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



Photo Taken by Marie Galley on the Evening the Pentecost Bonfire, held in the church yard. Definitely one for next years Calendar. Note the un-cut grass is part of the conservation area and grasshopper runs. These date back to the time when Nigel Cooper was our Priest.

June 2026 50p

The following are our services For June 2026

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7th June 2026	**1st Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
14th June	**2nd Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

Churchyard Service June 14 th

St Mary's Church 3 pm with Chelmsford Silver Band

21st June	**3rd Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11.15 am St Mary's	All Age Service
28th June	**4th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

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‘VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES’

Catching the love’….. in the next person

I could have written about my joy at West Ham ladies staying up *hooray!… (*although I suspect by the time this magazine is published West Ham men may have gone down!) But then I heard a vicar called Dan Pierce read the following poem that he had written – and I thought, ‘actually, this has a much more important message’

So, as we look at the state of the world we are in, and following my theme of ‘catching the love’, I hope you also may find it thought-provokingly inspiring……

Love the next person.
It’s a simple refrain. A simple prayer.
It is however an incredibly tough practice.
Loving the next person we encounter.
Yet, whatever you do next, love the next person.
If you’re not sure what else faith requires.
Love the next person.
If you’re finding scripture impenetrable.
Love the next person.
If you feel like giving up.
Love the next person.
If you have no energy or strength
Love the next person.
If you’re confused about life’s next step.
Love the next person.
If you’re not sure what church is about anymore.
Love the next person.
If the world frightens and unsettles you.
Love the next person.
If you’re stuck for what to say.
Love the next person.
Whoever it may be.
Love the next person.
Whatever their issues.
Love the next person.
If they drive you up the wall.
Love the next person.
If they are busybodies and judgemental.
Love the next person.

If they are apathetic and nonchalant.
Love the next person.
If they are flippant and abrasive.
Love the next person.
If they are softly spoken or brash.
Love the next person.
If they are corporate and elitist.
Love the next person.
If they align with your values or otherwise.
Love the next person.
If they are disorganised and scatty.
Love the next person.
If they are flaky and unreliable.
Love the next person.
If they live in a way you find objectionable.
Love the next person.
If they are hostile towards you.
Love the next person.
If they are bigoted and intolerant.
Love the next person.
Our role is not to garner universal approval for our ideals.
We are to love the next person.
Our role is not to build global consensus about theology, politics and social norms.
We are to love the next person.

Lord, help us all to love the next person…..whenever, wherever, whomever they may be.

Love and God bless

Rev Jane x

‘ ‘PRAYER HOUR’ 2026

First Monday of every month

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Oct-Dec	Silver End

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Rev Jane will be running a 6-week confirmation class for all those interested in getting confirmed, or just interested to know more about the Christian faith.

It will be held at The Rectory, New Road, Terling, CM3 2PN on a Wednesday evening at 7pm.

Please contact Rev Jane if you are interested on:

revjane@withamvillages.team

Readings and Collects for June 2026

7th June 2026 — 1st Sunday after Trinity

Matins

Readings

Genesis 12: 1-9
Romans 4:13-end
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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.

14th June — 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

Genesis 18:1-15
Romans 5:1-8
Mathew 9:35-10.8

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

21st June — 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Al Age Worship

Readings

Genesis 21:8-21
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Collect
God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

28th June **4th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Readings
Genesis22:1-14
Romans 6:12-end
Mathew 10:40-end

Collect
Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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The 50/50 Club May 2026 winners

1st B Barber 2nd Tom & Keely 3rd K Spalding

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WITHAM AND VILLAGES MOTHERS' UNION

We will not be meeting in June as we will be preparing for St Nicolas Medieval Fayre which takes place
on Saturday 27th June from 2pm
If you come to the Fayre you are welcome to visit us on the cake stall
For more information contact Lynette Abbot on 01376 512586 or Janet Bentley on 01376 512828All members and friends welcome For more information contact Lynette Abbot 01376 512586

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

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…

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Rivenhall and Silver End Parochial Church Council

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Rivenhall Parish Council

Due to the Council Elections no Parish Council meeting was held this month

Note:- The following Councillors elected this year and or in previous years represent our area at County Council (Essex) and District Council (Braintree) Council contacts for our area

County Councillor

Paul Thorogood	cllr.paul.thorogood@essex.gov.uk
Ross Playle	Cllr.ross.playle@essex.gov.uk

District Councillors

James Abbott	cllr.jabbott@braintree.gov.uk
Bob Wright	cllr.bwright@braintree.gov.uk

News from the Parish of Rivenhall and Silver End

Following the APCM (Annual Parochial Council Meeting) two church wardens were appointed at St Mary & All Saints Rivenhall for the following year Marie Galley and Mike Hope with the position of deputy warden now being deleted, Denise Lane was appointed as church warden for St Francis Silver End

The position of Secretary is now vacant with Kay Spalding stepping down, if anyone would like to take on the role of secretary please speak to one of the church wardens Marie or Mike for more information about the role, a special thanks to Kay for all her years of service.

Another thanks goes to Ann Clarke who is stepping down as treasurer again for all her years of service as treasurer and church warden.

We welcome Kellie McGowan into the role of treasurer which is going to be a transitional role gradually taking on the role with help and guidance from Ann Clarke.

The secretary role is a voluntary one and it is not a requirement that you have to be a member of the Parochial

Church Council (PCC) so again if you are interested in being involved please speak to Marie or Mike for more details on what is involved.

Saturday 23rd May was the annual Pentecost bonfire service:

Held within the churchyard a very enjoyable evening with food and wonderful time for fellowship and sparklers which saw just under 40 people attending.(see photos)

The internal plasterwork to the south wall which was crumbling away due to damp is now nearing completion thanks go to Lodge and Son for a great job.

As the saying goes “back by popular demand” which it definitely is, after being asked lots of times when will the next Nancy May concert be we can now announce Nancy May will be back at St Mary & All Saints church Rivenhall on the 8th May 2027 a definite date for your diaries watch this space for further announcements about ticket sales.



For those who haven’t heard of Nancy, Nancy May is a classical soprano who studied at the Royal Northern College of Music. She is highly regarded for her versatility, performing across iconic venues and touring as a special guest with tenor Russell Watson. (see photo)







A Joyful Afternoon at the

The Pentecost bonfire was to say the least starling this year talk about a rushing of wind and flame the very essence of what Pentecost is about.

St Francis Pet Service

The annual **Pet Service** at St Francis Church, Silver End, took on a fresh feel this year as it moved from its usual October date to **Sunday 10 May**. The hope was for kinder weather — and although the afternoon carried a chill, the clouds eventually parted just enough for the sun to bless our decision to hold the service outdoors.

Four Dogs, Four Stories

Our four canine guests brought charm, character, and plenty of smiles:

- **Millie** — enjoying a little holiday with Susan while her owners were away, taking in the service with calm curiosity.
- **Twiggy** — proudly accompanied by Sharon, while her younger "brother" Ralph stayed home with Allan.
- **Rufus** — a seasoned church attendee with Antony, who spent much of the afternoon showing gentle affection toward Millie.
- **Patch** — the newest resident of the village, fostered by Annette and soon to be adopted by her family. Patch's story touched every heart: rescued just hours before his life was due to end after his previous owner passed away, he is still nervous but blossoming beautifully in his loving new home.

Finley and Alysa also brought along a **picture of their new chicks**, who were far too tiny to brave the brisk air but still very much part of the celebration.

Music, Blessings, and Community

Rev Jane offered a warm blessing to each pet, and we extend heartfelt thanks to **Antony** for his wonderful keyboard accompaniment, which added a gentle, joyful rhythm to the afternoon.

After the service, pets and owners alike were welcomed into the church for **tea, coffee, biscuits, and cake** — a cozy end to a delightful gathering.

Join Us Next Year

Whether you bring a pet, borrow a pet, or simply come along for the fellowship, next year's service promises to be just as uplifting. And of course, you're always welcome at **any of our Sunday services at 9.30am**.

We look forward to seeing you — and your furry, feathered, or borrowed companions.

- **Denise**









All Age Service by Peter Hope

As a long time serving member of Rivenhall Church I am very pleased and proud that Jane has made great strides in bringing new younger families into our congregation.

My wife Clare who died in 2019 was very keen on bringing Children to the Church and ran the Sunday school for many years. Then together with Emmelia Van De Velt ran the Junior choir. During her illness and then during covid these activities fell by the wayside and it is marvelous to see a resurgence young families attendance, bought about by the third Sunday "All Age Service. Well Done Jane! below are some pictures of crafting activities which have formed part of the All age service:-









Quiz Night

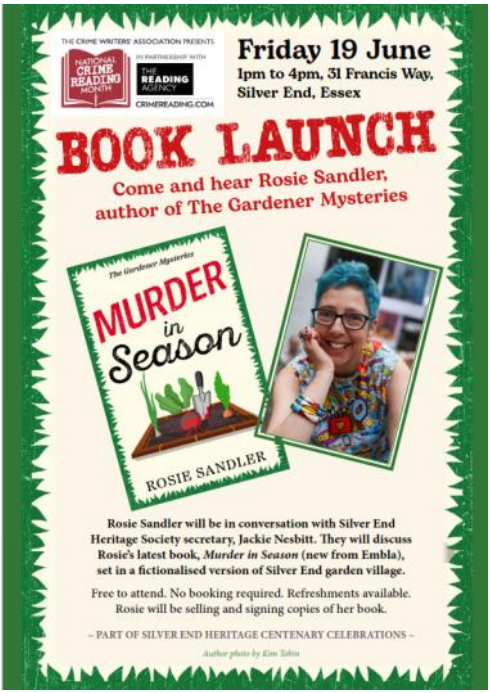


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Churchyard Service

A service of Remembrance will be Held

On Sunday 14th June 3 p.m.

at

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June

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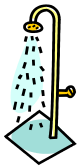
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Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

This month we are going back to 1935 'Rivenhall Parish Magazines'. This covered at the time Parish Church = St. Mary and All Saints, Rivenhall and Mission Church = St. Francis, Silver End. These were kindly passed to me by a friend a few years ago for my history collection.

The magazine at that time was one sheet of paper folded in the centre and printed on all sides. They were printed by J. H. Clarke & Co., Printers and I am sure many of you will remember the wonderful shop they use to have in Chelmsford at 2 Exchange Way from 1971 and I spent many a lunch time browsing around! They started their business in 1870 not far away from Exchange Way in Union Yard, Tindal Street. When they closed in 2003 they were Chelmsford oldest established independent store at that time. They also had a shop in Witham and Maldon.

The Rector was Rev. A. A. Hunt, M.A., Phone number Witham 71.

On the front page of each magazine states the services and times:

Sunday Services:

8 am Holy Communion on the 2nd/4th/5th at Parish Church and 1st/3rd at the Mission Church.

11am Sung Eucharist and Sermon every Sunday at the Parish Church

2.30pm Children Services or Sunday Schools at both Churches

6.30pm Evening Pray and Sermon at the Mission Church

Weekday Services:

7.30am Holy Communion on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Parish Church and at the same time on a Wednesday at the Mission Church.

Also on greater Saints Days. On Saturdays these Services are at 8am and during School holidays the Services at the Parish Church are at 8am.

Also the front gave all the information you required at that time: During 1935 they had a great supported Mothers' Union. The enrolling Member was Mrs. Hunt at the Rectory and had a quarterly magazine.

Rivenhall Church of England School: Head Mistress, Miss Chapman,

School House, Infant Mistress, Mrs Finch, Boars Tye Road, Silver End. Assistant Mistress, Mrs. Wyard from Witham.

Organist – Mr. Andrews, Easton Road, Witham

Church Warden – Mr. D. Shelley, London Rd, Rivenhall End

Representatives on the Witham Ruri-Decanal Conference – Miss Chapman, Mrs. Finch, Mrs Hunt.

Elected Members of the Parochial Church Council – Mr. Bowhill, Rivenhall End. Mr. Bedford, Silver St, Silver End. Mrs. Campbell, Ivy Cottage, Rivenhall End. Mrs. Pasfield, St. Francis Way, Silver End. Mr. Gurton, Church Rd, Rivenhall. Mr. Rodwell, Silver St, Silver End. Mr. A. Scott, Rivenhall Fields.

Sidemen – Mr. Upson, Church House, Rivenhall. Mr. Wilshire, Grooms Lane, Silver End.

Servers – G. Stevens, F. Balls, K. Sutton, P. Gurton, R. Hubbard,

E. Richardson, A.M.F. Hunt, P.A.A. Hunt.

District Nurse – Nurse Scrivener, Temple Lane, Silver End. Phone number Silver End 42.

Church Caretaker – Mr. Upson, Church House, Rivenhall.

Out of that year I have 4 (or I should say 3½ as the front and inner pagers are missing) June/August/October and the half is December.

We will start of course with June 1935: First the Saint Days and Holy Days for that month:- St. Nicomede, Ascension, St. Boniface, Vigil(s), Whitsunday (and Mon/Tues) Ember Day(s), Trinity Sunday, St. John Baptist, St. Peter and Paul, Visitation.

This is one of the articles from this issue:

Last Month will for long be memorable because of the Jubilee Celebrations of the 25th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Majesty King George V. How fortunate we were in the weather that day wed did not perhaps realise until after it was all over. Since then we have suffered on of the worst May frosts within memory, and the summer has seemed long delayed. The whole of the arrangements for the Jubilee Celebrations were in the hands of the Committee formed at ta public meeting held in Witham Public Hall in March. The writer with others was elected on that committee but owing to some oversight was not notified of meetings. The Urban District of Witham was divided into three separate districts – Witham, Rivenhall North and Rivenhall South and each district was asked to form a subcommittee for the purpose of carrying out the

plans proposed at the public meeting. In some ways it would have been better had we had a separated Parish Council, as of old, to arrange out plans as we might have been able to elect a more representative committee for ourselves. Our thanks are due to the ladies committee and to Mrs. Bradhurst for the excellent arrangements for the teas. Of the sports committee five members never attended meetings or came to help on the day itself, and in consequence the work fell entirely on the Rector and his eldest son, who were most ably assisted by voluntary helpers. In the end the day turned out most enjoyable and was a very happy gathering. At Silver End, which was included in Rivenhall North, the committee ably carried out their duties. At both centres of the parish the day's festivities began with a Service of Thanksgiving held in the open air and each case the school children formed a choir. The Church's Service of Thanksgiving took place on the Sunday following and there was a large congregation, among whom was a detachment of Girl Guides from Silver End Company.

We now learn that there were 2 Baptisms in the month before:

May 19th: John Herbert Fowles and May 26th Sheila Mary Wade.

They also gave us some historical Registers:

1929 Baptisms: 3rd Feb. Nancy Doreen Gurton. 5th May. Maurice Vernon George Gardiner.

1929 Marriages: 21st Sept. John Cecil Harding Payne and Doris Jane Sutton. 14th Dec. Ernest George Murton and Florence Evelyn Garwood.

1932 Baptisms: 20th March. Derek John Gilder and Donald Malcomb Pennock. 17th April. Brian Neale Turkentine and Donald Alfred Wade. 24th April. John Charles Pasfield and Aubrey Kenneth Clarke. 8th May. Brenda May Robinson/Joan Evelyn Robinson and Margaret Rose Fitch. 14th May. Kenneth John Jackson. 19th June. Margaret Ann Searles. 4th Sept. Peter John Williamson/Kenneth John Bradford and Frederick Arthur Wade. 18th Sept. Clifford Gerald Heard/Margaret Elizabeth Devine and Pamela Mary Coles. 25th Sept. Edgar Smith. 13th Nov. Peter Stanley Dawson. 18th Dec. Muriel Elizabeth Finch and Jim Smith.

1932 Marriages: 4th June. Frederick Riches and Ellen Elizabeth Maloney. 25th Sept. William James Pool and Mona Adelaide Emily Maloney.

We now move onto August 1935 and the Saint Days and Holy Days for Month: St. Peter's Chains or Lammas Day, VII Trinity, The Transfiguration, The Holy Name, St. Lawrence, VIII Trinity, Assumption Days, St. Bartholomew, St. Augustine, Beheading of St. John Baptist and St. Giles.

This month is chiefly memorable for the wedding of Alfred George Turner and Marjorie Florence Whyard which took place at Kelvedon on July 8th. Alfred Turner has for years past been a great help to the Church, not only by serving as Sideman and on the Parochial Church Council, when able to do so, but by his regular and constant assistance at the Sunday worship. We wish both of them long years of happy married life and the success of their business venture.

I should also wish to draw attention to a record, not given elsewhere in the Magazine, of the entering into rest of Eliza Harris Hazelwood who was buried in this Churchyard on March 30th, 1931. Mrs. Hazelwood was always a devoted worshipper and helper in the Church. She was one of those who assisted in making the Vestments for the Parish Church in 1921 and later on for St. Francis Mission Church.

And we also should remember with thankfulness William and Ada Mildred Stevens who were together laid to rest in this Churchyard on December 7th 1931. They were indeed true and devoted servants of Christ's Holy Catholic Church and worshipped with us for many years, though living in Witham. I know well that their memory is cherished by many in this parish and in them the writer lost both friend and councillor. May they rest in peace.

Registers for both Churches for July 1935:

Burial: 15th July. Eileen Florence Sheldrake, aged ten weeks. On the same day: John Richardson aged 67.

Baptism: 7th July. Betty May Bibby.

Historical Registers for both Churches:

1931 Baptisms: 11 Jan. Dennis Gordon Murton, 10th May. John William Gladwell, 19th April. Kenneth Leslie Izard. 14th June. June Rose Clark of Romford.

1931 Marriage: 2nd May. Alfred Kemp and Minnie Lilian Shelley.

1934 Baptisms: 30th May. Jean Margaret Wright. 24th June Adam Lindsay Gordon. 28th Oct. Anthony Albert Wade. 18th Nov. Sybil Olive Smith. 25th Nov. Freda Elizabeth Berry and Marie Gloria

Turkentine.

1934 Marriages: 6th Jan. Harry Fitton and Nesta Elizabeth Jagger. 8th Dec. Leslie Howard Brown and Gladys Mary Roberts.

Now we look at October 1935 and the Saint Days and Holy Days for the month: S. Remigius, S. Francis, St. Faith, St. Denys, St. Etheldreda, St Luke, St. Crispen, St. Simon and Jude, All Saints, All Souls, Trinities and Vigil Days.

The Parish Church

Our Harvest Festival was somewhat spoilt by a wet day but there was a very good congregation in the morning. In the evening the preacher was the Rev. W. Hatton Davies, Assistant Priest of the Cathedral Church at Chelmsford. The fruit and vegetables from the decorations are being given to the Diocesan Maternity Home at Coggeshall. Our thanks are due to those who gave towards these decorations, either of their times or substance.

Historical Registers for both Churches:

1933 Baptisms: 1st Jan, Faith Mary Murton. 16th April, Joan Louisa Carrington. 5th Nov, Allan Thomas Succamore. 12th Nov, Shelia Frances Bright.

1933 Marriages: 17th April, Albert George Freestone and Bessie Wagstaff

30th Dec, Henry Charles Iron and Ethel Dorothy Webb.

As I said at the earlier I have only half of the December 1935 magazine and this gives us a good glimpse of village life of that time.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union have achieved on of their desires, in the successful effort to provide themselves with a Banner. We congratulate them on their success and also on the beauty of the Banner which now adorns the Chancel of the Parish Church (no longer there). On Friday, November 29th, twelve members from Rivenhall Parish attended at a Diocesan Service held in the Cathedral when Mrs. Woods, the Central President of the Mothers' Union addressed representatives from all branches in the Diocese. The Banner was used for the first time at this Service, which was one of those gatherings at which it is customary to carry banners belonging to the various branches. The bearers were Mrs. Murton, Mrs. A. Whybrew and Mrs. Wilshire.

At the Morning Service on Advent Sunday the Banner was blessed and dedicated by the Rector. The Banner, which is painted on specially woven material of buff colour, is edged with blue and gold and backed by blue had a figure of the Blessed Virgin holding in her arms the infant Saviour. The central figure is flanked on either side with Madonna Lilies and at the foot is the name of the parish to which the branch belongs. The whole is mounted on pole and cross-bar which are in convenient sections for packing.

St. Francis Mission Church

Worshippers at St. Francis will be relieved to hear that the heating apparatus is now in good working order. We apologise for the failure of the heating for the past few Sundays and for the discomfort not only of the cold, but of the fumes which pervaded the Church. The casue was eventually traced to a number of starling's nests-at least three-which were lodged in the chimney. We do hope that the discomfort of the past may have no ill effect on the numbers attending the Evening Services. We have been, all of us, much encouraged by the larger congregations which have helped to make the Services brighter and more dignified.

We end with Parish Registers from both Churches for 1935:

Baptisms: 3rd Nov, John Walford Cole and John Steele Charlton. 26th Nov, Shirley Cathcart.

Burials: 13th Nov, Henry Clarke aged 87. 23rd Nov, Daisy Annie Scott aged 47.

There were other articles in these magazines, but space in the magazine would not allow me to cover all of them. I will come back to a couple of them in future End to End magazines.

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB May 2026

Members greatly enjoyed a visit to Blunts Hall Gardens in Witham on 12th May. This was our second visit and it did not disappoint. The hospitable owners continue to work on the large garden and it did indeed look wonderful with many trees and shrubs in full bloom. The visit was rounded off with a delicious cream tea. The next evening meeting of the Club will be on **Tuesday 9th June,7.30pm in** Rivenhall Village Hall. Our speaker will be Nick Wickenden who is the Museum Curator at

Wilkins & Sons in Tiptree, known of course for their quality strawberries and award winning jams,etc. He will give an illustrated talk on the beginnings of the Company to the present

day. Competitions will be Horticultural: Any vegetable. Domestic: Lemon Drizzle Cake. Pot Plant of the Month. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month. Entrance is £3 to include refreshments. There is a Bring and Buy table and a raffle. All are welcome. For further information contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781.

The Great Glen Way (March 2026) Continued from the April Edition



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

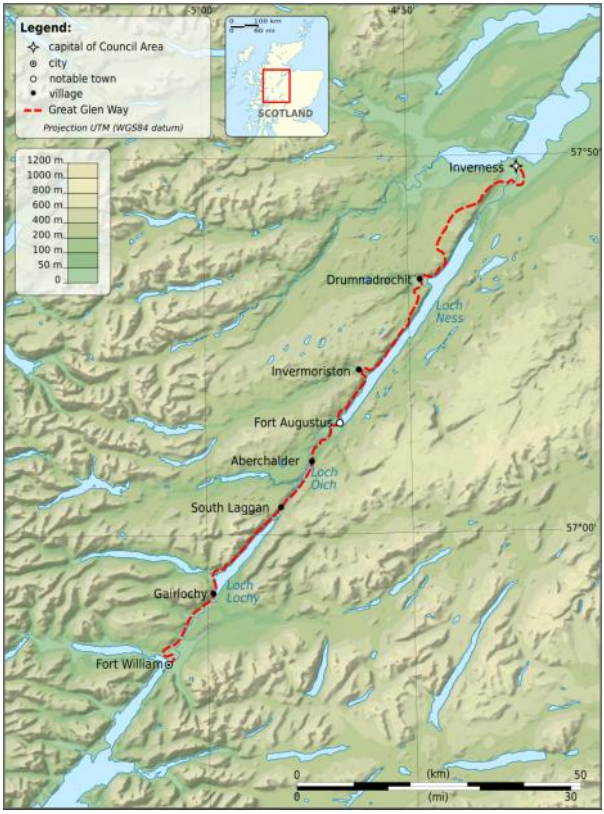
Drum has in the past been a nice little town close to Loch Ness and including the Loch Ness (Monster) visitor centre with history of the Monster, which was reputedly first sighted by Saint Columba in 565 AD. Facts about Loch Ness for future quizzes
Length 22.5 Miles. Depth 745 feet it is the deepest freshwater lake (Loch in the UK) and contains more fresh water than all the lakes in the United kingdom combined. A random fact is you could put the population of the world 10 times over inside Loch Ness.
Below is a map of the GGW starting at Fort William and ending in Inverness the route is navigable due to the Caledonia Canal that links sections along the route.



I Mentioned earlier that we stayed at the Annacraig, lodges at a place called Benoit. This had the advantage of being right on



the Great Glen Way enabling us to walk in the reverse direction back to Invermoriston this was our day 6 (Thursday 19th March) This route presents wonderful views of Loch Ness and walks in the woods along the way. (Pictures shown below), also about a mile on the way towards Invermoriston is the Loch Ness Clay works and Pottery (see Picture later) which sells some beautiful unique items of pottery and also makes an excellent Coffee and Cake (Picture below). On this section of the walk, we came across a small (Habitable?) Cave with some very interesting Items collected on the seat including a hard hat. We now come to Day 7 Friday 20th of March, while the guide book makes this a 19 mile walk all the way into Inverness many people ourselves included decide to split the walk into two 9-10 mile sections. We had already made the acquaintance of a lovely lady with a private hire Taxi service who had driven us from Drum back to Anncaraig the day before.







View of Loch Ness from the Woodland path between Benoit and Invermoriston and the Pottery Tea Rooms at Grotaig

We decided to park at the Loch Ness Experience (Visitor Centre in Drum) and walk from there to Abriachan, this is a gently rising path that ends up above the tree line. It was a lovely day as you will see from the picture below with extensive views along Loch Ness. Eventually around 3.30 in the afternoon we arrived at the Picnic Site near Abriachan and called our Taxi lady, she arrived about 30 minutes later.







Day 8 the view as Inverness comes into view

Day 8 Saturday (21st of March) (our last day) a dry but somewhat cloudy day Ideal for walking. We drove back to the road out of Abriachan picnic site and parked the car in a remote but convenient spot and set off on the last leg to Inverness.

The path here follows a ridge towards Inverness at a height of about 180 ft gently sloping down as you approach Inverness. (Picture above). The final part of the walk begins at Craig Dunnan upper Reservoir.

It was on this leg that we began to meet people walking dogs and generally out for a stroll. As Inverness came into view we came upon a man who was saving Toads and Frogs! there were literally hundreds of them everywhere as mentioned this was at Craig Dunnan upper Reservoir. Much to my surprise the walk into Inverness was a very pleasant riverside walk along the River Ness. The Caledonian Canal branches away to the North and enters the sea into Beauly Firth. Inverness really is a lovely City.

Finally, we made it to the Castle Tavern opposite the Castle below which is appropriately recognised as the end of the Great Glen Way and where you can receive your certificate of completion.





Our favourite pub the Loch Ness Inn where we had a fun Saturday night.



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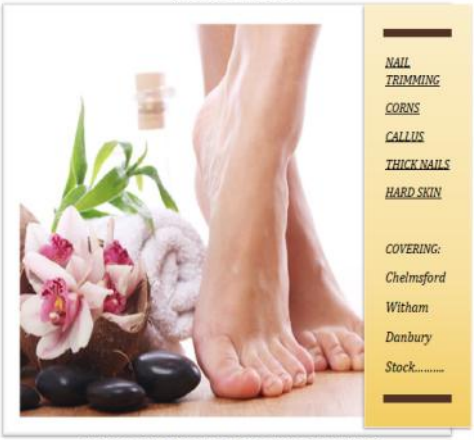



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DATE	**TIME**	**ACTIVITY**
03 June	18:30 for 19:00	Lexden Park Nature Reserve, Colchester. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 at the reserve car park off Church Lane, Lexden (CO3 4AA or TL971250).
10 June	18:30 for 19:00	Maldon to Beeleigh Falls waterside amble. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 in Maldon Tesco car park (CM9 4LE or TL849076).
17 June	18:30 for 19:00	Goldhanger for coastal surveying. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 outside the Chequers Inn (CM9 8AS or TL904088).
24 June	18:30 for 19:00	Stisted, to sample the River Blackwater. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm at 18:30 to car share or at 19:00 at All Saints' Church Stisted (CM77 8AW or TL798246). On street parking.
01 July	19:00	Tarecroft Wood and Rivenhall Thicks. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm, Rickstones Road. Followed by optional glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station).
08 July	19:00 for 19:30	Summer Social at Stovern's Hall Farm (CM8 3HQ or TL825172). Bring a bottle and/or nibbles.
15 July	19:00	Ambling around White Notley. Meet at the entrance to the sewage works (CM8 1RS or TL787184). Followed by optional glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station)
N.B. Some details may change. If you are unsure of specifics for any activity, please call Simon on 07947 388180. Any evenings with a guest guide/expert may involve a small donation, usually £2.00 per person.		
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