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



Did anyone see a display like this in July?

August 2019 50p

Our Services August 2019

4th August 2019	**7th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St. Francis	Holy Communion
11.00 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
11th August 2019	**8th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St. Francis	Morning Prayer
11.00 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
18th August 2019	**9th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11.00 am St Mary's	Matins
25th August 2019	**10th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11.00 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

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Monthly musings from your Team Vicar.

As I write for August, it has occurred to me that this is the last month of the metrological summer, and that next month being September will officially see the beginning of autumn. And indeed, by the time you are reading this, there will probably be just under five months until Christmas. Once I realised this, I found myself asking once more 'where does all the time go?' But before we get too disheartened by the seemingly ever faster speeding passage of time, there's still a whole month of summer for us to enjoy; and with any luck we may also have some wonderful weather in September or even October.

For many people the summer can be a favourite time to enjoy being outdoors, and that can mean barbecues or simply eating 'al fresco'. So I suppose that's one thing that both the summer and the festive period have in common. Both can, in slightly different ways be associated with lovely food. But speaking of food, my wife recently purchased some very large bags of vegan mixed sweets for us to share. You know – the sort of things like 'flying saucers', 'gummy shapes', multi-coloured 'boots laces', and bons bons. So I said to her – "why did you buy those?; because you know I'll only end up eating some of them!" Now you might now be thinking – well of course, what else would you do with them? But what I mean is, that they are so yummy, it can sometimes be difficult to stop once one starts munching! Not good for someone who is hoping to shift a lb or two before the autumn arrives, and as these are really aimed at adults who remember indulging on this sort of thing as a child, the quality of these sweets is absolutely superb!

So can we sometimes have too much of a good thing? Well for most things, yes. For even things which are considered super healthy (never mind sweets!), don't always do us good if we have too much of them at once. But what about our prayer lives? Well that's probably one of the few things which we can't easily over indulge in. For people who regularly worship together – this often being weekly, it really can provide a sense of the presence of God in our daily lives. Indeed, over the years I have frequently heard people say that the hour or so which they spend in church on a Sunday can really set them up for the week. It can be a time for many people, to feel as though they can truly give themselves permission to just 'be'. That is be still, and wait on God's presence (cf: Psalm 46:10), without feeling as though they need to be 'doing' anything else. Gathering week after week in church also provides us with the opportunity to bring to the Lord any significant areas of our lives,

and to consciously receive his love. It's also often an opportunity to share in Holy Communion, and to share in fellowship with one another as well. And as we go back to daily life over the week ahead, to know that God goes with us in all that we do. And further – if we consciously commit to daily prayer, this can nourish our spiritual lives between the times we gather together.

Over the summer, many people will either go away on holiday, or otherwise have days out and about. So if you find yourself travelling to a new location over the summer months. Be that for a week, a day. Overseas or at home: if you should come across one, why not pop in to have a look around the local church or maybe cathedral at the place where you're visiting? And if you are going away and your time will go across a Sunday, why not check out the local church before you leave, and perhaps go along to the weekly service wherever you're going. Whatever we're doing in life, and wherever we go, God is there to walk alongside us and to be our life-long companion and friend.

There are all sorts of things we can potentially over indulge in over the summer months. Be that too much time in the sun (so don't forget to wear sun cream!), ice cream, or even too many delicious sweets whilst looking out of the window at the sunset when you're writing a parish magazine article! But it's almost impossible to over indulge in consciously spending time with God. So whatever the last month of the summer brings you. May you know God's loving presence with you, wherever you go and whatever you do.

Paul Watkin.

The 50/50 Club July 2019 winners

1st Dennis Clarke 2nd Ann Riddlestone 3rd John Bonwick

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From the Registers July 2019

Funerals

27 June 2019 Mary Magdalen Blackaby

Baptisms - None

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Collects and Readings August 2019

4th August 7th Sunday after Trinity

All Age Worship (Holy Communion St Francis)

Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11th August 8th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (Morning Prayer St Francis)

Readings

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18th August 9th Sunday after Trinity

Matins (HC St Francis)

Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,

and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion (MP St Francis)
Readings
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17
Collect
Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

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RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2ND JULY 2019

AT RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. Abbott (Chairman), Wright, A'Lee, Cairns, Elliott, Prime and Turner.

Also present: Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

Public Forum

The following matter was brought to members' attention:

Grass cutting on the Albert Moss Playing Field required during the week commencing 20th July prior to the RPFA fete on 27th July – BDC to be asked to arrange a cut.

Matters for discussion

Replacement of posts on the Village Green

The maintenance contractor has agreed that he can replace a dozen posts at the same price as last year. BDC has agreed to reimburse 60% of the cost again. It was **unanimously agreed** that this action be taken.

CCTV cameras

An approach has been made to BDC for the possible purchase of 2 mobile CCTV cameras for use within Rivenhall Parish to monitor for fly-tipping. BDC officers are hoping to secure a discount for the parish council via their suppliers. This matter to be further considered at the August meeting.

Possible land for social housing at Stoverns Hall Farm

An informal meeting with a local land agent was held on Friday 21st June at Henry Dixon Hall. There was a discussion regarding the possible availability of a parcel of land within Rivenhall for a limited number of affordable dwellings for local people. No decisions or formal proposals were made by either party and parish councillors emphasised that until the Local Plan was decided, which includes bids for several very large developments near Rivenhall, this matter could not be progressed.

Co-option procedures

The Clerk had produced a briefing document on this subject and a copy had been given to each councillor prior to this meeting. The co-option procedure followed at the June meeting was in accordance with the relevant legislation, Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act 1985.

Cllr. Turner asserted that both the Chairman and the Clerk had misled the council regarding the co-option procedure. He made further related allegations about the Chairman. Cllr Turner was asked for evidence to back his allegations but provided none.

Possible joint working with Silver End & Cressing Parish Councils

This suggestion has come from SEPC with the idea that joint liaison meetings, other than normal council meetings, could possibly be held every six months. It was **agreed with one abstention** this be initiated, starting Autumn 2019.

Highways & PRoW matters

Proposed diversion of F/path 60, Rivenhall – it was agreed that Cllr. Cairns report to the Clerk all the footpath issues relating to the Bellway developments so that these can be referred to them for comment and reinstatement.

Highways England had informed the Chairman that they have technology that alerts them when the HDR/A12 pump fails and they deploy resources accordingly to investigate/rectify the issue. HE have been reminded that whilst they have said several times in recent years that the pump issues were dealt with, flooding in the underpass continues to take place.

The following highways issues were also raised and appropriate action will be taken where relevant:

- The Oak junction potholes – some have been repaired but others left.

- Essex Police ran a speed check in the village recently and issued several speeding tickets.
- The overgrown hedge along Oak Road has now been cut back.
- The Rickstones Road footways have been submitted to ECC for vital improvement work.
- Diverted public footpath 59 improvement - defects are to be reported to ECC.
- Oak Road/Henry Dixon Road improvements are still to be programmed by ECC (post meeting note – ECC have now confirmed dates for the work to be done in 2 stages).

General Maintenance

The maintenance contractor will be requested to repair the broken chain along the Village Green boundary with Church Road.

Cllr. Turner is in contact with Greenfields regarding the damaged post on the small Village Green.

Planning Applications

19/01005/HH: 1 Waterfall Cottages, Park Road – Single storey conservatory.

(The Chairman left the meeting during the discussion of this item and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.)

Members raised no objection to this application.

19/01036/HH: 128 Oak Road – Two storey rear/side extension.

Members raised no objection to this application.

Planning Results

19/00644/HH: 1st floor rear extension etc – 4 Foxmead, Rivenhall End.

Application granted by BDC.

19/00844/PDEM: Prior notification re demolition of derelict building – Kelvedon Park, London Road.

Prior approval not required by BDC.

Ongoing Planning Issues

BDC Local Plan

A further public consultation process is anticipated to commence during August lasting through September 2019.

Colemans Quarry

There was a site liaison meeting in June but at very short notice;

longer notice of such future meetings has been requested.

Braintree District Local Highways Panel (BDLHP)

Resulting from the meeting on 20th June 2019:

⇒ The Colemans Bridge 30mph scheme request was rejected;

⇒ The re-alignment of the Morrisons roundabout in Witham will likely not go ahead and it is hoped funding can be used instead to provide for a zebra crossing near the Conrad Road/ Rickstones Road junction to serve the schools there.

⇒ The Chairman reported that following a further meeting at County Hall, ECC now fully recognises the need for the installation of two interactive (laser triggered) HGV signs warning of the low bridge along Oak Road, Rivenhall End. One sign is planned to be on Church Road and the other on Rickstones Road near the junction with Beech Road.

Correspondence

* BDC has initiated a consultation process regarding its Corporate Strategy 2020/2024; posters have been displayed and residents are encouraged to take part in the online consultation process.
* The RCCE 2019 AGM to be held on Wednesday 10th July at Chelmsford City racecourse.
* A request had been received from a local resident that a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) be requested on a mature Walnut Tree near the northbound A12. It was **unanimously agreed that** BDC be requested to grant this TPO.

Dates of future meetings

Tuesdays 6th August at Rivenhall Village Hall and 3rd September at Henry Dixon Hall, both starting at 8pm.

Summer Pizza

As I write this we are experiencing extremely high temperatures! Any one that knows me knows that this is not my favourite weather, but even those of you who love it do not want to spend a lot of time cooking! Here is an idea for an easy meal that you can adapt for anyone who does not like salad! Leave them to do their own!!

Set Oven to Gas 7, 220 C or fan 200

Buy a packet of puff pastry and roll it out not too thin. You are going to cut it into squares or rectangles, or triangles….. then with a little

paring knife score a border around each piece, brush the edges with beaten egg, and put on greaseproof paper on a baking tray. Cook in lower part of oven for 20-25 minutes.

Now you have the bases for individual summer pizzas.

1. Put some ricotta cheese in a bowl, add seasoning to taste. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and stir. Add chopped spring onions, parsley, or whatever you like to spice it up. Put the ricotta mix onto a slice of pastry. Add whatever you like, sliced tomatoes, cucumber.
2. You could make a quick rose marie sauce: (I use this for a dip) Tablespoon of tomato sauce mixed with a tablespoon of Mayonnaise. Try not to eat it all before you spread this on a slice of the pastry. Then simply add ready cooked prawns available in every food store, add salad, and enjoy.
3. Slice cooked chicken breast straight on to the pastry add your salad, and cover with salad cream, sour cream, French dressing and enjoy
4. Spread tomato puree over the pastry, add grated cheese, ham etc etc.

You can pop this into the oven for 5 minutes to enjoy as a hot pizza.

Add a jacket potato for the hungrier members of the family!

The ideas are endless.

Then – pudding – ice cream and fruit, just fruit, chocolate spread, I like orange marmalade!

Enjoy the summer!!

Ann

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Sky Notes August 2019

Skies were largely clear, if a little hazy, for the partial eclipse of the Moon on the 16th July. At the peak of the eclipse just over half of the Moon was in the Earth's central shadow (the umbra) as shown in the image taken locally. Sometimes the eclipsed part of the Moon is a deep red or orange colour but this eclipse was very dark. Some light from the Sun is refracted through the Earth's atmosphere on to the surface of the Moon during an eclipse but the amount depends on the conditions in our atmosphere at the time.

Every August the Perseid meteor shower peaks. It is the best known shower as it falls during a holiday period when it is usually fairly mild

at night allowing more people to see it. This year the peak is expected in the early morning of the 13th but Full Moon takes place on the 15th so bright moonlight will drown out most of the meteors. However the Perseids are active for several weeks, albeit at lower rates, so some may still be seen.

Summer twilight ended in late July and so there are a few hours of darker starry skies in early August, expanding to about 6 hours at the end of the month. In the last week of August the Moon has left the late evening skies and there are about 2 hours before midnight to enjoy stargazing. In the West the bright star Arcturus is sinking lower. High in the South the "Summer Triangle" of the bright stars Vega, Deneb and Altair are at their best. In the East the familiar "W" pattern of Cassiopeia is rising and beneath it the constellation of Perseus. This is a good area to sweep with binoculars as it is rich in stars and star clusters.

Both of these constellations were among the 48 listed by the 2nd-century Greek astronomer Ptolemy. Today we have 88 constellations though the boundaries of them on the sky were only set as recently as 1930. In the centuries before that a number of constellations came and went as astronomers invented new ones or broke up old ones. Very few constellations look anything like what they are supposed to represent – which includes a grand total of 14 men and women, 9 birds, 2 insects, 19 land animals, 10 water creatures, 2 centaurs, a head of hair, a serpent, a dragon, a flying horse, a river and assorted objects !



Jupiter and Saturn remain prominent in the South during the late evenings of August. On the evening of the 9th the waxing gibbous Moon is close by Jupiter and on the 12th and 13th the Moon will be close to Saturn.

Sky Watcher

End to End Nature Care.

At the time of writing we are experiencing the record high June temperatures and who knows what to expect over the coming weeks as far as the weather is concerned? There is still an entire Ashes cricket series to be played this summer so there will undoubtedly be some days of rain.

Despite occasional heavy downpours, evidence of which can rapidly vanish through a combination of run-off, soak-away and evaporation, many ponds can seem to dry out almost entirely in prolonged warm, dry weather and with last winter having been relatively dry too this has become exacerbated this summer. It was clearly evidenced to us on a recent visit to Wilson Kerr's relatively new pond at Stovern's Hall Farm, which had no standing water in it at all, the deepest section of the pond merely being demonstrated by an area of slightly lush vegetation. While this can look rather drastic, anybody with a modicum of experience with ponds, particularly woodland and moorland ponds, can testify that it is far from unusual. It will of course influence the fauna and flora of the pond but many pond specialist organisms have evolved strategies to cope with such fluctuations in habitat and would not be able to compete with other organisms if there were not periods without standing water.

Many adult insects, even those which live principally underwater such as backswimmers and water beetles, can simply fly away to find another water body. Many young amphibian vertebrates will have had sufficient time to metamorphose to such a degree that they can survive out of water, while numerous larval insects which have reached the pupal stage and hence no longer be reliant on open water. Some non-annual insect nymphs, notably those of dragonflies, can survive in just damp conditions such as those which may be present at the base of the lush patch in Wilson's pond or at the bottom of the desiccation cracks which tend to form in the drying sediments of the pond bed, as can a few other invertebrates such as some snails and worms. Some will not survive though and the species will have to recolonise the pond in order to inhabit it again when water reappears. Any fish will certainly not survive dry spells and hence are unlikely to be found in ponds which dry out with any degree of regularity.

It is all part of a natural cycle though and as Wilson discovered when he first created the pond, the creatures that inhabit such environments are rapid colonisers and hence can re-establish very readily. Indeed it is very interesting to make a regular study of

such cycles, as we have done with this particular site, and to note the species which colonise and flourish very quickly, only to be succeeded by others which may appear less quickly but can nevertheless out-compete the early pioneers and rapidly replace them, only to themselves befall the same fate in the face of a further coloniser. We are very grateful to Wilson for providing regular access to his pond and it will be interesting to see how it responds as and when it fills up with water again. Wilson allows this to happen naturally, as is the advice for ponds as tapwater can contain high levels of certain chemicals, notably nitrates and phosphates, creating artificially high levels of such compounds in the pondwater and hence an rather unnatural environment.

It seems incredible but the list below already represents the end of our summer activities. We close this year with a Saturday afternoon visit to a traditional orchard which promises to be hugely interesting. Details are listed below, for more information contact Simon on 01621 810141 or 07947 388180, or visit www.e2e.silverend.org. Note that by mid-August we have to start meeting early as the evenings begin to draw in.

07 Aug	19:30	Ambling in Fairstead. Meet at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Fairstead Hall Road, Fairstead TL768176. Followed by optional glowworm survey at on Bulford Mill Lane (TL777202).
14 Aug	19:00 EARLY	Botanical recording in Cressing. Meet at the layby beside Links Wood on Links Road (TL802213).
21 Aug	19:00 EARLY	Ambling in Wickham Bishops. Meet at 19:00 at St. Bartholomew's Church, Church Road, Wickham Bishops CM8 3LA.
28 Aug	19:00 EARLY	Oxley Meadow, Tolleshunt Knights. Unusual time of year to visit, see what is there (if anything) in late summer. Followed by tea/coffee/ beer/wine at Fiddlesticks.
31 Aug SATURDAY	13:30 for 14:00	Visit to Crapes Fruit Farm, Aldham. Over 200 apple varieties plus other fruit, traditionally farmed. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm at 13:30 to travel on together from there.

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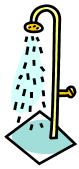
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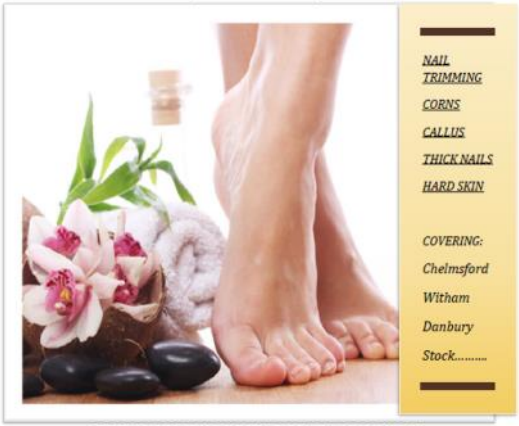
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RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

On a warm and pleasant July afternoon eighteen members enjoyed a visit to the Gardens of Eastern Lodge, which are to the north of Dunmow. In March Clare Matthew had visited the Club and given an interesting talk on the history of the House and Gardens, the royal connections and details of the renovations taking place (see the April edition of `End to End' magazine). Unfortunately the House is now in private hands and cannot be viewed, however, on the 15th July, Sue Gilbert, a Trustee of the Restoration Committee, gave us a very detailed garden tour including the walled garden and the sunken Italian Garden designed by Harold Peto, a leading garden designer of the Edwardian period. This is now approaching the final stages of restoration. The many trees in the gardens looked magnificent as did the new tree house which some members could not resist visiting! We were able to view the archives and of course we ended our visit with tea and cake. The Gardens are well worth a visit (picnics welcome) and are also known for their display of snowdrops in the winter.

The Club does not hold a meeting in August. The next event of note is the ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW on SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, in Rivenhall village hall opening at 2.15pm. This is an open show but non-members must purchase a schedule in order to enter. (Please contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781). All entries must be given to Tracy Scott by Tuesday 3`d September.

Flowers, produce, cookery and craft items make a splendid and colourful Show. Homemade cakes and tea are served and there is a raffle and an auction of some produce at the end of the afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Turning the pages of History Research by Tracy Scott

Some of you may remember or have read her books, Emma E. Upson of Silver End/Rivenhall with one of them titled 'An Essex Country Childhood' in 1971. In 1908 Emma was mentioned in the paper for her Scholarship Gained at 13, daughter of Robert Upson, at the Elementary School of Rivenhall. Emma went onto the County High School in Braintree of a three years' free scholarship.

August 1914 had many interested agriculturists went to Rickstones Farm, Rivenhall. (at this time it belonged to Mr. Walter Taber) to witness a 16 horse-power Panhard engine taken from a motor car and attached to a binding and reaping machine. This was adapted to run on hard wheels and with Mr. Leonard Cullen, a Witham motorist, at the wheel, it drove the binder round the field. This resulted in cutting down six acres of wheat in 3½ hours. This was the first time it had been witnessed in the area, but was very

popular in Canada. At the end it gave a satisfactory result and was described a tendering to solve the horse problem!

In 1910 the Children of the Congregational School had there outing. The Sunday school children along with a few friends to the number of 44 enjoyed the outing to Maldon and went for a sail on the Blackwater.

When researching for my articles of the End to End magazine I do come across many accidents that happen on the London Road (A12) Overall things haven't changed whether it be four leg horse power or a motor vehicle etc.., But this month I thought I would put this in from 1930! A collision occurred at Fox Hill between a 'Classic' motor coach driven by Mr. Newberry of Leytonstone, and a motor car Driven by Mr & Mrs Leyfield, The Strand and their friends Mr. Davies and Miss Norrish, West Hampstead. The motor car turned up-side down, with the wheels in the air, on its side in the road. A door was torn off and all the occupants were able to crawl out. The occupants only suffered slight cuts and bruises.

Summer Crime Prevention Advice

During the summer months we see a rise in the number of "Creeper Burglaries" where burglars take advantage of open gates, windows and doors.

An open or insecure garden gate will provide the thief with access to the back of your home. If you have unoccupied rooms that are accessible to others from outside or off flat roofs make sure the windows are closed, if you need ventilation in these rooms whilst at home at least lock the larger window and only have the small window open even during the daytime. If you only have bigger windows consider a lockable window restrictor and a small alarm sensor on the window to detect entry.

Leave any accessible door open or insecure and an opportunist thief will pop in and anything lying around will be gone. You may have only popped next door, or down the end of the garden or having a quick shower; it only takes a second for a thief to steal.

Tips for a crime free summer:

1. Parked cars – Don't leave property on display in the car. Are the windows shut and doors locked (don't assume that by pressing the button on the remote it is locked, try the handle too)? **A lot of thefts are from insecure cars and vans.**
2. Don't attract a thief with visible insecure and unattended pedal

cycles.

3. Keep side or rear gates, sheds and garages shut and securely locked.
4. Doors closed and locked? Don't forget that with a PVCu multi-locking door you may have lifted the handle but until you turn the key or thumb turn on the inside you have not locked all the locks in place. **Before going out or turning in for the night** don't forget to check all doors, someone may have closed it but did they lock it?
5. Windows - lift the blinds or open the curtains and check they are closed, the sun may have been on the TV when it was hot, and so the curtains were drawn with the window open. Remember the above advice about open windows. **Make sure in case of fire that keys to windows and doors are readily accessible to occupants** but not in view of possible burglars.
6. If you have an intruder alarm activate it when going out and activate the zone for the unoccupied area whilst in.
7. Car keys - don't take them to bed with you, where possible leave them in noisy drawer/location. Keep the keyless fob in a "Faraday" bag.
8. If you do hear a suspicious noise in the house that you are not happy with dial 999 and make a noise, shout out, it could cause any intruder to flee, they may not have known you were home, remember your life is more important than your property. If safe to do so get a good description of the person/s and if possible the car index number and direction of travel.
9. Stopping for lunch, a drink or a cuppa whilst out, soaking up the sun, or going down to the sea, don't drop your guard. If you don't pay attention to your camera, mobile phone, sunglasses, purse or wallet and a thief sees them they will steal them.
10. Social Media – When using "Facebook" or other social media be wary of announcing to the world that you are away and your house is empty. Make sure your profile does not contain private information that would identify you or your address to a stranger.

Last bit of advice - Going on holiday? Cancel the milk and

newspaper deliveries and look after each other, get a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your property, ensure neighbours have contact numbers for a key holder and where possible let them park their car on your drive. To make your home less attractive to the thief create the illusion that your house is occupied (TV simulator, lights and radio on timers, a doorbell that you can answer from your mobile phone) it is less likely to be broken into.

Some Church Bulletins

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters (perhaps that should read computers). These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want to be remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Gardens

In our garden we have a bird bath and written around the edge are the first few lines of a poem written by Dorothy Gurney.

"***The kiss of the sun for pardon ,***
A song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth

There are 28 verses in the Bible where a garden is mentioned, the Garden of Eden and the Garden of Gethsemane being the most well known .

We have created gardens throughout history, enjoying their beauty, each one being different depending on the position, the climate and fashion. Gardens however big or small are somewhere we can find a quiet corner, after a busy day, where we can gather our thoughts and work through our anxieties. It may be a roof top garden, a balcony in a city or you may create a wild garden growing such things as Harebells, poppies and cornflowers. For those who have allergies, hay fever etc, there are other times of the year to enjoy the garden when it looks just as beautiful.

Of course not everyone wants a large garden and houses being built now often have very small gardens, suitable for people with little time on their hands. For those who do enjoy creating a garden, it can be very therapeutic and often gardens are created for people with disabilities or in schools. I used to help out at a primary school and the children loved growing vegetables, learning how plants grow from seed and then eating the end produce.

When I was a child we lived on a large private estate where my parents were employed. The main house was surrounded with garden and had a spate vegetable garden, typical of the Victorian era. Nine gardeners were employed and fresh vegetables and flowers were bought to the large house on most days. I suppose that 's where my love of gardening started .The house was surrounded by Azaleas, rhododendrons and Camellias in the spring.

I was reminded of this when we visited Trebah Gardens in Cornwall in May this year, where there are four miles of secluded footpath with banks of Rhododendrons and Camelias, leading down to a small cove on the Helford river.

Polgwidden Cove is south-facing and tidal, and is the perfect halfway point to rest and enjoy the view. A small, narrow passageway of steps takes you over the South West Coast Path and onto the private beach. The view opens up a wonderful maritime scene of small sailing boats moored in the waters, a shingle beach and rock pools. A perfect place to skim stones.

In 1944. the beach was used as an embarkation point for a regiment of 7.500 of the 29th US Infantry Division for the assault landing on Omaha beach, part of the D - Day Landings.

At the end of the war there was a succession of changes of ownership. The Martin family cleared the moor at the bottom and introduced the massed planting of Hydrangeas (See photos on the back cover).

The Boat house was originally built by the racing driver and designer of Healey cars, Donald Healey, to store his boats when he lived at Trebah between 1961 and 1971. Donald Healey was also responsible for removing the infrastructure and concrete installed during WW2 and undertaking improvements to the lower lakes.

I would recommend you visit if you are ever in Cornwall near Falmouth along with the Eden Project where a Mediterranean garden has been created.

Of course there is more to a garden than flowers .Flowers encourage the birds butterflies ,bees and insects and I love to watch the variety of birds on our bird table from our kitchen window . Bird tables can have their disadvantages and this year pigeons ,crows and a grey squirrel have had a good feast from the bird table and it is amazing how determined the squirrel is to climb up on to the nuts even when we oil the pole !

Wherever you go this summer abroad ,somewhere in England ,a day trip or staying at home , make time to sit in your garden, look around and take in the sky, the sunrise ,sunset ,cloud formation, trees and the different colour greens and enjoy!



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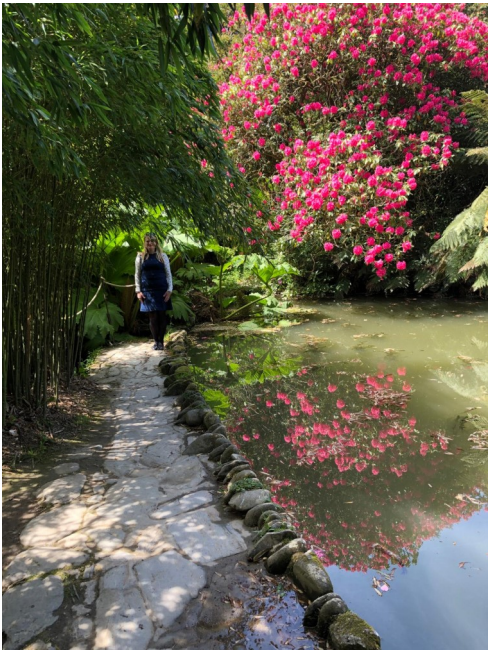
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