End-to-End
The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End



In Case by the time you read this we are in a deep freeze and have snow on the ground here is the first Camelia in my garden on 19 Jan I also have daffodils out. (as does the road side in the village)

February 2026 50p

The following are our services For February 2026

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1st February 2026	**Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candelmas**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
8th February	**2nd Sunday Before Lent**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
15th February	**Sunday Next before Lent**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Matins
22nd February	**1st Sunday of Lent**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
1st March	**2nd Sunday of Lent**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship

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'VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES' – Seeing a new world!

You have probably all heard the classic joke:

Why did the mushroom get invited to all the parties?

Because he was a fun-guy!

Well recently I saw something that isn't a fungi itself, but is a single-celled organism that feeds off fungi. It is called slime mould.

Admittedly it is not possible to see this single-celled organism with the naked eye, but amateur photographer Barry Webb has managed to capture these tiny structures, which can grow anywhere from forests to deserts, by using a

technique called focus bracketing - where dozens of photos are taken and put into software that creates a final image (see images below)

The result of Barry's patience and time has opened my eyes to this beautiful hidden wonderland, that is an important part of our eco-system, leaving me, once again, in awe of nature and our amazing world…….

It has also made me reflect on the part we, as humans, have, in this amazing creation in which we live …… Those things, and people, that may go unnoticed……and yet, are very much a valuable part of our wonderful world…..

As I continue to encourage us to 'catch the love' this year, may we be reminded of God's message to us all: "you are precious and honoured in my sight" (Isaiah 43:4a) When we are able to view everybody with such eyes, a new world truly awaits.

Love and blessings

Rev Jane x



See Janes Article



‘ ‘PRAYER HOUR’ 2026

Jan/Feb	Rivenhall
March/April	Fairstead
May/June	Faulkbourne
July-Sep	Terling
Oct-Dec	Silver End

Readings and Collects for February 2026

1st February 2026 Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candelmas

All Age Worship

Readings

Malachi 3:1-5
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

8th February 2nd Sunday Before Lent

Holy Communion

Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a,
1 Corinthians 2:1-12,
Matthew 5:13-20

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

15th February Sunday Next before Lent

Matins Psalm 2

Readings

Exodus 24:12-end
2 Peter 1:16-end
Matthew 17:1-9

Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord

22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17:3.1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The 50/50 Club January 2026 winners

1st J Prime 2nd A Marshall 3rd J Turner

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WITHAM AND VILLAGES MOTHERS' UNION

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2PM

IN ST NICOLAS CHURCH HALL

"A SCRIPTURE CAKE" WITH VIRGINIA STRANGE

and members reading bible passages

The service for World Day of Prayer on Friday 8th March will also be at the Valley Evangelical Church at 1.30pm

Rivenhall Village Hall,

Located in Church Road, Rivenhall is available for hire by local clubs, organisations and residents for numerous activities and events including weekly/monthly classes or meetings, social functions, parties, fundraising events, wedding receptions, coffee mornings and much more. The hall has a well-equipped kitchen, toilet facilities including disabled and a level access from the car park. Clubs and organisations currently using the hall are:

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

Scottish dancing - 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday evenings.

Gardening Club 2nd Tues;

Yoga Wednesday evenings; 7 pm

Carpet Bowls Thursday evenings.

Saturday afternoons - 7th Day Adventist Church

Coffee mornings have now returned on the following Fridays:

good fun for all with bingo sessions, raffle and cake etc etc run by our volunteers Frank and Clare. 9 to 12 noon

Bingo sessions Saturday Night run by Jack Prime…

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 Or Call 07738 705585**

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Christmas 2025 - a look back at the Rivenhall Millennium Committee's various offerings!

On the night of 13th December, yet another beautifully illuminated and decorated Christmas tree magnificently graced Rivenhall village green where it was greatly admired by villagers and passers-by. Sincere thanks must go to the Henry Dixon Trust and several villagers who gave wonderful donations towards its staggering £1,065 cost, and of course the trusty little army of volunteers who erected it, and not least Laura Hatley who again fortified all the workers with teas, coffees and hot pastries all morning.



Within a day or two, committee members distributed a friendly Christmas card to every household in Rivenhall Parish.

On the evening of 16th December after words of welcome from Rivenhall Millennium Committee Chairman Bob Turner, it was carols-on-the-green, led by Rev Jane. Providing a wonderful musical accompaniment to the 170+ people present was the Chelmsford Silver Band - the backdrop was, of course, the wonderful Christmas tree. One hilarious moment

was Darrin Hammond alias “Nobby” who, unable to blow his own trumpet, borrowed a trombone from a band member!

Then it was back to the seasonally decorated village hall where the band played lively seasonal tunes from the stage. This annual free get-together is also funded by the Rivenhall Millennium Committee. Head waiter Wilson Kerr oversaw distribution of the mulled wine and fruit juices (and cheekily “popped into a photo or two”), Lilian Pearce distributed the mince pies and sausage rolls, and a venerable army of volunteers including Jenny, Hayley and Carole sold and processed the raffle tickets. Towards the end of the evening the magnificent raffle was drawn … “then the Band played on!”.

But Rivenhall’s pre-Christmas festivities were far from at an end. Due to rainy conditions, Santa had become increasingly frustrated as his planned trip around the parish had to be delayed. But finally at 3:30 pm on Tuesday 23rd December, his musical illuminated sleigh swept down the drive from Rivenhall Hall Farm and glided along Church Road, St Mary’s Road, Tusser Close, Beech Road, Rickstones Road, and Bluebells Estate, before taking welcome refreshment at Hoo Hall (thanks to Pat and Iain). But there was no time to lose, so off Santa swept to Rivenhall End, carefully guided by Bob Turner with Robert Pearce and Wilson Kerr once more acting as front and rear escorts. After the railway bridge it was Oak Road, Browns Row, Foxmead, Foxden and finally Henry Dixon Road.

All the way, Santa’s little helpers delivered Christmas gifts to all homes with a member aged 70+ and handed out sweets to all the children who came out to catch a glimpse of Santa.



Santa’s team this year were Bob and Jenny Turner, Laura Hatley, Ann and Wilson Kerr, Robert Pearce, Jane and John Macrae and Carole McCarthy.

The Rivenhall Millennium Committee sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the tree and the

sleigh, and that all residents had a joyous Christmas. The Committee wish 2026 to be a truly happy year for all.





End to End Nature Care.

For our January indoor meeting we tried something different. Instead of having a speaker giving a talk we took advantage of the large TV screen and PA system in the Silver End Congregational Church and watched some online presentations instead. Three of them featured Jules Pretty, Emeritus Professor of Environment and Society at the University of Essex and an accomplished author and public speaker. In two of the videos he was reading excerpts from one of his books while sat in his garden; he lives somewhere in the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Beauty (now correctly termed a ‘National Landscape’) and was extolling

the heritage nature of the landscape and the natural interest it retains. The third video was a recording of a 'TEDx' talk he presented just over ten years ago. 'TED' is a non-profit organisation which facilitates short, punchy lectures by individuals in their specialist subjects around the theme of 'Technology, Entertainment and Design' while 'TEDx' is used to refer to affiliated event organised outside of the TED umbrella. Jules' talk was all about agriculture and how it can be made more efficient without necessarily being more intensive or having a negative overall environmental impact. He was speaking globally rather than just about the UK or even the 'western world' where cereals are the principal crop. One very interesting point he made concerned the inadvertent nitrogen enrichment of soils from the exhaust fumes of internal combustion engines, notably cars. He observed that should electric cars be widely adopted (bear in mind he was speaking in 2014) then that free nitrogen will either have to be replaced or arable yields are likely to suffer. If you would like to see any of these talks they can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/@JulesPretty58

Later in the evening we changed tack and watched a video from the EntoLive series produced by the Biological Recording Company, also available on YouTube. The one we watched focused on weevils, one of the most diverse families within what is itself one of the most diverse groups of animals, the beetles (Coleoptera). According to the speaker there are around 640 species of weevil known in the UK and he went on to describe how to recognise one and then how to go about differentiating it from the 639 other species! We find weevils just about every time we do any insect hunting, which we usually accomplish using the techniques of sweep netting and shaking plant foliage. One thing which makes identifying weevils a little easier is that they are often very host-specific so if you know which plants you have been sampling from it can significantly narrow down the options of which weevils you find.

For our last two indoor meetings of this winter season we revert to the more traditional format of having a speaker

presenting a Powerpoint slideshow. Details are given below. We meet at 8pm at the Silver End Congregational Church on the corner of Silver Street and Francis Way, postcode CM8 3QF. All are welcome of course, all we ask is a donation of £2 per person to cover costs, which includes refreshments during the break.

Then, at the end of April, we commence our summer outdoor activities programme by visiting the fields around Tarecroft Wood to count cowslips.

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 or on 07947 388180.

18 Feb 2026	20:00	**Public Rights of Way** by Simon Taylor. Simon is employed within the Rights of Way team at the County Council and will talk about footpaths, bridleways, etc. and the relevant legislation and practice.
18 March 2026	20:00	**Wildlife Along The Stour:** A talk by Liz Cutting, renowned wildlife photographer, illustrated with a selection of her own excellent photographs.
29 April 2026	19:00	**Cowslip Survey**. Meet in the parking area at the bottom of the track to Tarecroft Wood (TL824171)

NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 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, Hammond & Prime. Also present were our clerk Amanda Brown and three members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Abbott.

Public Participation Session: All three local residents thanked the council for its annual contribution towards the cost of the village

magazine “End to End”. They explained why it continues to be produced voluntarily for the whole local community and hoped the council would again support it in 2026/27.

Chairman’s Report: There was no Chairman’s report, but the Chairman thanked the Henry Dixon Trust on behalf of the residents for their donation to the Rivenhall Millennium Committee towards the community Christmas Tree.

BDC Councillor’s Report:

Cllr Wright informed the council that the Local Plan Review will go through a further consultation on the final draft once this has been voted through by full council on 2nd February. The Government have written to all District Councils to see if there is agreement to postpone the Essex County Councillor elections which should be held this May. The new recycling bins will start to be delivered to households around the district this February. A question was raised about the fly tipping at the hotel - BDC are going ahead with enforcement action: the Clerk was asked to send BDC photographs to show the extent of the tipped rubbish.

Planning:

25/02829/REM: councillors had no comment.

25/01924/HH: Application granted.

Remembrance Day Road Closure:

The Chairman is to discuss the potential for a road closure with the Church before a decision is made to put forward a request

Damage to Benches in the Village:

A bench on the village green has undergone considerable damage by what is considered to be BDC’s mowing machine. Compensation will be sought from BDC. The bench outside the Village Hall (the Albert Moss Memorial bench), has received extensive damage from an unknown vehicle. We will seek to claim on our insurance.

Responsibilities of the Village Greens:

BDC maintain the main Village Green and Eastllight maintain the smaller greens in the main village of Rivenhall. Both BDC and Eastlight will be asked to take on the responsibility of maintaining and replacing the post and chain fencing.

A12 wish list for Highways England & ECC Highways:

A list was compiled which will be sent to the members who attended the meeting in November.

Budget & Precept Setting:

The Rivenhall District. Councillors will be asked to fund a new Dog Bin to be sited at the Rectory Lane layby. The End to End village magazine contribution was discussed, and it was decided to leave it at the current level. The Precept was set at £22,000 and the request form was signed by the Chairman. This is a rise of £14 per year for a band D property.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tue 03 February 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Tue 03 March 7:00 pm Henry Dixon Hall

Tue 07 April 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Minutes of the AGM of the Rivenhall Playing Fields Committee

Apologies::: Anne Wright James Abbott.

Chairman's address. Mick advised the mtg that this was his last and was standing down as chair. There were considerable reasons, the major being that the locality didn't seem to want to support the hall. The committee as a whole sincerely thanked Mick for his longstanding work over the years in keeping the hall up and running for all and presented him with a gift alongside a gift to Beryl who is also standing down. Mick replied that he would always be available if needed for fetes etc or hopefully in the future Xmas grottos.

treasurers report : Hayley presented the years audited report. It was noted the loss of some £2.1 k was a great improvement over last year mainly due to decreased costs such as cleaning and free internet. Hayley went on to thank both Jack and Clare for reinstating bingo and coffee mornings. Details of the report are available from any committee member.

election of new Chair. It was unanimously agreed that Ruth be elected which she accepted.

election of Treasurer. Unanimous agreed for Hayley to continue which she agreed.

election of secretary. Ken agreed to carry on for another year

it was agreed that existing committee would be re-elected en bloc. Robert Bell was also proposed and seconded to join our committee. Many thanks Rob...

the mtg closed at 8.0 pm

A Visit to Oxfordshire

Recently I (the Editor Peter Hope) was in Oxfordshire near where my Ancestral home from the late 16th Century is located at Wyke Rissington (bottom Picture). I took a walk to Little Tew and Great Tew from the Warners Resort Hotel at Heythrop Park. On this walk I cam across this life size statue.






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February

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10th	Marina Price
17th	Lorna Bantock
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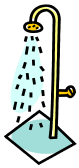
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RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

A reminder that the Club re-convenes this month and will meet on Tuesday 10th February 2026, 7.30pm in Rivenhall Village Hall. We shall be joining Jackie Allen on one of her trips this time to Malta. Club competitions will be: Horticultural — bowl of flowering bulbs. Domestic — 3 cup cakes for Valentines Day. Pot Plant of the Month. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month. Club meeting entrance is £3 which includes refreshments. There is a raffle at each meeting, a bring and buy table and various information booklets etc received from the various organisations to which we are affiliated and which you may borrow. We are a small and friendly Club and welcome new members and visitors. For further details or information contact the Club Secretary on 01376-512781. We shall be pleased to see you.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL — NOVEMBER 2025

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ST.MARY'S CHURCH RIVENHALL	£40-42

Grateful thanks to all who contributed a total of

£61-29

News from the Church Wardens of St Francis and St Mary's

Finally in October the new cupboards were fitted at the back of the church in the west end of the nave, in all it took eighteen months from conception to fitting with a number of hurdles along the way including a very detailed faculty and as can be seen from the photographs it looks very nice and fits in well with the other woodwork.

This was only due to a very kind legacy from Kath Lewis, an active member of the church community and one of the church choir members, a plaque has been attached to the woodwork commemorating Kath which can also be seen in the attached

photographs.

The cupboards are a very welcome addition to our church as it gives more space to store historical documents and information and will be easier to make these available for organised visits and people looking at the history of the church as in the past years our rectory has moved a few times and historic documents have been cared for by members of the PCC and others in their homes, we can now bring these back to the church where they can be kept for all to refer to in the years to come.





Our book club continues on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm, we each read a different book and discuss aspects of it come and join us, tea, coffee and biscuits.

Over the past few months we have seen an increase in numbers attending church which is a positive and hopefully will continue, we have also seen an increase in the number of baptisms which is encouraging and also weddings and again hopefully will continue.

Finally please keep an eye on the notice boards and magazine for events that occur during the year as there are a number planned, Ihave also been asked about another Nancy May concert for this year which is so well attended, it is planned to have another concert in May 2027 to fit in with Nancy's busy schedule.

HOUSE of GRACE

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House of Grace supporters update – January 2026

As we look back over 2025 and forward into 2026 we thank God for the many blessings he has poured on the charity and we thank you for your faithful support and prayers. We pray that in this new year, you will experience a closer walk with God and be blessed with his joy and peace.

As many of you are aware, each Thursday evening some of the trustees/support workers and guests meet at the House of Grace to enjoy a communal meal with the residents. It is always a happy/ fun time together and gives a sense of 'family'. (If you would like to be involved in this anytime, please let Emmelia know). On the Thursday before Christmas some of us met to share a Christmas meal. The food was provided by one of the trustees and mainly cooked by one of the residents. There was much laughter (and groans at the corny Christmas cracker jokes) and the food and atmosphere was amazing. Presents were exchanged & the residents placed theirs under their beautifully decorated

tree in the lounge. We were touched by the thoughtfulness of the cards & gifts given to us by the residents. All three residents had plans to spend time with their families, so we didn't meet on Christmas day this year.

It is incredible to look back on 2025 and see how, as a group - trustees, workers, residents - we have grown together, all of us learning new insights and skills and benefitting from being part of this special family. We are so aware that what has been achieved owes much to the support you have given us and the grace of God.

Recently we have been blessed with new people joining us as support worker/volunteer. If you would like to be part of this work, please speak to Emmelia or one of the trustees.

We are looking forward to the challenges of 2026. Please pray for

a. Employment for our resident currently seeking full time work
b. Suitable accommodation for those residents who will be ready to move on to independent living
c. New residents to replace those who move on
d. More opportunities for our residents to obtain casual paid work
e. Successful future fund raising events

Shirley Ratnage

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Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

This month would have been Donald Scott's 90th birthday so I thought we would have a look at his early, work life and hobbies.

Donald Albert Scott

4th February 1936 – 6th August 2025





Donald was born at 'Langston' Rivenhall Fields, Rickstones Road, Rivenhall (this is the area near to Rickstones Academy) on the 4th February, 1936 to Albert & Ella and in 1938 his brother Colin was born. On 8th March 1936 he was baptized at Rivenhall Church by Rev. Hunt.

Don's schooling started at Rivenhall School and also he attended the Sunday School that was held at the Church Hall (Village Hall) and he told me that Faith Murton who lived further down the road use to walk up to Rivenhall Fields, then they would walk back passed her house towards the Church Hall. After the Sunday School they walked up to the Church for the morning service where Albert was in the choir.

On the 8th Sept, 1947 aged 11years and 7 months, Don attended Witham Modern Secondary School, Bramston School as it was then in the St. Patrick House. Like schools now the main subjects were covered English, Arithmetic, Science, History and Art etc.., but also the subjects of Hygiene and Holy Scriptures…which was called later Religious Education. In the autumn of 1948 he was also doing Technical Drawing, Metalwork, Surveying and Gardening. At that time they had allotment's which all the boys took part in sowing and growing. At the end his report read his best subjects were Metalwork and Gardening. 'A steady, industrious boy'.

21st March, 1951 Don left Bramston School aged 15 years, by now he had a Saturday job at Edward Spurge & Co, 42 Newland Street, Witham. Most folk called it Spurges and on one of the delivery labels I have seen inform us it was a Drapers, Milliners, Tea Dealers, Grocer etc.., I believe that after leaving school Don was employed at Marshalls (later became Stanwood) in Witham who sold Radios & Televisions etc.., but of course at the age of 17 he went to do his National Service.

It was in 1949 when this was introduced by Clement Attlee's Labour government and was for all fit males between 17 & 21 years of age (unless you already had a profession that would exempt you). So Donald service time started on the 26th April 1954. He was already a Radio Mechanic from working at Stanwood's, so his R.A.F. trade became Telegraph Assistant and he loved his time at R.A.F. Calshot, Southampton where initially it was a seaplane and flying boat station during both World Wars and in 1948 during the Berlin crisis the flying boats called Sunderland's flew many sorties to Berlin lakes from Hamburg carrying food into the city and helped evocate sick children.

Don was part of the 238 Maintenance Unit which was responsible for all the RAF marine craft. When he left in April 1956 his RAF trade description of duties was a Wireless Operator which included for point-to-point and ground-to-air channels. Receives and

transmits Morse signals in any condition of interference etc.., Remarks included 'He is keen and smart at all times'.

After this he returned to Stanwood in Witham to work and in 1974 the business was taken over by Rumbelows part of the Thorn Electrical Industries of Companies. Don Job Title was a Field Engineer and I am sure many of you had Don come to you house to install or mend your Television in the Witham area, but in 1995 all Rumbelows branches closed which made him redundant.

Luck was on his side in falling into another job that he loved for the NHS as a driver to deliver and pick up items from hospitals, medical centres, doctors and chemists. Each driver was given a rota of delivers each day in their little white vans. He preformed these duties up and till he retired.

From a very early age Don was interested in Trains and he would often go up to London to train spot with his Ian Allen ABC books with him and marking off what he saw. Later in life over the years many trips were made to Yorkshire to ride on the trains from Pickering and many other places throughout the UK.

Don had a great passion for Pigeon Racing and had many wins over the years. I have found two early one's that won First Prize 'Gainsborough' who flew 123 miles and 534 yards on the 22nd June 1974 and 'Essendine' was one of 126 racing on the 30th July 1977 and flew 76 miles and 945 yards. Don and others in the village belonged to Braintree & District Essex Central Pigeon Racing Federation.

Growing up he must have watched his father busy in the garden, as Albert grew many flowering varieties especially Chrysanthemums which he used to bring to the Church to decorate with my mother. Don followed very much in his footsteps with the sowing, growing and making sure the Church was full of Chrysanthemums at Harvest like his father did.

Now with retirement he had more time for his gardening and joined the Rivenhall Gardening Club and this would be the start of winning many cups and trophies over the years. Entering vegetables was his favourite classes in the Annual Show's and he had learnt much from the Punt brothers Joe & Cyril and others on how to show and display in the village. He would enter about 50 classes at some events. He was also very good at the Flower of the Month in evening classes and often won the trophy at the end of the year for this class.

Don also joined the Rivenhall Gardening Club committee in 2001 and was a great asset to the running of the club up until his death as President.

He also was on the Rivenhall Playing Field Committee for the Village Hall for many years helping to keep the hall running for the village folk to use.

Most Saturday evenings we would talk about different things like the past in the village and it's folk. He liked reading my rumbles in this magazine…but he preferred it when it was about someone he had known or in his era. He was not over keen on learning about the long past! So this one is for you Don.

Christmas Day at St Mary's Rivenhall

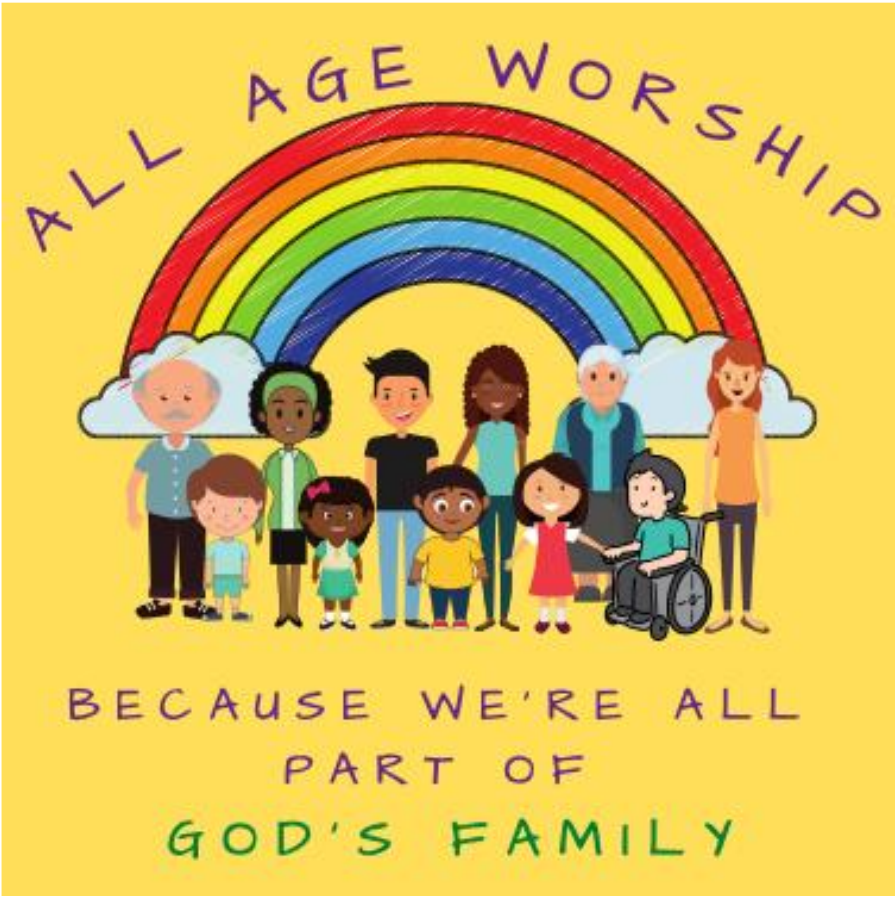




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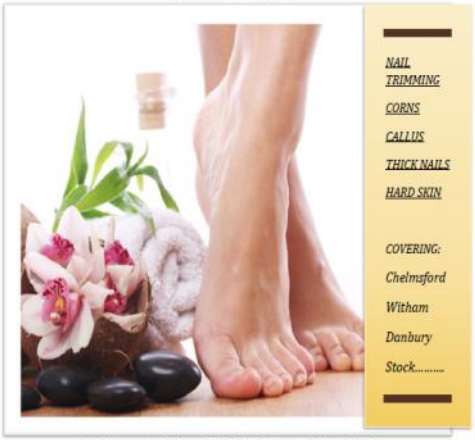
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Email parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net meets every first Tuesday		
End to End Nature Care	Simon Taylor	01621 810141
Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	07738 705585	
Meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Spread Your Wings Dance Acam	Laura Pearson	01376 741317
Rivenhall Millennium Committee	Bob Turner	01376 513659

Facilities

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Oak Store Rivenhall "Open All Hour" Tel AJ		01376 538838

Organisations in Silver End

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Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
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Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960
Neighbourhood Police	Braintree Policing	Dial 101
Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	583913
Friendship Club	Maureen Green	585275
Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	07952 992782
Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
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St Mary's Church (R.C.)	Vivian Phillips	583598
Tennis Club	Jason Cairns	584581
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