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



There has been quite a bit of discussion around the Parish about bee swarms. This picture by Terry Ashley (I think) really caught my eye. But please no more Bee Jokes . Just Beehave.

June 2025 50p

The following are our services For June 2025th

1st June	**7th Sunday of Easter**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
8th June	**Ascension Day**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
15thJune	**Trinity Sunday**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
22nd June	**1st Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	All Age Worship
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
29th June	**2nd Sunday after Trinity**
	Benefice Service JLP/
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

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'VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES' – words from another……

I, like so many, was very sad to hear about the death of Pope Francis.

I was, however, grateful at the timing of his death - that he had been able to come out of hospital and preside over one last mass on Easter Sunday, the most significant day in the Christian calendar.

For me, the world has been blessed by this humble man who truly lived a life full of compassion and love for his neighbour, whoever that be. And so, having read something that he wrote whilst he was in hospital, I would just like to dedicate my article this month to his wise words:

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...
They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...
It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.
A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...
In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...
A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...
A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...
It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.
The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.
A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.
This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.
Do not complain excessively.
Do not lose sleep over bills.
Make sure to hug your loved ones.
Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.
Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.
You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...
Listen, perfection does not exist.
A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.
Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.
So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.
Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.
Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.
Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!
And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

God bless Rev Jane x



Rev. Jane has been busy this month! the picture above is a group of members from friends of Essex Churches. A meeting was held at St Mary' to discuss raising funds for future repairs to the Chancel which is showing signs of subsidence.

Readings and Collects for June 2025

1st June Sunday after Ascension

All Age Worship

Readings

Ezekiel 36:24-28
Acts 16:16-34
John 17:20-26

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

8th June Whit Sunday (Ascension)

Holy Communion

Readings

Romans 8:14-17
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

15thJune Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion

Readings

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

22nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

1 Kings 19:1-4 and 8-15a
Galatians 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

29th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Joint Holy Communion 11pm All Saints Terling

Readings

1 Kings 19:1-4 and 8-15a
Galatians 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
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WITHAM AND VILLAGES MOTHERS' UNION

We will not be meeting during June as most of our members will be involved in the St Nicolas Fayre to be held on Saturday 28th June from 1.30pm If you come to the Fayre come and say "hello" to us on the cake stall. All members and friends welcome.

For more information contact Lynette Abbott on 01376 512586 or Joan Barrett on 01376 514617

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;

Carpet Bowls Thursday evenings.

Saturday afternoons - 7th Day Adventist Church

Coffee mornings have now returned on the following Fridays: 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 30th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th, Aug, 5th Sep, 3rd Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec.
good fun for all with bingo sessions, raffle and cake etc etc run byour volunteers Frank and Clare. 9 to 12 noon

Bingo sessions Saturday Night run byJack Prime…dates as follows:-
15th March 19th April 17th May 21st June 16th Aug 20th Sep 18th Oct 15th Nov 20th Dec

If **you are interested in hiring the hall or joining any of the above groups, please contact the bookings secretary for further details by e-mailing:**

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The 50/50 Club May 2025 winners

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VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS IN SILVER END

The church bells rang out on Thursday 8 May at St Francis church Silver End and at St Mary's church Rivenhall in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE day.

St Francis saw a record number of young people all ready to pay their respects to the gallant and brave service personnel that gave their lives for their country, a lot of whom did not return to their families.

Over 65 young people from our village units of Girl Guiding and Scouting along with their parents and leaders ensured that the bell rang out continuously for thirty minutes.



Members of our congregation and village brought the commemorations to a close at 6.30pm.

Commemorations continued on Saturday 10 May when St Francis held their monthly coffee morning this month with a VE day twist as the Silver Singers joined us for a singa-long with some wartime songs alongside some favourites.

29 adults and two young babies under 18 months old joined us and made good use of the musical instruments and also entertained with some dancing in the aisles. Mrs Debbie Baldry read a letter from her grandfather that had been written to family as he was held in a prisoner of war camp which was very poignant.

Guests enjoyed an assortment of cake and coffee and for the first time we held a shortbread making competition organised by a member of our congregation, Judith Blow, this was a very successful event. The winning entry was made and submitted by 10 year old Daisy Grey, very well done Daisy!

Rev Jane drew the raffle which included some lovely prizes donated by our friend Iris.

and then thanked everyone for attending before ending the commemorations with a prayer of thanksgiving for lives saved and for lives sacrificed.

Our thanks go to everyone that attended both events and for making these commemorations so successful.

LEADING YOUR CHURCH IN GROWTH' CONFERENCE

As representatives of St Francis and St Mary's churches here in Silver End and Rivenhall, Liz and I attended a 'leading your church in growth' conference held over three days, at Great Notley church.

The 'LYCIG'' team form a charity run organisation that holds presentations around the country. They have some very amazing ideas of how we can bring the events and services that our church offers to the residents of our village. We need to let you all know that our church is very much alive and you are all very welcome to attend any of our services and events that we hold throughout the week. Even if you have not attended a church service for a while or have never been inside St Francis or St Mary's churches, you can be assured of a very warm welcome when you do feel ready and able to join us.

We joined with Rev Jonathan and Rev Noah from St Nicolas

Church in Witham to network and lots of positive discussion took place with team representatives from St Etheldreda and from St Nicolas. Churches across the county were represented all with a common goal of spreading the



Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to as many people as possible. Our own village's team vicar Rev Jane would be pleased to welcome you to any of our services, held on Sunday mornings at 9.30am, fortnightly Holy Communion services and Morning Prayer services.

St Francis church holds monthly coffee mornings, on the second Sunday of each month and some are themed, alongside, Harvest Supper, Lent Lunch, Summer cream teas and Christmas lunches. Tom and his band Break Fill Four hold their weekly rehearsals in our church on Tuesday evenings and the Silver Singers, a group of men and women join together fortnightly on a Monday evening at 7pm to 'simply sing', Please don't think that you need to

be a super singer as 'enthusiasm is more important than ability'.

Please find our facebook page 'St Francis Church' for up to date information and daily prayers and scripture passages.

Taking the Service (Matins) on 18th May I was struck by the Talk that was written for that day (5th Sunday after Easter)

A New Commandment?

Easter 5 – Sunday 18 May 2025

Readings: Acts 11 1-18; John 13 31-35

The Revd Canon Jane Richards

Lead Advisor for Training & CMD Advisor for the Barking Episcopal Area.

Our Gospel reading this week takes us back to the evening before Jesus's crucifixion as we find ourselves once more in the upper room. The disciples have shared the bread and wine that Jesus has broken and blessed. They have, perhaps somewhat awkwardly, allowed their teacher to wash their feet. Judas has left to carry out the task that he was preordained to do. The evening is drawing to its inevitable close. The disciples are no doubt weary, there will have been some stifled yawns, eyelids will be beginning to droop, and I am sure that some will be hoping that Jesus will send them on their way to bed.

But Jesus hasn't finished talking to those gathered yet. He still has some important messages to give them.

He begins to talk about what he knows will happen next. He warns his friends that he will not be with them for much longer. "Little children" he calls them, an acknowledgement perhaps of their innocence of how the night ahead is going to end, a reference to his indivisibility from the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that his disciples are as much his children as they are his heavenly Father. A reflection of his proclamation of the glorification of God through the Son of Man, the intertwining of their beings.

He tells them, quite bluntly, that they cannot follow him to the place where he is going and leaves them with a "new" commandment. But is this commandment actually new?

If we look at Leviticus 19:18 we see a form of Jesus's words "…love

your neighbour as yourself…" clearly set out as part of the laws in which the disciples, and indeed all the people of Israel, should already be abiding. Of course, we know that they are not keeping this commandment that was given to their forbearers centuries before. Throughout his ministry, Jesus is constantly pointing this out.

His teaching and his example continually lean deeply into showing what love looks like but still people don't get it!

Jesus is literally spelling it out in words of one syllable. "I love you" he says "now go and do the same, love one another and then people will know who you are, they will know that you are my disciples because of that love and the way in which you show it"

This begs the question who is "one another", similar to the question asked elsewhere in the Gospels in the account of the Good Samaritan. "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus is asked. Surely one another is everyone? Jesus doesn't put any boundaries on who we should love, he doesn't say only these people that you are ok with loving.

This is a new order of love, this is a universal love that doesn't exclude anyone on account of their identity, ethnicity, age, ability or any of the many factors we use to "other" those we fail to welcome, often because our lack of understanding feeds our fear and our fear then results in hostility.

If we turn to the passage from the Acts of the Apostles, we see this new way of love enacted through

Peter's account of his time in Joppa.

I love Peter. He gives me hope. He helps me to understand that as broken and imperfect as I am, Jesus can still use me.

Throughout the Gospels we see Peter get it wrong time and time again. But Jesus never stops loving him, he never gives up on him. Jesus takes Peter with all his flaws, with his headstrong and rash actions, and he transforms him. Through the love that Jesus pours upon him, through the witness Peter bears to Jesus's resurrection, he is transformed.

Peter no longer denies knowing Jesus, he proclaims his relationship with him loudly. Peter no longer questions Jesus, he believes everything about him, he knows that he is Lord, he knows the power of what Jesus has done on the cross, he knows

that Jesus's atoning actions were not exclusive to one group of people, they are inclusive, that there is no one who is not welcome in the fellowship of the Gospel.

So, when he is questioned as to why he has met with a group of people that others were suspicious of, Peter is able to share the revelation he has received through the Holy Spirit that nothing or no one created by God is impure. Peter is able to bear witness to the way in which the Holy Spirt has been given by God, not just to those who were part of Jesus's ministry, but to all who believe in the power of the resurrection.

In these days of global upheaval and political change there is much talk about who our neighbours are. There are shocking reports of the divisions in our society deepening, of a growth in hate crimes against those who a bitter minority of people choose to make suffer simply because of their ethnicity, faith, gender or sexuality. Our world feels like it is ever more broken, that God must be weeping for his people as they fail to truly love each other as is his command.

Our experience of one another, of our neighbour will not be the same. Some of us may have strong and caring relationships with those who live in close proximity with us. Others may respond more to the needs of the wider community, yet others to the world beyond the borders of the country in which we live. Our neighbour is that person who God places on our hearts and for whom we feel moved to help. It is the lady in the same street who has been poorly and unable to get out to do any shopping, it is the group of young people hanging around in the park who need somewhere to go in the evenings, it's the family in another continent whose home has been devastated by war. Through prayer and discernment, we will know who God is beckoning us to help in whatever way we can.

We are all children of God, fearfully and wonderfully made. We all strive to love our God with all our hearts, our minds, our souls and thus we are all accountable to our Heavenly Father to care and love for each other.

Who does Jesus command us to love? The answer is everyone, those around us, those near and far, those we know and those who are strangers. We all reflect every aspect of God's awesome creation, we are all worthy of God's love and we have all been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to share that love and see lives, and in time to see the whole world, transformed. Amen

NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY 2025 IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL

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

Present: Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Cairns, Macrae, Abbott, Wright, Prime & Hammond. Also present was our Clerk Amanda Brown. Apologies were received from our Essex County Cllr Ross Playle.

Election of Officers: Bob Turner was re-elected as Chairman, and John Macrae re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Election of Representatives: There was no change of representatives from last year.

District Councillors Report: Three Rowan trees have now been planted in the Albert Moss Playing Field using S106 monied held by BDC. In the forthcoming Local Plan Review, BDC has agreed to separate Rivenhall sites from Witham, and include them as parish sites (ie treat them the same as all other parishes): sites equivalent to under 500 hoses will be considered by BDC on 25 June, and larger sites will be considered on 24 September

Planning: At the incinerator site, Indaver has submitted a Minerals & Waste Application for further variation of conditions. Councillors unanimously agreed to call for a fresh planning application, as the repeated submissions of planning variations has left the site proposals extremely vague. James Abbott drafted a response which all agreed, and we will contact all surrounding parishes and seek them to make similar responses.

Appleford Farm: the Clerk was requested to contact BDC to request an update on their planning related enforcement investigation.

Village Green Posts: An estimate to supply and replace two broken posts was agreed: it was also agreed to purchase an additional four hardwood posts to be kept in storage for future use. We will contact BDC to see if S106 monies could be used to fund this expenditure.

Notice Board at Bluebells: Nigel Allsopp of National Highways has offered to see if S106 monies can be allocated for a new noticeboard. Cllr Macrae will meet Nigel Allsop on site to progress this.

Dates of next Meeting:

Tue 03 June 7:00 pm Henry Dixon Hall Tue 01 July 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall Tue 05 Aug 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Pentecost Bonfire

St Mary and All Saints churchyard

Sat. 7th June 2025 8pm



Come along for a celebration of Pentecost. Jacket Spuds and sausages will be served. Please let me know if you are vegetarian. Tea and coffee will be available, please bring any other drinks. There is no charge, but a charity box will be there.

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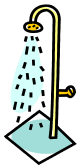
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Don't Delay Call Today

George Alfred Hope a Londoner made of the Wars (My Father)

By Peter Hope Part 3 Continued

In January 1932 my sister Winifred presented the bouquet at a party for children given by Teddy Brown (the Saxophone player) and his wife.

Soon afterwards my sister contracted diphtheria and died on the 4th of February, this was a blow to the family. Further about a month later on the 5th of March the girl I grew up with Babs Chambers died after her party dress caught fire at her 16th birthday party.

These events have always held in my mind and have very much influenced my attitude with the opposite sex feeling that they are some how fragile creatures.

This loss of my sister according to the LCC reduced our housing needs to a two bedroomed flat and we moved to East Hill Wandsworth around my 16th Birthday. Four years later we moved into a three bedroomed flat in Falmouth House and at 20 I had a bedroom to myself for the first time.

My brother Ron had been selected for a secondary school Henry Thorn South Side Clapham Common. Brother Will went to All farthing Lane School. I continued working at C F Higham where I enjoyed my work latterly in the Art and Layout department.

I had always been a member of the Co-op junior clubs at 10 or 11 I was secretary of the children's circle and at 13/14 had progressed to the teenage group. Until we moved to Wandsworth I was an active member at the RACS (Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society) in Wandsworth Road. Then I transferred my activities to the Tooting Branch; I also attended evening classes studying physical training, French and Book keeping plus other subjects. Two years running I won short bursaries to summer schools on Social and Economic subjects. All of which added up to a full and busy life.

On the Railway my father kept being made redundant, electrification was spreading in the Southern Railway London Area. He had already been moved Nine Elms Loco Sheds to Battersea and then to Victoria and then to West Croydon. Then at the end of

1933 he was told that he would have to go to Eastbourne Loco depot.

My mother and father persuaded me to apply to the Southern Railway for a clerical job so that it would be possible to live at home wherever he was. So on the 21st of March 1934 I left C F Higham with some regret and started work on the railways as a Booking Clerk.

I started work at the booking office at Putney being taught by the two class 5 clerks Reg Bridge and Sid Durkin under the overall supervision of the Chief Clerk Mr Hill. For the first 6 weeks I was paid at the probationers rate of 7s 6d a week. Then I qualified as a junior clerk being paid 17s 6d (75p today) and transferred to Queens Rd Battersea doing early and late shifts opposite Tony Soper. The stationmaster in charge was Bill Saward at Vauxhall. The main ticket sales were "Workmans" a cheap ticket which was available on trains arriving in London before 8.00 a.m.

The busiest day of the week was Thursdays when we had to pay out wages and pensions. Queens Road being very close to Stewarts Lane Depot was an convenient place resulting in some 200 pensioners calling to collect from 3d to a few shillings a week.

Whilst at Queens Rd I was sometimes sent to Waterloo Stn when heavy bookings were expected such as when there was a race meeting at Sandon Park Kempton Park Ascot and Epsom also Rugby matches at Twickenham.

The next station I worked at was Thames Ditton until late in 1935 when I was transferred to Nine Elms Goods Depot for a three year stint in the night invoice office about half a dozen young 18/20 year olds were sent together with a similar number of older men were released from what was considered in the old days a punishment. My companions were Bernard Murray, Fred Smith Henry and Albert Smith (non Identical Twins). Johnny Tarrant who soon became a close friend and we went everywhere together. We soon came under the influence of a slightly older man Cyril (known as Ted) and used to socialise together particularly in the Worcester Park area where Ted lived.

The Loves of my Life

My first girlfriend at 16yrs was Mary Collander she had flaming red hair and a temper to match. At the age of 17 I met Sylvia Young and we used to dance together at a youth club. Shortly after I joined the Southern Railway as a clerk and in 1935 went to Nine Elms to work mainly on late shifts. Sylvia saw me at weekends and then I found out she was going out with someone else in the weekday evenings when I was working so we parted.

At the age 19 I met Mollie the most important event of my life. Ted used to organise dances at the hall where the Girl Guides also met, and he ran a fancy dress dance there on 10th January 1936. Mollie and her friend Lal Phillips came dressed as babes in the wood Lal in a very short skirt and mollie in in very brief shorts which attracted my attention. I escorted her home after the dance and arranged to meet the following week, taking her to the cinema in Kingston.

She worked at the Home office and she had to work a lot of overtime all throughout the abdication crisis.

I was still working late shifts but we enjoyed each others company meeting most weekends and going to cinema, dancing, the theatre, walking and playing Whist and Bridge. We agreed that it would not be a good idea to think of Marriage too soon, and I was of the opinion that the world was not a fit place to bring children into.

On my odd weekdays off I used to go and meet her outside the Home Office in Whitehall (opposite the Cenotaph) only to be given a ticket for the public gallery at the Houses of Parliament to listen to the debate until she could get away. One favourite place for a meal was the Lyons Corner House in the Strand where we could get a three course meal for 1s 6d (going up to 1s 9d in 1938.

The years 1936-39 was a period of constant crisis what with the abdication and ever present threat of war. Nevertheless we managed to enjoy ourselves. In 1937 we went to Ventnor (IOW) on holiday and then to Mollies grand-parents at Fareham. In 1938 Mollie was ill with Glandular Fever and spent some time in Wimbledon Cottage Hospital, where I used to visit her and take

her Strawberries and Cream. Then to help her recuperate we went on holiday at Lynmouth and a week at Tintagel at a boarding house run by Mrs Wyke.

Mrs Wyke was a retired actress and widow of Bryan Wyke a well known actor and pantomime writer. She became a friend and we had several holidays there later.

Early in 1939 I transferred from Nine Elms to the Commercial Managers Office at London Bridge but didn't like it there and asked to go back to the traffic dept. and became a relief clerk covering stations in the Thames Valley and London area of the S W District of Southern Railway.

Molie and George at Lytham St Annes



Mollie went to Girl Guides Camp as usual and we had a weeks holiday together at Sidmouth and I went on for a week at the Warners Holiday Camp at Seaton.

All that week young men who were there on holiday and were TA or reservists were being called up, it was the last peace time holiday for six years.

Conscription had already begun 18 year olds for a six month period which was extended for the duration when War broke out. Everyone

was registered for military service or war work.

Things progressed slowly until Dunkerque then Mollie was evacuated to Lytham St Anne's (near Blackpool) whenever I could get a couple of days off I went to St Annes especially after the bombing raids on London started.

To be continued

Nancy May will again be performing at St Mary's Rivenhall on the 26th of September.



Following last years sell out concert at St Mary's Rivenhall we are proud to confirm that Nancy will be here in September.

Tickets for this concert will sell out fast so make sure you put the date in the your diary.

Tickets will be on general sale from the 1st of June

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

Club members met for their usual monthly meeting on Tuesday 13th May 2025. Chairman, Maurice Bacon, welcomed everyone and introduced our guest speakers, Mike Fogg and Penny McEnvoy who gave an illustrated talk about Maldon Moot Hall, `Moot' being a place for meetings. Grade 1 listed this ancient building has been variously a private house, a court room, a prison and a council chamber. It was built by Sir Robert D'Arcy MP for Maldon until 1446 and boasts a rare Newell (circular) staircase, unusually having a left hand spiral and the base of which remains in its original state,

having been sealed for many years. Mike showed us some amazing photographs of the staircase with its splendid original brick work.

After Sir Robert's death the building remained in the family until 1540-50 when it was acquired by Alderman Thomas Eve. In 1576 it was sold to Maldon Corporation for £55 whereupon it became the `Moot Hall'. The building was used as a police station between 1860-1900 and the cells and exercise yards and a dungeon can all be viewed. The original brickwork has displays of graffiti (so it isn't a new art!) and prisoners have also incised their names in the walls. The building has three floors all of which are on view including the Dickensian Court Room where you could be sentenced to transportation for stealing a loaf of bread.

There are portraits in all the rooms including one of Dr. Plume, Maldon's benefactor.. Finally there is access to the roof where you can find the Bell Tower and the set of chiming bells aligned to the clock and ringing every quarter of an hour. On a clear day the views are wonderful and you can see the tall blocks of flats on Southend sea front – 10 miles as the crow flies, 24 miles by road! Penny and Mike brought the whole evening alive with their photos and commentary, an informative and interesting evening.

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

Horticulture

1st Mike Selby (one entry)

Domestic

1st Frank Ramsden 2nd Karen Dakin 3rd Clare Ramsden

Flower of the Month

1st Cyndy Hutley 2nd Cyril Philpott 3rd Maurice Bacon

Photo of the Month

1st Jenny Claydon 2nd Frank Ramsden 3rd Jenny Turner

The Club's next meeting will be on TUESDAY 10TH JUNE at 7.30pm in RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL. Our speaker will be David Simmons who will talk about Hatfield Forest. Club competitions will be: Horticulture: any vegetable. Domestic: Lemon Drizzle Cake. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month. We welcome visitors and new members. For further information contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781.

80 YEARS: RIVENHALL CELEBRATES V E DAY

On Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May, The Rivenhall Millennium Committee put on a free afternoon of music, sounds, and songs on the village green to celebrate the liberation of Europe back in 1945.

Colourful bunting surrounded the village green, a huge marquee was erected, British and American 2nd World War military vehicles were on display. From the flagpole flew both a Union Jack and an 80-year VE Day flag, and by it were two silhouette Tommies - reminders of the great sacrifice that British and Allied forces made to secure our safe future.

Under promising, but greyish clouds, at 1:45 the RAF fly-past was over our heads on its way to Buckingham Palace - it always great to see this spectacle close-up. One of the military vehicle owners was so delighted to capture a photograph of the aircraft flying directly over his truck that he said "Wow, it was worth coming just to get that picture!"

A covered stage awaited its part, as did cream teas and a barbeque. Tables and chairs were laid out ready to receive their guests All was calm, the grey





Jackie presenting Jack Dakin with his very own set of Bagpipes

cloud dispersed, the sun shone, and the scene was set.

At 2:00 pm the first act performed from the stage - this was the

Dixilanders with their entertaining, foot-tapping jazz. The green was rapidly filling with villagers … 100 … then 200 … them more … and the sun beamed down and remained for the rest of the day. Passers-by, seeing our colourful village green, also stopped and joined us.

From the main marquee, cream teas were served, and from another big gazebo, burgers and hot-dogs were in great demand.

After 40 minutes, the Dixilanders took a break, and Jackie Allan and George Atkinson then gave everyone a variety of pipe tunes. The third act was Rivenhall's own Charlie who entertained us with an array of songs including several war-time favourites. By this time the cream teas and the burgers and hot-dogs were flying from their production lines.



Rivenhall's celebration was a free event, organised and run by the Rivenhall Millennium Committee and many willing village volunteers. All the food was kindly funded by the Henry Dixon Trust on behalf of the Rivenhall community. The mastermind behind this lovely day was Rivenhall Millennium Committee Chairman Bob Turner, ably supported by his wife Jenny.

During the event a fund-raising raffle took place, and various boxes took donations from the large charitable crowd. Rivenhall community came together.

It was great to see our Essex County Councillor Ross Playle with us, also our Parish Councillors Bob Turner, John Macrae, Jack Prime and Darrin Hammond. Another notary present was Witham West BDC Councillor Ronald Ramage who regularly supports Rivenhall events.

During the second part of the afternoon, the Dixilanders played again, then later Jackie and George. Charlie delightfully took us to close of play at 5:30 pm.

A very big thank-you to all our villagers who came along and enjoyed a very special Rivenhall celebration. And very deserving thanks to all the volunteers who served and cooked throughout the day. Also a major thank-you to all who erected the tents, the







End to End Nature Care.

Recent highlights on our weekly Wednesday evening excursions include nightingales and common cow-wheat at Danbury Common; green-winged orchids and a green dock beetle at Phyllis Currie nature reserve in Great Leighs; and barn owls around Tarecroft Wood (as well as the remains of a very old Citroen in a pond!).

All are welcome to join us on the outings: no experience is necessary, you can just come along for some fresh air and a little exercise if nothing else, though you may also see something interesting. All are free unless otherwise stated, usually if we have a guest leader. Details of forthcoming events are below.

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.

04 June 2025	18:30 for 19:00	Chigborough Lakes nature reserve, Heybridge. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm at 18:30 to car share or at 19:00 at the reserve car park on Chigborough Road (CM9 8JA or TL877086).
11 June 2025	19:00	Ambling/botany in the Sheepcote Lane area, Silver End. Meet outside the Village Hall.
18 June 2025	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).
25 June 2025	18:30 for 19:00	Roman River Valley. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm (CM8 3HQ or TL825172) to car share or at 19:00 at the north end of New Cut, Layer de la Haye (CO2 0ED or TL9702025).
02 July 2025	19:00	Summer visit to Tarecroft Wood & Rivenhall Thicks. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm. Followed by optional glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station).

Simon


All are welcome to join us for
June
Tuesday
PRAISE
12:30PM, Light Lunches available afterwards
June 3rd Marina Price
June 10th Vikki Zarb
June 17th Jonathan Pritchard
June 24th Lorna Bantock
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Churchyard Service

A service of Remembrance will be Held

On Sunday 29th June 3 p.m.

at

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Rev. Jane Quinton Will lead the service which will take place in the Church Yard

The service is for the remembrance of loved ones who have died

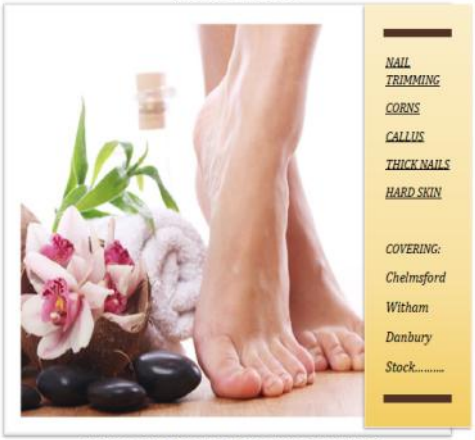
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Email parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net meets every first Tuesday		
End to End Nature Care	Simon Taylor	01621 810141
Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	Mick Marshall	512836
Meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Playing Fields Association	Mick Marshall	01376 512836
Spread Your Wings Dance Acam	Laura Pearson	01376 741317
Rivenhall Millennium Committee	Bob Turner	01376 513659

Facilities

Hire of Village Hall	email rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com	
Hire of Henry Dixon Hall	Tracy Scott	571551
Oak Store Rivenhall "Open All Hour" Tel AJ		01376 538838

Organisations in Silver End

Clerk to Parish Council	Mrs B. M. Temple	618464
Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Bowls Club	Paul Mann	07551 006906
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
Neighbourhood Watch	Judy Hill	07896 975839
Scouting Group	secretary@silverend-scouts.org.uk	
St Mary's Church (R.C.)	Vivian Phillips	583598
Tennis Club	Jason Cairns	584581
Luncheon Club	Helen Thomson	583255
Doctors Surgery		583387
Silver End Heritage Society	Jackie Nesbitt	07707 084608
Silver End United Football Club	Mark Edgell	584639 Web
Site www.silverendunitedfc.co.uk		
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