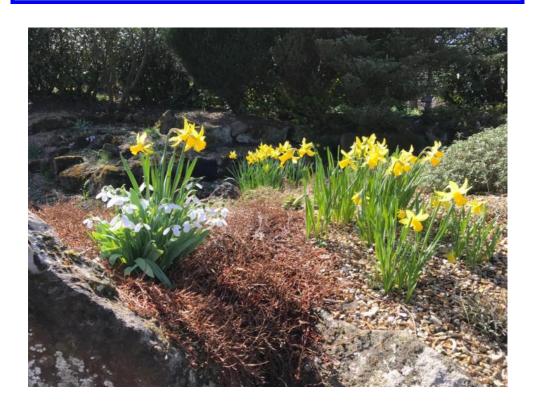
# End-to-End The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End



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April 2023 50p

### The Following are our services For April 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> April **Palm Sunday** 9.30 am St Francis No Service 11 am St Mary's Joint Age Worship 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> April **Holy Week Services** 8 pm St Nicholas Witham 6th April **Maundy Thursday** 7.30 pm St Mary's Holy Communion 7<sup>th</sup> April **Good Friday** Walk of Witness Silver End Co-op 10.15 am 11.00 am St Francis **Ecumenical Service** 12.00 Noon St Mary's **Quiet Service** 9th April **Easter Sunday** 9.30 am St Francis Morning Prayer Holy Communion 11 am St Mary's 16<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

9.30 am St Francis **Holy Communion** 11 am St Mary's **Matins** 

11 am St Mary's 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 30th April Joint Benefice Service All Saints Terling

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23rd April

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## VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES' - Finding moments of thankfulness...

This week I suddenly discovered a hidden gem – Winnie the Pooh! I can't ever remember reading, or having read to me, these classic A.A. Milne stories about a little bear and his friends. But a couple of days ago I read a quote that led me to look at other extracts from this series of books – and what a chest of treasures they are. To quote just a few lines:

"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside."

"Some people care too much. I think it's called love."

"Any day spent with you is my favourite day. So, today is my new favourite day."

"I'm never afraid with you."

And a particularly pertinent one for those who know me: "A hug is always the right size."

The particular quote though that was instrumental in stirring my interest and getting me to look further, features a cute illustration of Pooh and Piglet sitting on a log looking at each other, with the citation: "Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

And as I sit writing this, with the war in the Ukraine now a year on and still raging, the effect of energy costs, strikes, food shortages, and the impact of a pandemic still effecting all our lives, it may be particularly difficult to think about being grateful. And yet, it often doesn't take a lot of time or effort to express gratitude..... to let someone know that what they've done is appreciated..... Indeed, having a heart full of gratitude, and consciously noticing things to be thankful for, is in fact a healthier mindset for us to have.

And so this month, I would like to encourage us all to be looking around us for those things which bring a smile to our faces. As St Paul says, "think on these things" (Philippians 4:8) and give thanks for them. Perhaps we could even start

a little 'thank you corner' in this magazine .....??

Meanwhile, with Easter just a week away (by the time you read this!), may we be reminded of something we can all be thankful for - God's love..... To quote from Winnie the Pooh: "Some people care too much. I think it's called love."

Indeed, even in our worse moments, may we be reminded that Jesus stretched wide His arms on the cross to show just how much He cares and loves each one of us......!

Easter love and blessings, Rev Jane x

### Readings and Collects for April 2023

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday

### All Age Worship

### Readings

Liturgy of the Palms Mathew 21:1-11 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11

Mathew 26:14 to end of 27 or Mathew 27:11-54

### Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

### 6<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Readings

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **Collect**

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.

### 9th April Easter Sunday

### **Holy Communion**

### Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10

### Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ

### 16<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Readings

Acts 2:14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

### Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father

## 23<sup>rd</sup> April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

### Readings

Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

### Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father

### **30<sup>th</sup> April 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** Holy Communion Joint Benefice Service

### **All Saints Terling**

### Readings

Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

### Collect

## The 50/50 Club March 2023 winners

1<sup>st</sup> Karen Dakin 2<sup>nd</sup> Carole Vandyke 3<sup>rd</sup> Kay Spalding

# RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END

### These notes are an abridged version of the minutes

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott (Chairman), Wright (Vice-Chairman), Cairns, Elliott, and Prime.

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and ECC Cllr. Playle plus one member of the public.

### **Chairman's Report**

Parish councillors met recently with the Wilder Communities Manager for the Essex Wildlife Trust to review on site the tree planting and rewilding projects already undertaken or being planned in the parish. This was a very helpful meeting at which the Wildlife Trust offered to assist with future public engagement the parish council may wish to undertake as well as giving practical advice on how best to encourage wildflower regeneration in the agreed areas.

Rivenhall Parish Council is now engaged with three of the districtwide projects to improve biodiversity; tree planting, rewilding and roadside verges enhancement.

At the site meeting with Essex Wildlife Trust, and at a recent

meeting of the Braintree District Council Climate Group, it was discussed as to how best parishes can link up who are doing similar work; that is being looked into.

### **Public Forum**

The potential installation of a defibrillator at Henry Dixon Hall was raised by a resident, with a request for grant funding from RPC.

ECC Cllr. Playle raised the following: ECC Precept increase for 2023/24 is 3.5%; increased funding for the Highways pothole repair programme; street lighting upgrades; ECC councillor grant funding and the ECC trial of the Recycling Centre booking system.

### **Matters for Discussion**

## <u>Annual Parish Council Meeting, Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Report</u>

The draft Annual Report will be approved for final printing at the April meeting.

### Replacement defibrillator batteries

Cllr. Wright reported on the cost of replacement batteries and it was then **agreed** that Cllr. Wright obtain the necessary batteries on behalf of RPC.

### Installation of defibrillator at Rivenhall End

Following the discussion in the Public Forum, a grant can be considered on receipt of a request with costings from The Henry Dixon Hall trustees.

### **Highway Maintenance**

It had been reported that staff at the Chatten School on Rickstones Road have been smoking on the public right of way than runs past the school and dropping cigarette butts there. The Chairman had contacted the school requesting that their staff be aware of the public right of way there and that they provide their own cigarette bin on their property.

The dangerous pothole, filled with a line of traffic cones, remains on Park Road. That has once again been reported to ECC along with others such as those on the slip road from Braxted Road to the A12.

The Chairman is still discussing with Eastlight CH the various issues they agreed to address including the missing street light at the Beech Road garage site.

### **General Maintenance**

The maintenance contractor had been requested to quote for the demolition, and removal of the badly vandalised bus shelter on the southbound carriageway of the A12. The quotation has been accepted.

The Clerk will ask the maintenance contractor if he has the equipment to cut and collect the grass along the rewilding strip on the north boundary of the playing field when that work is due next autumn.

### **Planning Applications**

**23/00365/VAR**: Variation of Condition 2 (22/02006/LBC) – Rivenhall Primary School. A "no comment" letter was sent to BDC on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Permission has been granted by BDC.

### Planning results

**21/03025/FUL**: One 5-bedroom dwelling at Colemans Cottage Fishery, Little Braxted Lane. Permission granted by BDC.

The meeting with Bellway regarding the next stage of planning re their 'Phase 4' development will be held virtually, to be arranged via Cllr. Wright.

### **Ongoing Planning Issues**

### A12 to A120 widening

ECC has been notified of the RPC requests re the A12 de-trunking.

(Post meeting note: And National Highways has now acknowledged the Parish Council's Designated Funds request).

### Rivenhall Airfield Waste Site

Further applications have been submitted to BDC for the Woodhouse Farm complex: a Listed Building Consent (LBC) application for refurbishment of the Grade II listed Woodhouse Farmhouse, Brewhouse, Pump and well, Pigsties, and ancillary structures, yards and gardens. Along with the LBC application, a Full Planning application was submitted for the same works. This was required due to the change of use proposed by the works. Temporary non HGV vehicle access via Woodhouse Lane has been granted by ECC for 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April for staff and visitors to the Information Hub. The next Liaison meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### Colemans Farm Quarry

Brice Aggregates have given prior notice of a forthcoming planning

application for the relocation of the mineral washing plant and associated infrastructure to land at Appleford Farm on Braxted Road. Company representatives will be holding an information event on Friday  $10^{\rm th}$  March at Henry Dixon Hall.

### Information exchange and items for the April agenda

The Chairman reported that Chatten School had responded regarding the issue of staff smoking on the footway and dropping cigarette butts, to say that this issue would be dealt with.

Cllr. Prime reported further tree cutting in Tarecroft Wood.

### **Dates of future meetings**

 $4^{th}$  April and  $12^{th}$  May at Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting at 7.30pm.

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### The WITHAM MOTHERS UNION

Thursday 27 April 2pm. M.U. Branch AGM in St Nicolas Church Hall.

All members and friends most welcome.

Our thanks to our Officers and Committee who have served us well during the past year. This year we continue with our global theme: Transformation NOW!

MU PRAYER FOR APRIL - Loving Saviour, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, we worship you and give you thanks and we rejoice in your resurrection. May our songs of praise resound in heaven and earth bringing glory to your name. AMEN

On For more information about Mothers' Union contact Lynette Abbott on 01376 512586 or Joan Barrett on 01376 514617

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### Silver End Walk of Witness

On Good Friday 7th of April

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Church Silver End

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**Gardening Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues; Yoga Wednesday evenings; Carpet Bowls Thursday evenings.

**Saturday afternoons -** 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church

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### **Pentecost Bonfire**

Before lockdown, for many years we had a Bonfire service in St

Mary and All Saints'
Churchyard, Rivenhall.
These were of course
paused during lockdown,
and last year when it
would have resumed, it
coincided with the Queen's
Jubilee weekend, so it was
postponed again. This
year, however, we are
delighted to be resuming
this very informal but



moving service.

It will be on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm**, in St Mary's churchyard. Plenty of parking in the school and in the village.

A short service with hymns and readings, and then we light the fire - which is stunning!

We serve jacket potatoes and sausages - very simple! With vegan and vegetarian sausages and cheese also provided. Tea and coffee will be offered, but please bring any other drinks that you may like. Chairs will be provided, but they are not the most comfortable, so please bring your own for comfort!

There is no charge for this evening, but there will be a collection for charity.

Please let Ann know if you would like to come and your dietary needs, if any, so that we may cater for everyone.

annxclarke@outlook.com, 07713151165.

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### **End to End Nature Care.**

Our March evening meeting saw the long-awaited return of Dougal Urguhart, now retired as the Ranger at Cudmore Grove in East Mersea (as well as Chalkney Wood near Earls Colne), to give an update on the Red Squirrel (Sciurus vulgaris) population on Mersea Island. Set in the context of the huge decline in the UK's native Red Squirrel population since the introduction of Grey Squirrels (Sciurus carolinensis) from North America in the late 19th century - such that it is estimated the UK Grey Squirrel population is some 2.5 million compared to just 140,000 Reds - Dougal described how captive-bred Reds were released on the largely squirrel-free Mersea in an attempt to colonise the island with them. It has proved successful, with regular sightings from all over the island (mostly now of animals born on the island), including from Dougal's own garden where he has a feeder. Some Greys still pop up from time to time, evidently not coming across The Strood but generally swimming to the island, but they are controlled when possible especially as they are a vector of squirrelpox, one of the reasons that Greys are replacing Reds in much of the UK. Dougal displayed a large array of attractive photographs, many taken of animals at his garden feeder, demonstrating the differences between male and female, variation in fur colour and seasonal variations, such as the long ear-tufts developed during the breeding season.

### Devil's Dyke trip.

Devil's Dyke is a linear Anglo-Saxon earthwork straddling the Cambridgeshire - Suffolk border near Newmarket. Nowadays it is also a SSSI and a Special Area of Conservation, due to the chalkland flora and fauna. We will be visiting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, in the company of former Rivenhall Rector Nigel Cooper. If you would like to join us on the day then please let me know if you haven't already done so. We will be car-sharing from Rivenhall to get there, and may travel on to Nigel's home for afternoon tea afterwards.

### **Summer Evening Activity Schedule.**

We meet every Wednesday evening throughout the summer, commencing on 26<sup>th</sup> April when we will be counting cowslips near Tarecroft Wood, our usual season-opening event. Full details below. The entire summer list of activities can be found online at <a href="https://www.e2e.silverend.org">www.e2e.silverend.org</a>. We also have a Facebook group "End to End Nature Care" where any recent wildlife sighting or news is always welcome to be posted. Don't be shy. Alternatively if anybody has any questions about the group and our activities then

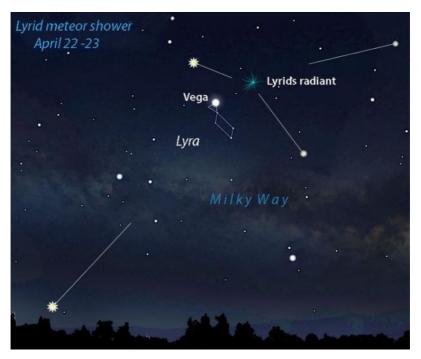
Date	Time	Location
15 April 2023 Saturday	10:30	Visit to Devil's Dyke, Cambridgeshire, with Nigel Cooper. Meeting at the Reach end of the path (TL567661). Muster at Stovern's Hall Farm (TL825172) at 9:00 to car share.
Wed 26 April	19:00	Cowslip Survey. Meet in the parking area at the bottom of the track to Tarecroft Wood (TL824171).
03 May 2023	19:00	Monitoring spring fauna and flora at Rivenhall Churchyard.

I can always be contacted on <a href="mailto:simon@e2e.silverend.org">simon@e2e.silverend.org</a> or 07947 388180.

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### Sky Notes April 2023

Daylight opens up rapidly during April and by the second half of the month, the Sun is setting after 8pm BST.



After the Sun has set, Venus continues to be very prominent in the evening sky and is joined by a 15% illuminated young Moon on 23rd April, best seen from 9pm BST.

Venus is easily the brightest object in the night sky apart from the Moon and can cast faint shadows if the conditions to see them are just right.

Occasionally, brighter objects than Venus can occur – such as supernovae (exploding stars), but the last really bright one was in 1604, which for a few weeks could be seen in daylight.

Mars is in Gemini all this month and towards the end of April forms a triangle with the 2 brightest stars of the constellation, all of which will be of similar brightness.

The Lyrid meteors peak this month, with watches late on the 22nd and into the early morning of the 23rd offering the best chance of seeing these fast moving meteors which strike the Earth's atmosphere at 30 miles per second.

The Lyrid meteor shower has the distinction of being among the oldest known. Records of this shower go back for some 2,700 years, recorded by the Chinese. A record from 687BC describes the

meteors as "falling like rain". Such a display is not expected this year but bursts of meteors do occur in some years, the last one being in 1982.

The meteors appear from a point in the sky near the constellation of Lyra, which is led by the bright star Vega, found about a third the way up the sky in the North East at midnight on the 22nd/23rd April (see map).

There is an eclipse of the Sun this month, on the 20th, but it is not visible from the UK – the track of the deepest part of the eclipse just touches Western Australia.

True to form, the more active Sun has produced several displays of the aurora in recent weeks which were seen from southern counties of England, including Essex. The best time to look for the aurora this month will be after Full Moon, which is on the 6th.

### Sky Watcher

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## THE RIVENHALL MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE SUMMER EVENTS

We will be holding a village fete on Rivenhall green on the afternoon of **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July** between about 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm. There will be many attractions including, stalls, musical entertainment, cream teas, a BBQ, raffle and other attractions.

The Rivenhall Millennium Committee was founded 25 years ago by Rev Nigel Cooper, so this event is a celebration of its many charitable acts over that time. This date was chosen to coincide with the Rivenhall Gardening Club's annual show in the village hall, so you can enjoy two local village events on the same afternoon.

As this is a coronation year, Monday  $8^{th}$  May is an additional Bank Holiday. On coronation weekends it has been a British tradition to erect bunting on houses and place decorations in front gardens. So the Rivenhall Millennium Committee is running a three-day best decorated house / front garden competition on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May through to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. Judging will take place over those three days. Entry is £1.00 per household and entry forms will be available shortly. The prize-winners will be notified on the afternoon Monday,  $8^{th}$  May (and details will be announced on the Rivenhall Community Facebook page and in village noticeboards).

More details will be published in the forthcoming weeks

### **A Robin**

Who doesn't just love to see a Robin waiting for you to dig him up a worm





Here is Marie's Picture at the back of St Mary's which should have been in last months magazine.



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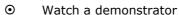
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## Turning the pages of History Research by Tracy Scott

This month with Daphne Burton permission is to reprint an article she gave me for an exhibition I did for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henry Dixon Hall in 2017. In the exhibition also covered the Workmen's Hall and Daphne did not live far away from this.

As we approach the changes to the A12, we will look at how the London Road looked and the houses and other buildings that we lost to it being duelled over the months to come.

### **Bygones by Daphne Burton**

I was aged 4 years when my family and I arrived in Rivenhall End to occupy the Old Post Office in London Road. The property was divided into 2 separate unites much like a semi-detached house, we occupied half of the house and Mr. Wilkie had the other half, each unit was completely cut off from the other part of the house. I'm not too sure of the actual date but as I was born in October 1935 so it must have been in 1940. There were 9 of us altogether living in a two bedroom property. My mum, dad, 4 brothers, my gran, great aunt Lucy and myself. Families took care of their elderly relatives in those days.

We had 2 large bedrooms, a large front room, and kitchen with a range to cook on, large scullery and a wooden room that used to be the Old Post Office. An outside toilet and wash house. No bathroom, but a tin bath was brought into the scullery and hand filled each time we used it. In one of the bedrooms upstairs I slept in a single bed and my Gran and Great Aunt slept in a double bed. In the second bedroom my four brothers slept in two double beds. My parents slept in the front room downstairs.

Years later when Mr. Wilkie died his part of the house became available to us and we discovered he had 2 bedrooms and a living room with a massive walk in pantry and a door to the outside. We thought it was great, when after mum and dad had redecorated it and opened up the adjoin doors upstairs and downstairs, that we had so much more space and an extra set of stairs. What's more I had a bedroom all to myself and my parents no longer had to have their bed in the front room.

Of course there was the question of where to go to school because we had all gone to Silver End School before the move. We had lived in Cressing near the water tower. When I was only 3 yrs. old I had slipped off and followed my brother's t school while my mum

was hanging out the washing in the back yard. My mum came looking for me after the ploughman told her I was with my brothers. My mum arrived at the school in Silver End to take me home. I don't remember why I was allowed to stay but I loved it, I learned to read and write and sometimes we had afternoon sleeps. When there was an air raid warning we would all have to go into the shelter. There was a gramophone in the shelter and I can still remember it used to be playing Bobby Shafto and other nursery rhymes.

When we arrived at Rivenhall School in 1940, Miss Chapman was headmistress and she lived in the little house attached to the school, which I believe is now the office. Miss Salt taught the infants of which I was one, two of my brothers were in the other class and were taught by the headmistress. My two eldest brothers went to the Witham Modern secondary school, in Spinks Lane, as it was known then.

I settled in to my new school and soon made friends. We all used to walk to school meeting up with friends on the way past their homes. In winter it could be very cold with deep snow drifts, we loved jumping into them not knowing how deep they were until you were coved. Then when we arrived at school the milk bottles would be half frozen and sometimes the birds had tried to peck the lids off. The frozen bottles were put around the Pot Belly Stove to defrost ready for break time.

On the way home from school the walk would be more leisurely and we would detour through the fields. In spring or summer we would pick wild flowers and look for birds eggs and sometimes have a paddle in the stream. On one occasions I buried my new coat and hat in one of the barns chaff Mountains, just because some ones mum had laughed at my pixie green outfit. I told my mum I had lost it, I got into a lot of trouble, but at least it was never found!

The Second World War did not seem to have much for us to worry about as we were so young. But it was fun seeing the convoys passing by. When the Americans came they had lots of sweets to hand out and that was great to kids on Rations. I never every saw a bar of Cadburys chocolate during the war. I remember having a party for my birthday one year and my mum made a trifle with chocolate strands on top of the custard, and one little girls said 'My mum doesn't put tea leaves on her trifle' still makes me laugh and I never forgot what she said.

The day came when I had to leave Rivenhall School, my world was so small I had never even seen Witham Modern Secondary School and it looked huge and I was so scared and I was the only pupil from Rivenhall school to go that term. I had to find some new friends, it is scary when your 11 years old and do not know anyone. Two days into the term a new girl arrived in our class and the headmistress Miss Croxhall sat her next to me. We became great friends. We are still friends to this day although she now lives in Australia. I went to visit her for the second time last year for her 80<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful we had such memories to exchange and laugh about. We now keep in touch via Facebook instead of letters, although I think the letters are nicer. We talked about when the Polish People were airlifted from North Africa, where they had fled from the German occupation, and lots were sent to Rivenhall Airfield to live in Nissen huts. The Polish children were sent to our school, there were so many of them our classes rose to 54 in a class. It must have been very difficult for the teachers and of course the Polish children must have found it scary too. I often think of that when I read and hear about how hard it is for teachers nowadays to cope with more than 30 in a class, however, our teachers had corporal punishment to minister out if we didn't behave. I often thing about the Polish people who had to flee their country and go through so much to get here and then have to settle in a new country. Much like the people now who have to flee oppression.

I went to work at 15 in Chelmsford, and at 17 we had to move to St. Marys Road, Rivenhall Oak as our house was demolished for the dual carriage way known as the A12. Our house had stood where the North bound carriage way stands now. The new house was brand new and wasn't as big as our old house, but now my brothers had all left home so there were only 5 of us in the new house instead of 9.

I was married in the village church in June 1956 and continued living in the family home in St. Marys road. My daughter was born in the house May 57, and she was christened at the village church. Incidentally, 3 of my grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren have and some still go to Rivenhall School, its a lot bigger now but still the best.

Although I left Rivenhall soon after my daughter was born in 57, I returned about 20 years ago.





Notes from Tracy: Daphne photos are taken where the slip road onto the A12 is now. In the picture on the left you can see the building in the background with the round window that kept chickens in when it was called 'Springhold Farm', informed to me by my mother. The hotel turned that part into a swimming pool. On the right a young Daphne and you can just see the petrol sign for the garage on her left and the sign for the Prince of Wales pub, and like her home they were all pulled down when the London Road was duelled on this side of the road.

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### RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

It was pleasing to see so many Club members for our monthly meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, in Rivenhall village hall. Chairman, Mrs Tracy Scott, gave out the notices and introduced our speaker for the evening — Dr. Ian Bedford. His illustrated talk was entitled `Trouble Without Wasps' creatures that normally do not find favour with many people who fear their sting. Whilst some people do indeed have a reaction to their sting and in some cases quite severe, we were assured that wasps have an important role to play in the balance of nature.

Before his retirement Dr. Bedford was a research entomologist

working for John Innes and passionate about bugs and invertebrates and their place in the order of things. Wasps protect crops and there would be economic disaster without them. They are the second largest insect group with a very large number of species. Some are fairly harmless, for example the wood wasp but most are `killers' and use their venom to paralyse their victims be it a caterpillar or, of great concern, the honey bee.

Wasps are also useful in the greenhouse to rid it of aphids and parasitic wasps can be purchased for this purpose. The Spanish use them, instead of spray, to rid their crops of whitefly. Wasps are also pollinators and are food for birds and badgers. Their nests are a work of art but it is recommended that you do not get too close to them!

Dr Bedford had much to say about the many species of wasps and their habits and together with large and clear illustrations it made for a very interesting evening. Members were also able to purchase various `green' products for the garden and greenhouse at reduced prices.

### **CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS**

### Horticultural -

1<sup>st</sup> Maurice Bacon 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Cradwick 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Dakin

**Domestic** 

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Claydon 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Dakin 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracy Scott

Flower of the Month

1<sup>st</sup> Sue North 2<sup>nd</sup> Vivienne Dee 3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Claydon

Photo of the Month

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Claydon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue North 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Dakin

The Club's next meeting will be on **TUESDAY 11**<sup>Th</sup> **APRIL 7.30pm** in Rivenhall village hall and will incorporate the club's **DAFFODIL SHOW.** Monthly Club Competitions will be: Horticultural — one stem of a flowering shrub. Domestic - 3 butterfly cakes. Flower of the month. Photograph of the month ( gardens or flowers ). Entrance is £3 to include refreshment and there is a raffle. Daffodil Show entries are for members only but new members and visitors are always most welcome, we are a

small but thriving Club. For further information and details please contact the Club Secretary on 01376-512781.

## Electric Vehicles-The benefits and pitfalls By Peter Hope Editor

Many of you will have noticed that since October I have been driving a Car with a green strip on the end of the number plate. This signifies that my car an MG5 LR is fully electric.

Many have asked me why at this time would I choose to go all electric? The answer to this is a number of things .Firstly the cost of Fosil fuels (petrol and Diesel) used in Internal Combustion Engines (ICE) will only get more expensive and is one of the reasons we are experiencing some serious consequences from climate change.

However my main reason is not so altruistic, I could see that over the next 10 years running an electric car would save me at least £1500 a year if not more.



Many people will say "but isn't an electric car expensive", well that depends on what you want it to do? For many older drivers they only need to drive to the supermarket, Village activities the doctors and for shopping. So if this is all you need? the little Citroen Ami shown below will work just fine. It will do 47 miles on a charge and go at speeds up to 30 MPH. what does it cost? Between £7 and £8k . Or on a rental £150 per month. This is a lot more comfortable than an electric buggy.

Who remembers Jack? Who was a regular at our churches. He would drive his motorbility scooter to Braintree and into

Witham Town much to the consternation of the local constabulary and it wasn't illegal. Charging a small car/buggy like the Ami above can be done plugged into a standard 13 amp household socket so no special charger required.

So moving on to the more regular car driving experience. There are many small models such as Mini, Citroen MG etc which cost between 24 and 30 K or £ 200 to £300 per month on a lease plan. Some of these can do a respectable 200 to 250 miles on a full charge and can be charged to 80% in about 30 to 40 minutes at a motorway service station. So long journeys are quite straight forward.



An example of the newer all electric vehicles is the MG4 shown above, prices start from £24K . This is a 4 door hatchback which can do 250 miles on a single charge and 0-60 in 7 seconds. Believe you me when you put your foot down in one these things you might be fooled into thinking your on a fun fair ride!

### **Running costs**

So what are the running costs? One of the key things you will have to consider is how you will charge the car. In my case I have invested in a home charger which cost between £600 to £800 fully installed. The benefit of mine is I can program the charger to switch on at 12.30 am and turn off at 7.30 am this enables me to take advantage of what used to be called Economy 7 Tariff this 10.38p per kWh. Typically the

car I have (an MG5 LR Estate) will do between 3.5 and 4.5 miles per kWh of charge. Doing the math's this works out at between 3 and 4p per mile. Now a petrol or Diesel vehicle will typically cost you about 15 p per mile and there is no doubt this will continue to rise.

The reason the night rate is so cheap is that during the night there is a lot of almost free electricity coming from Wind farms and nuclear power stations. So whereas most of us are paying 40 to 50p a kWh for our daytime electricity night electricity is cheap.

### What about other Costs?

**Road Tax:-** Currently Electric vehicles are zero rated for Road Tax although this is set to change in 2026. Never-theless the tax is likely to remain much lower on electric vehicles than that on Petrol or Diesel Vehicles.

### Maintenance:-

Electric vehicles are very simple! They comprise an electric motor, a large battery, brakes and running gear, The only maintenance is tyres, Batteries, hydraulics, brakes and software. Expect an annual service to cost between £70 and £130 and this should not change throughout the life of the car.

### **Batteries:-**

The most frequent question I get asked is how long will the batteries last? This is an important question but Lithium ion batteries which are the staple of the electric vehicle industry have been around a long time. I will give you an example I have an early (about 15 years old) Dyson rechargeable battery powered vacuum cleaner. This cleaner still charges and works fine and I Have seen little discernible deterioration in its functionality. Most electric vehicles come with 7 years of warranty and they say that the battery should be 88% of its original capacity after 7 years.

### Insurance:-

There is about a 20% higher insurance cost compared to a petrol vehicle the reasons for this are unclear, but all electric vehicles have been designed to meet NCAP 5 European Safety standards. This means they all have wonderful things like Collision Detection, Lane Assist. and Automatic Cruise Control . These devices are required for a vehicle to meet the highest safety standards. When these devices are damaged in a collision they are very expensive to repair.

### **Conclusions:-**

In conclusion I would estimate that overall my outgoings driving an electric vehicle are between £1000 and £1500 less than an equivalent ICE car both doing around 10k mile per year. This includes about 10 long journeys to Yorkshire the West Country etc. So far I have had zero problems charging my car when on a long journey away from home and have never suffered from battery anxiety.

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### Mothering Sunday (19th March) The Memories Tree

On Mothering Sunday the churches at Rivenhall and Silver

End were well attended and there was a feeling that our way of life is returning to something more normal. The picture below is of our memories tree. Hanging from the branches are hearts with the names of our mothers both including those we do not see anymore and those we do. It was a lovely morning with the churches full of sunlight and some lovely hymns to celebrate our mothers. A big thank you to all those involved in the organization and providing teas and coffees afterwards.



### A short Story by Abigail Scully

### **The Vicar**

The regular Sunday Service is over, and the congregation have followed the Cross, and made their way out of the Church whilst chatting to one another before clambering into their cars and heading off home for Sunday lunch.

I collect the Hymn books left in the pews, and carry them through to the vestry. When I turn to place them on the book shelf I see him removing his green vestment robe, and carefully hang it on the hook behind the door ready for next week. The everyday worn grey shirt is topped with his stiff white collar which remains steadfastly in place. His short hair, greying at the temples is ruffled, and he smooths it down with his long thin fingers, and then deftly puts on his jacket. Glasses that have been laid to one side next to the silver goblet used for Holy Communion are gently replaced to sit comfortably on the bridge of his nose.

He turns, and on seeing me greets me with a soft smile. His eyes although weary are an intense blue. They seem to bore into your very soul. He asks if he can help stack the Hymn books, takes a step forward, and grasping the volumes in his strong hands he gracefully stretches his nimble limbs up to the higher shelves that I cannot reach. Soon the task is complete. He is standing quite close to me now, and I can smell the aroma of Communion wine on his breath,

"Shall we go home?" he says taking the hefty Church key from his pocket, "Yes, let's" I reply, "I'm starving".

As we stroll down the Church path together he takes my hand and asks, "So what does the Vicar's wife think of today's sermon?"

### Note to readers

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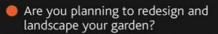
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