we held our Summer Flower Show on Saturday 11th July 2026,in Rivenhall Village Hall. Homemade refreshments were enjoyed and there was a raffle. Despite the rather erratic weather there were a good number of entries. Our R.H.S Judge for the afternoon was MR. TONY ROGERS.

RGC Fuchsia Cup	CYNDY HUTLEY
Fuchsia Society's Blue Rosette	CYNDY HUTLEY
Fuchsia Society's Bronze Medal	CYNDY HUTLEY
Fuchsia Society's Crested Spoon	JENNY CLAYDON
Dr.William Foster Trophy	JENNY CLAYDON
Webdale Trophy	SHIRLEY BACON
Ratcliffe Plate	CLARE RAMSDEN
ROSE BASKET	ANN KERR

Photography

1st Karen Dakin	2nd Tina Jones	3rd Teresa Neve

Domestic - Cherry Cake

1st Tina Jones	2nd Tracy Scott	3rd Shirley Bacon

Flapjacks

1st Tina Jones	2nd Clare Ramsden	3rd Karen Dakin

Congratulations to the Winners and thank you to everyone who supported the Show and helped in any way. There will not be an evening meeting in August as members will enjoy an afternoon tea. The next event will be our AUTUMN SHOW in Rivenhall Village Hall on SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026. Opening at 2.15pm. Free Entry. Homemade teas and a Raffle and a wonderful display of flowers, vegetables, cookery and Artwork. This Show is open to members and non-members. If you wish to exhibit as a non-member please contact the Club Secretary a.s.a.p. on 01376 512781. Please note that there will not be an evening Club meeting in September.

End to End Nature Care.

On the evening of 22nd July we visited Abbotts Hall, the headquarters of Essex Wildlife Trust, for a guided tour of the site by EWT staff members Matt Twydell and Zoe Gillard. The Trust purchased the site in 1999 as a working farm and continued to run it as such while adopting the large farmhouse as the business centre for the entire organisation. Early in the new millennium the seawall was deliberately breached in several places to create extensive new areas of saltmarsh and associated habitat. Then, in 2019, the Trust decided to rewild the entire 700-acre site to create a mosaic of habitats and promote biodiversity. Considering its proximity to other reserves – Abberton reservoir; Old Hall Marshes; Tollesbury Wick; Copt Hall Marshes; Ray Island – it forms part of a major stretch of Essex primarily devoted to providing a haven for wildlife.

Some of us remember previous visits to the site before the rewilding started, when as a group we carried out regular botanical surveys for the charity Plantlife. A few of us even remember a visit of some 20 years ago, not long after the sea -wall breaches, when we were guided to the very edge of one of the breaches and watched the tide pouring over it onto what still looked very much like farmland. One would barely recognise that land now as it has reverted entirely to estuarine littoral habitat.

It was amazing to compare the site to how we knew it from the botanical surveying days. Hedges have grown wild and spread; formerly arable fields are now wildflower meadows (though Matt told us the old crops still make an appearance some years, demonstrating how seeds can survive in the soil and different conditions can determine whether or not they germinate); some fields have turned to saltmarsh. Numerous ponds are being dug with the spoil being heaped up in bunds as habitat for mining bees and other invertebrates. An orchard has also been planted, focusing primarily on local fruit varieties.

There are two large birdwatching hides on site, big enough to hold all 17 of us on the evening, and we saw a good variety of species including Greenshank, Black-tailed Godwit, Spoonbill and Cattle Egret. Elsewhere on the site we glimpsed a Barn Owl and we also saw a group of 13 Spoonbills fly over in skein formation, unimaginable just a few years ago!

Although this was one of the highlights of our summer schedule, we do something interesting every Wednesday evening. Listed below are details of what is coming up and everybody is welcome to join us. For more background on the group and full details of all our activities please look at our website www.e2e.silverend.org or on our Facebook group 'End to End Nature Care' (please do also feel free to post comments and local photographs there), or I can be contacted via email ukseashells44@gmail.com.

Simon

END TO END NATURE CARE SUMMER 2026		
DATE	**TIME**	**ACTIVITY**
5 August 2026	18:45 for 19:00	**Tiptree Heath** and the new pond. Meet at 18:45 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 at the Heath car park (TL882148).
12 August 2026	19:00	**Ambling in Terling.** Meet at the Doms Lane/Waltham Road green (CM3 2QS or TL764146)
19 August 2026	19:00	**Silver End fields.** Meet at the sugarbeet stand by the sharp bend in the Rivenhall/Silver End road (TL822187)."
26 August 2026	19:00	**Braxted Park perimeter**. Meet at the entrance track from Braxted Park Road near the Tiptree Road crossroads (TL866143).
2 September 2026	19:00	**Ambling on Rivenhall Airfield**, possibly looking for fossils. Meet at the Allshots Enterprise site (CO5 9DF or TL830201).
End to End Nature Care's Website: www.e2e.silverend.org or join our Facebook group "End to End Nature Care"		

An Evening with James Taylor
At the O2 by Peter Hope



Last year in October I was surprised to see that James Taylor was playing the O2 (formally the Millenium Dome in Greenwich) on 23rd of July 2026. I have been a fan of his Music, from the day in 1966 when I picked up a guitar and to this day I regularly play a selection of his songs. So I got onto the Ticketmaster Web site and was lucky enough to buy the last 2 tickets seated together available.

Taylor is 78 going on 79 but together with his son Henry plus a wonderful female vocalist Dorian Holley the Saxophonist and wind instrument player Blue ”Blue Lou” Marini who was originally in the band Blood, Sweat and Tears and many other well known musicians in Taylors all star band produced a fabulous show. The music flowed through well known songs like “How Sweet it is to be Loved by You” “Sweet Baby James” “You can Close your Eyes” “You’ve Got a Friend” which was written by his great friend Carole King. Carole initially was very shy and didn’t have the confidence to perform her songs live so James Taylor recorded it and it became his only no 1 Single. His Albums always charted in high numbers “Sweet Baby James” released in 1970 went to No 3 in the Album charts but he had to wait until 2015 releasing an Album of new material called “Before this World” to achieve a number 1 album.

Quite often these older performers can be a disappointment but James Taylor was able to combine his undoubled talent by putting on a real show with in addition to the Music he told

many amusing stories and anecdotes from his long time in the music profession. We were very privileged to listen to JT play his last and most famous song “You Can Close Your Eyes” which James wrote in 1971 and was included in his Album “Mud Slide Slim and The Blue Horizon” for this song he introduced his son Henry who played lead guitar and backing vocals how wonderful to be able to stretch the generations.

This song has come to mean so much to me over the years as I sang it to Clare on our very first date. Also in 1972 when I was in Denmark I played it and many other JT songs with my Danish friends.

I have mentioned James Taylor to a number of 30 and 40 somethings and most have never heard of him. At times like this I realise how old I am even though my friend Moira will always say your only as old as you feel.

Many of the musicians and performers from my youth are now either past performing or have past on so it is heartening that JT can still hold a tune. So to finish here are a few lines from that very inspiring song “You Can Close Your Eyes”.

Vs 1

The Sun is slowly Sinking down
And the moon is surely rising
This old world must still be spinning round
And I still love you

Chorus

So close your eyes
You can close your eyes it’s alright
I don’t know no love songs
And I can’t sing the blues anymore
But I can sing this song,
And you can sing this song
When I’m gone

Vs2

It won’t be long before another day
We’re going to have a good time
And no one's gonna take that time away
You can stay as long as you like

Chorus

So close your eyes
You can close your eyes, it's alright
I don't know no love songs
And I can't sing the blues anymore
But I can sing this song
And you can sing this song when I'm gone


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Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

In April and May we looked at the late Rev. David Nash research of 2002 as part of the History of Silver End. The last articles were mainly Boarstye Farm. This month we look at his other research covering Rolph's Farm and Sheepcotes Farm owners or occupiers.

Rolph's Farm 1756

Moses Ardley, born about 1756, the son of Benjamin Ardley. On Tuesday morning, the 19th June 1781, he married Elizabeth Fairhead (born about 1761). The wedding was licence and took place at Rivenhall Church. The groom was of Rivenhall parish and the bride of Bradwell-juxta-Coggeshall. Both bride and groom signed the register (not many were literate at the time). The witnesses were both named William Stacey, one of whom was the parish clerk. The officiant was Rector Thomas Walsingham Western of Rivenhall Place; he was a lawyer/rector and very wealthy.

Moses was a farmer who became quite prosperous and who owned several properties in Silver End. He died on 7th February 1842 and was buried in Cressing churchyard, aged 85. Elizabeth died shortly afterwards and was buried at Bradwell 3rd November 1845 aged c.84.

Their offspring included that had been baptised at Rivenhall Church:-

1782 3rd March, Elizabeth…buried Rivenhall 24th April 1782; 1 month.

1783 5th January, Elizabeth. She married John Humphreys at Bradwell on 27th October 1815.

1785 20th March, Sarah…buried 26th March 1785; only a few days old.

1786 18th June, Ann. She married Daniel Wade 5th November 1813 and was buried at Bradwell 25th January 1842; aged c.55.

1798 20th May, Sarah. She married Stephen Bridge at

Cressing on 18th December 1821; she was buried at Halstead 17th September 1831 aged 33 years.

Moses Ardley – A Profile

Born probably in the neighbourhood of Rivenhall/Cressing, about 1756, there is no entry of baptism in either Rivenhall or Cressing register. (update: I found that he was baptised on the 5th Dec 1756 at St. Gemain, Faulkborne). His father, Benjamin, was farming Rolph's farm by 1764 but was already living and farming Sheepcotes farm, Silver End. Sheepcotes at that time was part of a detached piece of Cressing parish. Benjamin was said to have had seven sons and only one daughter, Ann. Moses and Ann were probably close siblings and Benjamin went to some trouble in his will (he died 1775) to prevent any bickering between them after his death! In 1779, aged 23, Moses was living at Rolph's and had become a churchwarden of Rivenhall Church; he was to hold that office in 1796 and from 1802-05 under the strewed lawyer/rector Thos. Walsingham Western, who was wealthy and lived at Rivenhall Place. Who doubts that Moses called in for refreshment there, when returning home from morning service!

The rector was part of the large estate-owing Western family and was eight years older that Moses. The versatile Moses, for his part, took on the job of parish overseer of the poor in 1783, 1791, 1799, 1806, 1813 and under Thomas's nephew/ rector, Shirley Western, in 1821. After Shirley died, Moses was again overseer in 1828, and under the young Bradford Denne Hawkins in 1833. His social conscience must have appealed to Lord Western, Shirley's brother, who lived at Felix Hall. Thomas W. Western took Moses' wedding in 1781 and also baptised most if not all of his five daughters. Thomas and his wife were childless so they probably took an interest in the three surviving Ardley girls.

After the death of his friend Thomas W. Western, and with old age creeping on, Moses Ardley found Cressing Church an easier place for worship than Rivenhall; it was much nearer and in 1832 a new young vicar was instituted at Cressing. He

was John Page Wood, a friend of the Westerns and husband of a Cornish wife Emma Carolina – a very accomplished mother and portrait artist. John Page Wood's father had been the champion of Caroline, the unruly if injured Queen of England. John Page Wood had been the Queen's chaplain and Emma her personal maid. The Queen had fondled John & Emma's first child in those weeks leading up to her untimely death.

Moses Ardley was buried in Cressing parish churchyard 15th February 1842 having died on the 7th. His wife, Elizabeth, outlived him by three years and was buried in Bradwell-juxta-Coggeshall churchyard. He was a significant member of the local farming fraternity in that he owned his farm whereas many of the farmers were tenant farmers who leased their farms – mainly from the Western owners.

Sheepcotes Farm

Until comparatively recent times, Sheepcotes Farm was largely a detached part of Cressing parish. Our early 18th century records show that Benjamin Ardley, who lived at Sheepcotes, owned and farmed Rolph's Farm. Having a foot in two camps means that you find an Isaac Ardley as churchwarden at Cressing in 1750 and Moses Ardley churchwarden of Rivenhall some years later. Isaac farmed Rolph's but lived at Sheepcotes from the early 1730's; he was succeeded by his nephew, Benjamin, in 1763 who was also an "Out dweller" so far as the local rates assessment book was concerned; he lived at Sheepcotes! By the late 1770's Benjamin son Moses had moved into Rolph's and was naturally a useful ally for the land-owning Western of Rivenhall Place; most other local farmers were leaseholder/ tenant farmers.

(Rev. Nash repeats the same as about Moses and Thomas Western etc... but adds this in). He must have had a strong social conscience and this is demonstrated in the case of Anthony Soder. To be born out of wedlock in those days was likely to attract unkind treatment despite the fact that a child has no say in its choice of parents! Early in 1788, a young village girl named Ann Soder became a single parent mother of little Anthony Soder. Moses took an interest in the boy and when he grew up he took him into Rolph's Farm

as his servant.

Anthon's father remains unknown unless Moses' will tells us differently, nor would we be human if we failed to speculate that Moses might have been the actual father. If so, there is a sad irony in the fact that Elizabeth his wife, produced only daughters; there were five by two died when babies; there was Elizabeth who married John Humphrey's at Bradwell in 1815; Ann, who married Daniel Wade at Bradwell in 1813 and Sarah, who married Stephen Bridge at Cressing in 1821. These last two predeceased Moses, Ann dying only a few days before her father. When Moses died on 7th Feb 1842 he owned quite a few cottages particularly near the Western Arms. He was buried at Cressing and since the cause of death was given as 'Insanity' it is probable that he was suffering from something like Alzheimer's. Faithful to the last, Anthony Soder was keeping watch at his masters' bedside.

Moses Ardley's Tomb

A Cressing survey of churchyard memorials, completed in 1991, falls into the Common error of transcribing an obliterated '4' as if it were a '1': hence it incorrectly gives Moses Ardley as having died on 7th February 1812 aged 81. The inscription was original 1842 and 84 respectively. The memorial is coffin-shaped with a rounded-top headstone and stands on the south side of Cressing Church chancel, halfway between the end of the chancel and the southern boundary of the graveyard. (As I updated earlier he was baptised in 1756 so he would have been 86).

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1781: A Sue Dayson at Bocking was paid regular sum from the parish of one shilling John Lake, overseer of the Poor of Rivenhall for that year describes her as "that baggage Sue Dayson". She was also on of Moses Ardley's problems when he was overseer.

1792 30th May "John Lee of the parish of Rivenhall has put himself to Argent Osborn of Kelvedon for to be released at five years end or for Mr. Osborn to forfeit the sum of £50. Signed Argent Osborn, Thomas Hughes, William Baker, John

Wood, Moses Ardley, witnesses.

The signature 'Moses Ardley' appears as witness at several Rivenhall 18th century weddings. It is, in all cases, probably 'our' Moses since he was apparently a keen churchman; he could write; and was sure to have assisted the rector and his curates when available:

1779 Edmund Edwards, labourer of Gt. Braxted to Judith Young of Rivenhall, single both made their marks; John Cott, Curate and Rector of Gt. Braxted.

1781 Larkin Barnard, wheelwright of Cressing to Ann Ardley, single of Rivenhall; both signed; Thos. W. Western, Rector.

1788 William Baker widower of Rivenhall and Mary Gepp single of Black Notley, both signed; Thos. Western Rector

1799 John Wilson of Totham and Hannah Rushen of Rivenhall; both single and made their marks; John Ellis, Curate.

In all four cases the marriages were by licence and not after banns, - which suggest that the couples had money behind them – or friends who had!

Quiz Evening

On Friday 17 July St Mary's and St Francis held a very successful quiz evening at Henry Dixon Hall. About 50 people attended and fun was had by all. Particularly enjoyable was the music rounds . The quiz was aet and adjudicated by Kim and Joanne Hollocks pictured below provided a really fun evening as Master's of Ceremony's. Their quizzes always lead to a singalong during the last round singing hits old and new such as Living Doll by Cliff Richard. Also a round devoted to cryptic clues for Alcoholic drinks. So to Wet Your Appetite for the next one the questions are reproduced below. The winning table was Beep, Beep I'm a Jeep. Comprising Dave Atkins, Martin Andrews, Sarah Hope, Noel Brown, Peter Hope, Juliet Brown, Steve Lacey. Picture below:-

Cryptic Alcoholic Drinks


The Winning Team Beep Beep I'm a Jeep

1. Jodie, Brendan and swimmer Mark
2. Prime Ministers tipple
3. A powerful bend from the waist
4. Put at ease in Alabama
5. The 'Toon Army' with a suntan
6. He guards the crown jewels
7. Magician Paul with his dog from Swansea
8. Armoured car on impressive display
9. This slang for a beak can be heard in the forest
10. Chris from Coldplay combines with 'me' to form this sophisticated drink
11. Noisy sheep in a sweater
12. A gem in Mumbai
13. Sir Paul's designer daughter
14. The campanologists drink
15. Haig Club whisky owner
16. These three letters suggest you are evil
17. A mate who is cleverer
18. A person who puts a case on someone else's behalf
19. Beach city in the Santa Monica Mountains region or Miley Cyrus top ten hit
20. An enormous mythical sea monster said to appear off the coast of Norway
21. Lager produced by the Dutch Brewing Company
22. A German master huntsman
23. Carrey would balance on this at gymnastics



A Baptism at St. Francis Silver End



Together with his parents, Nathalie and Greg, three Godparents, 45 guests and 10 children to assist, baby Lenny enjoyed the limelight and did not cry at all during his anointing. Lenny received a baptism candle, certificate and congregation congratulatory card



The church came alive with the sound of singing to conclude the service with their choice of song, 'this little light of mine' which is a favorite of the family and a song that Lenny knows really well as he hears his parents singing it to him each bedtime!

Welcome into our church family baby Lenny and of course Nathalie and Greg, may Gods Grace and Blessings be with you throughout your life, may you feel the warmth of God's love and the support of St Francis Church.



WELCOME TO ST FRANCIS CREAM TEA LUNCH SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026 12.30PM



I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in Matthew 25:3

Saturday 25th July St Francis Church hosted their annual Cream Tea Lunch. 34 guests were treated to a lunch of ham and cheese sandwiches, scones with Jam and Cream and a selection of desserts, tea and coffee in abundance.

Rev Jane shared the Grace and everyone enjoyed the lunch joining in with a 'guess the name of the cats' at the Pussy Cats Picnic, courtesy of Iris. Thank you Iris, the winners all enjoyed their cats and raised an amazing £18 towards church funds.

There was also a raffle with the lucky winners choosing from a selection of wine, chocolate and flowers, and our guests were entertained by our very own 'Break fill four Band' , Tom on keyboard and father and daughter duo John and Claire on vocals, their repertoire got people jigging in their seats and singing along. Thank you Break fill Four for completing a fun packed afternoon.

Our event raised a total of £257.80 for which we are very grateful and we would like to thank everyone that came along to support us in this fun event. A truly wonderful afternoon, spent with wonderful people, community spirit at its best, chatting together and enjoying each other's company.

Our next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 22 August, 10.30-12 and our Harvest Lunch will take place on Saturday 26 September at 12.30pm. A £5 donation is required for our

lunch and please book in advance so that we can ensure that everyone is catered for.

Please telephone Denise on 07398154289 or Liz on 01376 584694 to book a place. Don't miss out!!!

Our Services are always Sunday at 9.30am please join us in celebrating Our Lord and Saviour, worshipping and glorifying his Holy Name, you will be assured of a warm welcome, tea and coffee with biscuits and cake served after the service.



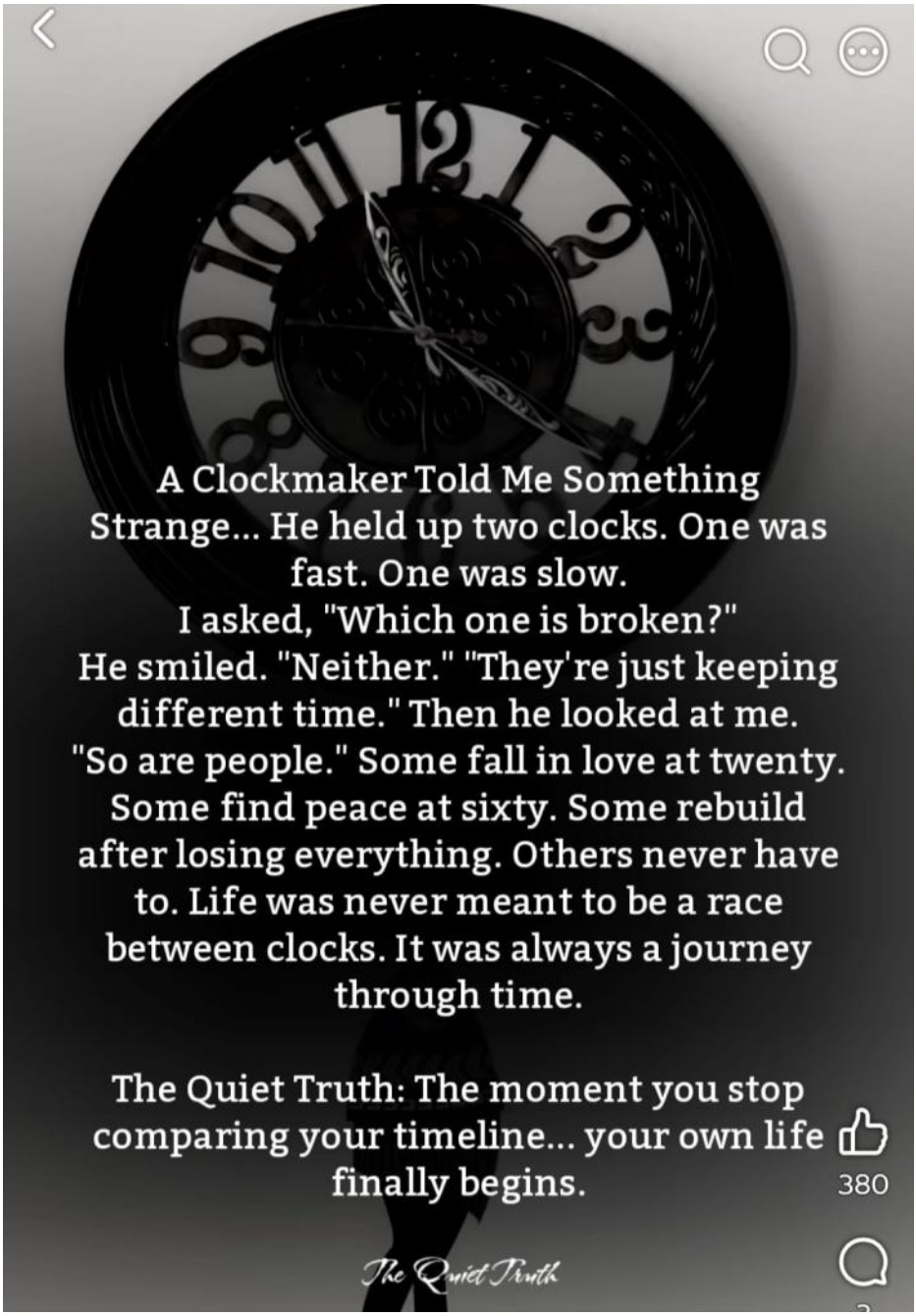








All Age Service Children Activities on 19th of July


A Clockmaker Told Me Something Strange... He held up two clocks. One was fast. One was slow.
I asked, "Which one is broken?"
He smiled. "Neither." "They're just keeping different time." Then he looked at me.
"So are people." Some fall in love at twenty. Some find peace at sixty. Some rebuild after losing everything. Others never have to. Life was never meant to be a race between clocks. It was always a journey through time.
The Quiet Truth: The moment you stop comparing your timeline... your own life finally begins.
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The Quiet Truth

Yoga Moments

Hatha Yoga class

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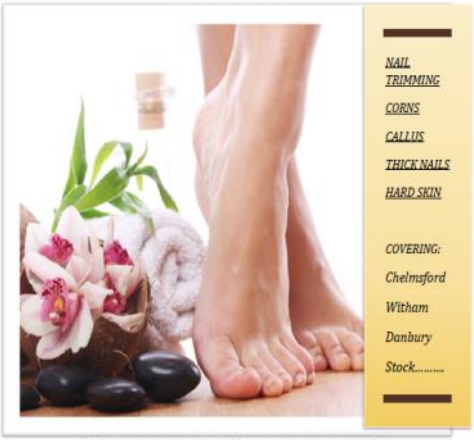
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