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



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August 2024 50p

The following are our services For August 2024

4th August	**10th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
11th August	**11th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
18th August	**12th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
25th August	**13th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

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‘View from the Villages’ – ‘TOGETHERNESS’…..

Well it’s taken till deadline day to write my piece this month! But sometimes we just have to be patient, and wait for the right moment/opportunity/idea/time, and in my case, message. Which emerged last night when, at a wonderful confirmation service I attended, one of the candidates stood up and said there was one word that summed up his journey to faith and confirmation - *‘togetherness’*!

And *togetherness* is fundamental to, and for, all of us. Indeed it is something I have witnessed in so many different ways just over the last few days. From local church and community events - including coffee mornings, memorial services, school productions and fetes (and keep your eyes peeled in this and future magazines for information on many other upcoming events!) – to sporting occasions – of which, as I write, there has been many, including the Wimbledon tennis and European football finals.

Whether it be youngsters singing together, or running around together on village greens; adults drinking and planning, listening, advising, or together creating a big fete from nothing; a Spanish football team in success and celebration; or an England team coming *together* and supporting each other in defeat; or individual tennis champions crediting and giving thanks to their wider support network of coaching staff and family; all of these events have illustrated the importance of *togetherness.*

And of course, by the time you read this, the Olympic Games will also have begun. Its iconic emblem of 5-coloured rings, representing and symbolising the union of the five inhabited continents of the world.

Whilst its original motto of: *‘Citius, Altius,*

Fortius' (Latin for *'Faster, Higher, Stronger')* was amended in 2021 to include a final word: *Communiter' ('Together')*!

In the dictionary*, togetherness* is described as attachment, closeness, friendship, unity…..indeed something that is inseparable…. It is a word that I would also, like last night's confirmation candidate, associate with God – who, in His whole being as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals and demonstrates the *togetherness* He desires for all of us – a *togetherness* rooted in love…. with Him and with each other.

May we all learn to embrace and grow in the joy and beauty of *togetherness* more and more each day.

God bless

Reverend Jane x

PRAYER HOUR

You are invited to meet with me on a Monday morning at 9am for an hour of prayer

Sitting in peace and waiting on God, either in silence, or in words……

I will be rotating around the churches as follows:

Every Monday from the 3rd June until the End of August 2024 at All Saints Church Terling -It will be lovely to see anyone that can come!

Readings and Collects for August 2024

4th August **10th Sunday of Trinity**

All Age Worship

Readings

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

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.

11th August — 11th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

18th August — 12th Sunday of Trinity

Matins

Readings

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

25th August — 13th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WITHAM AND VILLAGES MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union normally meets on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm in St Nicolas' Church Hall unless otherwise stated.

Friday 9th August 10.30 to 3.30pm. Mary Sumner Day. at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House. Bring a packed lunch and enjoy meeting members from across the diocese and the activities.

Thursday 29th August. Branch Outing. For more information about this and other Mothers' Union activities contact Lynette Abbott on 01376 512586 or Joan Barrett on 01376 514617.

Rivenhall Village Hall,

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

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

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

Gardening Club 2nd Tues;

Yoga Wednesday evenings;

Carpet Bowls Thursday evenings.

Saturday afternoons - 7th Day Adventist Church

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

Rivenhall Playing Fields Association are once again hoping to put on their annual

Santa's Grotto on Fri 6th and Sat 7th December.

Unfortunately we will be needing volunteers to assist the very small main committee in setting up and running. Without volunteers we would have struggled last year also. If you have ideas with go ahead thinking and like working towards improving our community and would consider becoming a committee member we would love to hear from you. Contact any of our existing committee or just turn up at our next mtg in the village hall on Tuesday 27th Aug commencing at 7.30 pm

Gigaclear
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Andrew Lipski
Community Engagement Manager

Will be doing a Talk at Rivenhall Village Hall Tuesday 17th Sep 6.30 to 8.pm. About the roll out of the Gigaclear network in our village and the surrounding area.

rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com

Or Call 07738 705585

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The 50/50 Club July 2024 winners

1st G Cairns 2nd S Donnell 3rd A Dearsley

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July at the Village Hall, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs: J Macrae, J Cairns, R Wright, J Prime, D Hammond

Also Present: Locum Clerk Mrs A Brown

To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr Playle, District and Parish Cllr Abbott and Cllr Turner.

Cllr Macrae as vice chairman was chairman for the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests Relating to this Agenda

No interests disclosed except Cllr Wright who sits on BDC planning committee.

To Agree the Minutes of the Meeting Held On 4th June 2024

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Prime, seconded Cllr Cairns. All agreed.

Public Participation Session (15 mins maximum)

No public participation

Chairman's Report

There was no chairman's report.

Essex County Councillor Report

There were no verbal reports as we are in Purdah due to the Parliamentary elections to be held on 4th July, written reports are appended to these minutes.

Clerks Report

The Clerk referred to emails received from Silver End and Cressing, arrangements are progressing slowly towards having a speed watch group within the three parishes.

Website – The Clerk reported on conversations with MacIntosh Electronics.

Salt Bags – no further salt was needed to be ordered for this coming winter.

Grass cutting in the Memorial Garden – The Clerk had received an email from Cllr Abbott and this would be discussed at the next parish meeting and the vicar would be invited to attend. All agreed.

'.gov.' emails for parish councillors, including a new website Councillors looked at the proposals for .gov emails and associated website hosting. Nebulas who host the website at present is not in a position to give the councillors .gov email addresses. The clerk has asked the councillors to look at other websites within the Parish Sector to have an idea about enhancements to the Rivenhall PC website. It was decided to explore what MacIntosh Electronics could do as their quote was very competitive. Proposed Cllr Hammond, seconded Cll Cairns

Planning Applications

24/01027/FUL Change of use of piggeries to on call staff accommodation for equine veterinary practice, porch extension,

infill covered link, installation of solar panels to roof and amendments to parking layout

Planning Application. Paton And Lee Equine Surgery Hoo Hall Oak Road Rivenhall Essex CM8 3HG

Cllrs had no objection to the planning application but wanted to highlight to the planning department that the driveway is an official footpath until it gets to the bridge and is very narrow.

24/01203/HH Two storey side extension, detached outbuilding and a new front porch.3 Beech Road Rivenhall Essex CM8 3PF

No comments were made on this planning application.

24/01300/HH Erection of part single, part two storey rear extension. 23 Tusser Close Rivenhall Essex CM8 3PD

There was no objection to the planning application, but again Cllrs wanted the planning department to know that the entrance to garages/parking area is narrow and delivery lorries could have difficulty accessing the site.

The Clerk was instructed to send in the comments on planning. Proposed by Cllr Cairns, seconded by Cllr Prime. All agreed.

National Grid Pylons

To discuss the report from Cllr Abbott and prepare a response after attendance to the public meeting held at Witham on 14th May.

It was decided that Cllrs needed more time to consider the report. The Clerk would receive the reworded report by Wednesday 10th July to send to the authority. Proposed Cllr Cairns, seconded Cllr Wright. All agreed.

Finance matters

Bank reconciliations, invoices and bank statements were signed.

Payments:

Invoice from The Henry Dixon Hall Charity for hire of hall £35.00

Locum clerk salary, including working from home allowance and mileage

HMRC Payment £55.80

Litter Picking payments £210 & £105

Invoice from Village Hall hire £27.00

Invoice from EALC for Affiliation Fees £265.48

Invoice from PCL for replacing the village green posts £480

To approve the payment of Accounts for June 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements.

To agree payments: Proposed Cllr Macrae, seconded Cllr Wright.

Funds from Barclays into the Unity Account achieved

VAT refunded

Street Cleaning contract - payment received

Excess to monthly requirement of funds to go into the savings account which will offset the quarterly bank charges. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Cairns. All agreed.

Review of Chairmans Allowance It was agreed to leave the allowance as last year. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Hammond. All agreed.

Review of Code of Conduct

Councillors needed more time to consider the code of conduct and wanted all Cllrs to be present when voting. The Clerk was asked to send the BDC code of conduct out again.

Review of Risk Assessment for Litter Pickers The Councillors discussed the risk assessment from Keep Britain Tidy (KBT) for litter pickers. Cllr Macrae and Cllr Cairns to scrutinise the KBT risk assessment and bring it back to a future meeting. Proposed Cllr Prime, seconded Cllr Wright.

Information Exchange and Items for the Next Agenda

The clerk was asked to write a letter to the Chatten Free school on their outstanding status from their Ofsted inspection.

Future Meeting Dates:

06.08.24 (VH): 03.09.24 (HDH): 01.10.24 (VH): 05.11.24 (VH): 03.12.24 (HDH): 17.12.24 (HDH Precept meeting)

Meeting Closed to the Public

Public excluded from the meeting to progress a confidential staffing matter. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Cairns.

To Consider and Decide on the Progress of Staff

A contract of employment was discussed for the Locum/Clerk. The Clerk was asked to find out the insurance cover for staff sickness.

The Clerk was to contact EALC and take the advert off the vacancy list. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Prime.

The Clerk was asked to enquire of EALC legal about volunteers being paid. The Litter Picking pay review was to be agreed once the legal status was confirmed.

Closure of the Meeting

The meeting having considered and determined all items of business closed at 21:02 hours 18th July 2024

Darcy the Tawny Owl

On Saturday 13th July Sarah (my Daughter who sings in the choir at St Mary's) was visiting her cousin at Toleshunt Major (Longs Farm) next to the Beckingham Business Park. In their garden is a pond which is netted to protect the Carp and the Moor Hens from predators.

On a walk round the pond they noticed what looked like an Owl caught in the netting! On first inspection they thought it might be dead however on close inspection it was still alive. After quite a struggle to extract the bird from the netting they got D'Arcy into what had been a dogs bed.

Very keen to find a rescue for Birds of Prey and following a search on the Internet they found Owls and Birds of Prey Rescue Suffolk and Essex based at Audley End. After talking to Stephanie Callister-Jarrold who runs the rescue and has a website where you can read about D'Arcy's progress and make a donation. https:// owlsandbirdsofpreyrescue.co.uk/.

The Picture of Darcy above was taken at the time of rescue a very poorly bird. Sarah drove to Audley End to meet Stephanie and begin what was hoped would be a journey of recovery for Darcy. Why the name Darcy well Stephanie had misheard the location of rescue which sh uses to identify rescued birds and so instead of Major he was named D'arcy.

Stephanie takes up the Story as follows:-

Saturday afternoon (13th July) brought a telephone call from Sarah and Jo in Tolleshunt D'arcy who had found a Tawny Owl in Jo's pond that was caught up in the netting. They managed to extricate him with a great deal of effort, as the netting was completely wrapped around every limb and body part, and was a particularly strong form of netting - Darcy had been unable to free himself and was rubbed raw under his wings and on the legs. Poor little thing, he must have been in a lot of pain. Sarah very kindly brought the bird to me and, upon inspection, I found a few more bits of the nylon netting, which I removed, and one foot was bleeding where it



had been rubbed raw. Administered painkiller, antibiotics and Dermisol cream on the foot, and fed him later that evening. We have no idea how long Darcy had been trapped but pleased to find he has a good swallow reflex but was very thin and weak. Where limbs have been constricted you have to keep checking them as the swelling can appear some hours later. Delighted that he made the night and medicated and fed him again this morning. Guarded prognosis at the moment as so much else could be going on internally.

Update 1 15th July

What a difference a few days of R & R, medication and good food can do for a Tawny Owl who was trapped in netting over a pond…

Amazing to see the improvement in Darcy, the Tawny Owl who was completely trapped in nylon netting over a pond. When I fed him this morning, he was clicking his beak at me and demanding food so I decided he was ready to go into a bigger cage after breakfast. He quickly cuddled up with Teddy and a hot water bottle and settled down for a rest. A couple of hours later, I was thrilled to see him up on the perch looking a whole lot better. He has chicks in the cage with him but has not shown any sign of feeding himself yet, but perching is a major improvement and shows he has his balance back and is feeling a whole lot better. I will complete his course of medication and then see if he starts to

feed himself. Once he does this he can go into the Aviary and exercise those wing muscles, especially as the netting was very tightly wrapped around his wings and they have been bruised and very painful. An excellent start to the day!

Update 2 19th July



Darcy after a few weeks of TLC

Darcy is improving daily but is not there yet. Decided to put him in the Penthouse Suite Aviary with Sandy this morning to give him the chance to have some fresh air and exercise and for me to see how his flying skills are coming along. He seems pleased to be outside and moved from the Owl Box to the perch of his own volition and is quite happily settled there. He will probably be more active when it gets darker and, as it is to be a very hot evening, I will feed him in the Aviary and leave him out there for the night. A chick I put out earlier has vanished so let's hope that was him starting to feed himself..

If there is any further News I will update you but

please visit her Website

https://owlsandbirdsofpreyrescue.co.uk/

End to End Nature

End to End Nature Care.

Already we are well past the summer solstice and the hours of evening daylight are shortening. August sees us enter the final month of our weekly Wednesday evening activities before, in September, the evenings become dark too early for us to do anything outdoors (other than bat detecting and moth trapping perhaps).

Our carefully planned - as always - schedule of events has been thrown out of kilter because Indaver were unable to host us on the evening of 24th July. It is still hoped that they will be able to host us one evening in August, so the list below is very much provisional, with one date held in reserve. If you plan to join us then it would be advisable to check on our website www.e2e.silverend.org or on our Facebook group 'End to End Nature Care' (please do also feel free to post comments and local photographs there), or I can be contacted via email simon@e2e.silverend.org or on 07947 388180.

One of our July highlights was a visit to Mann Wood in Fairstead, hosted and guided by the wood's former owner David Boyle. David first showed us his wildflower meadow, near Fairstead Church, which he has been watching mature for several years and contained an abundance of Pyramidal Orchids. We then travelled across to the wood, which sits between Fuller Street and Great Leighs and is largely private apart from some public access on the eastern side, via a footpath.

David explained how he had been able to purchase the 92-acre wood - much of it surviving ancient woodland - in two tranches from previous owners, having had his eye on it for a while. During his period of ownership he has established and maintained traditional forestry practices in the wood, primarily coppicing (i.e. cutting trees back to little more than stumps, termed 'stools', from which new bushy growth springs up). As for so many woodsmen, deer are a problem in that they can nibble all the new growth, so various measures are employed to protect the stools, primarily covering them in brash (the smaller branches cut during coppicing) and controlling the deer population through culling. This all mimics the conditions under which our woodlands evolved, when there were large herbivores, such as mammoths, which would devour small trees, and predators, like wolves, which would control the population size of the smaller herbivores.

The measures are certainly proving successful and the wood was an absolute pleasure to walk around, made all the more so by the Small-leaved Lime trees being in flower and the Wild Raspberries fruiting. David maintains several rides (woodland tracks) through the site and there are clearings, providing great habitat for rare butterflies as David hopes to attract populations of White Admirals and maybe even Purple Emperors. The clearings serve a further purpose, as one in particular has provided space for marquees to enable David and his wife to celebrate their more significant wedding anniversaries with friends and family.

The very latest development is that, given his advancing years, David has actually sold the wood, not to the highest bidder but to who he felt would most maintain his aims and ambitions for the site. It now belongs to a charity called Wilderness Foundation UK, who David feels very happy to entrust with the future of his precious woodland.

Simon Taylor

7 August	18:30 for 19:00	Shut Heath Wood, Great Totham. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm (CM8 3HQ or TL825172) at 18:30 to car share or at 19:00 at the wood car park off Tiptree Road (CM8 3ED or TL853133). Possible visit to Tiptree Heath afterwards, moth trapping with Essex Moth Group.
14 August	19:00	Visit to Helen's garden at Rivenhall 'New' Rectory. Probably best to park next door at the Village Hall.
21 August	19:00	St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Witham. Meet at the church entrance.
28 August	19:00	Walk Hoo Hall area. Meet Rivenhall village green (CM8 3PF or TL829173).
04 September	18:30 EARLY"	Late summer plant and invertebrate surveying at Silver End Pits. Meet in Western Arms car park (CM8 3SD or TL813193). We will visit the

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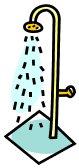






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DATE	LEADER
Date	Speaker
6th August	Ian Hardie
13th August	Marina Price
20th August	Jane Quinton
27th August	Stephen Northfield

TIME: 12.30 - 1pm

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Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

I was hoping to carry on this month with the history of Rivenhall Place, but due to lack of research time over the last few weeks I will cover the marriage Eustace III and Mary's daughter Matilda to King Stephen and the turmoil this couple go through to protect the English Throne next month. So, this month I thought we would look at something I had worked on earlier from the articles from the Parish News magazines of 1973/4. We start with the late Revd. David Nash letter in the January 1973:

Fifty years of Benefit – The Church Hall

Dear Parishioner,

Our Hall is entering its 50th year; it was built, NOT TO BENEFIT RIVENHALL VILLAGE, virtually non-existent in 1924, BUT RIVENHALL PARISH which extends for seven miles of roadway from Appleford Bridge on the Blackwater to within sight of Cressing water-tower.

In 1924 Rivenhall End had its Workmen's Hall, but Silver End, a mere hamlet, had nothing: there was no factory there nor anything like the present population which cannot be far away from the 3,500 mark. There was no Village Hall; no St. Francis Church and anyone coming to parish functions at Rivenhall came by farm waggon, on horseback or on foot.

There had been talk even at the turn of the century about building a church vestry and an architect had been consulted; Rector Hunt (1921-39) was fortunate in that the Westerns, patrons of the living, were both generous and related to him by marriage. They talked it over and decided upon a Hall to be built next to the new and present rectory (*now privately owned). Those were the days when it was the fashion for the local church to run almost everything from concerts and amateur dramatics to Whist Drives. This was the picture in those pre-war days but it is doubtful whether someone living at either end of the parish would feel it was much to his 'benefit'.

AND TODAY? The Parochial Church Council, the corporate body to whom the Westerns gave the Hall, are in a fix! This has been their problem rather than the rector's. They have no likelihood whatever of finding sufficient capital without which the Hall would be doomed; they have just spent £3,500 upon the parish church and

have to find as much again for urgent repairs. Of the three church councillors who live in Rivenhall village, none can be expected to spend time upon the Hall either because of their health or occupation. Time, however, at P.C.C. meetings in the past year has been devoted almost entirely to this subject to the detriment of other matters. No wonder that the Bishop of Colchester at his final Archdeacon's Visitation bade us all "Travel as a Pilgrim Church and to travel light. No wonder moves have been afoot in high places to take from us such problems by taking away our Title Deeds! Fair though this would be to our Christian task, the P.C.C. decided it would never be party to a situation where unscrupulous people might sell the Hall for development. We have a duty to consider the social needs of the area.

At their December meeting, and in the presence of the Archdeacon of Colchester, the P.C.C. decided unanimously:-

1: To pursue the agreement of a selling-price with Witham Urban District Council.

2: To include in any Deed of Sale a restrictive covenant to guarantee the Hall's continued use as a social amenity.

3: To earmark from the sale-money sufficient funds for the building of a church vestry.., the plans for which are passed by both the Essex County Council, the U.D.C. and the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Council.

Point 3 conforms to the restrictive clause in the Title Deeds that should the Hall be sold, the money must be used for Ecclesiastical purpose within the parish.

Yours Sincerely, David Nash. Chairman of Rivenhall P.C.C.

In the April magazine a note of Rivenhall Church Hall: It will be some weeks yet before the hand-over date to Witham U.D.C. Leaders of organization will be given ample warning. In general, the local authority may be expected to honour regular bookings. It should be stressed again that whilst used a great deal, we the Church, scarcely ever used it and it was redundant to our needs, saving the village Sunday School, which will transfer to the church building. Also noted that month: Position with regard to New Vestry: The vestry complex is in the final planning stage and will be put out to tender to three different firms. Planning permission has been granted and the Diocesan Advisory Committee has given the 'go

ahead'. One of the first acts of the new P.C.C. will be to apply for the legal faculty to proceed. It will seat 50, comfortably.

In the May issue: Church Hall Hand-Over: This will take place in just over 3 weeks:- Monday 25th June the hall will become U.D.C. property. They are happy, generally speaking to honour all the regular ordinary bookings. Also that month: the P.C.C. meeting will be at the Church Hall where you can meet the Architect for the new vestry: Mr Millard.

The December magazine informs us that the preliminary work upon the existing drains has already carried out at the same time as some other drainage issued were sorted out. On the North side of the church the drain level had to be lowered. Bricks are due to arrive shortly and Messrs. Bakers have detailed which group of workmen will be employed on the site. It is understood that these men were formerly employed by the firm of Adam and Mortimer before it was closed.

1974: January work begins upon the project and we are also informed the grand Admiral Western's Picture that was given to the Hall when it opened in 1924 now is back at Rivenhall Place after the outlay of considerable money to restore it by Mr & Mrs D. Stapleton and is hung on the main stairway. The Rear Admiral was the father of Thomas Burch Western who inherited the estates from Lord Western in 1840's.

In the Lent magazine of February we are introduced to the three men whom were building the vestry: 'Pop' Elliot and his two sons, Gordon and Bill are local men and besides being highly thought of by a friend of mine whose church they built, they are real interesting conversationalists. I only wish we could modify the squalls of bad weather that howl, from time to time, across the site!

Sunday, 15th September 1974: The vestry is opened. Our Rector David Nash writes: When we saw what a large congregation filled the nave of St. Mary's on the day of opening we began to be worried as to how we should get them into the new annexe in order to hear the Lord Lieutenant's speech. The astonish fact about our new building is that it hold more people than would appear from outside. Most of our guest we are glad to say managed to squeeze in to enjoy cups of tea and cakes and hear Sir John Ruggles-Brise reminiscing about his family's connections with Rivenhall (*they once lived at Durwards Hall - now Kelvedon Park).

Although the afternoon was rainy we enjoyed such wonderful weather for the Fete that we could hardly grumble.

The above covers both the Church Hall that became the Village Hall under the Rivenhall Playing Field Association after much money raising by local folk with sponsors, jumble sales, whist drives etc.., obtained it from Witham U.D.C. (which we will cover in another issue as it sees it 100th year this year) and the building of the vestry. But what happened to some of the grave stones that were near or on the place where the vestry stands now?

The Tombstones were moved from the area of the new building and they were all nineteenth century; the legal requirements for their removal are quite clear. When the building was finished they were placed as near to their original graves as possible. No head stone were broken up or taken away from the churchyard.

Here are some of the head stones that were either moved or are very close by the new vestry and we are lucky to have the Essex Society for Family History complied a survey in 1988. This gives us many inscriptions that they could read then that you may not be able to now due to age and weather.

William Hutley of Powers Hall End died March 1861 aged 64.

His stone is laid down.

Mary Hutley of Powers Hall End died August 1822 aged 27

William wife but separate headstone and also laid down

Susannah Hutley died Sept 1810 aged 47.

Grave still standing and they found part of an inscription that reads 'Her personal qualities (?)/ The beauties of her (?)

Her husband John Hutley of Park Gate, Rivenhall died May 1831 aged 68. This is a separate grave next to her and headstone laid down

Also next to John is his second wife Martha who died Feb 1840 aged 65 and her stone is also laid down.

Frances Hutley of Park Gate died May 1832 aged (?)0

This is a box tomb. She was the wife of John Hutley

Joseph Everett late of the parish of Feering in this County died Jan 1831 aged 2 years and 8 months.

The son of Joseph and Sarah. A low coffin slab and now part hid-

den in the holly bush.

Thomas Orpen died October 1835 aged 67.

Coffin box tomb. Late of Layer Marney

His wife Susannah died Jan 1854 aged 6(5?) years

Also a Coffin box tomb and came from Layer Marney both near the holly bush.

William Evers Hutley died Feb 1854 aged 32 years

William lived at White Gate Farm, Hatfield Peverel and was the oldest son of William Hutley of Powers Hall, Witham

Harriet Hutley of Park Gate Farm died Jan 1857 aged 45 and her husband John Hutley of the same. Died Sept 1867 aged 77

Inscription: 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord'

Coffin shaped box tomb

From Tracy Scott

Many of you may remember my mother Dot Taylor selling Runner Bean Chutney at the Autumn Bazaars held at Silver End Village Hall on our family produce stall over many years. This was very popular and we very rarely brought any home with us. The other day I found her recipe for this for any of you who would like to try it yourselves.

Runner Bean Chutney

2lbs Runner Beans
2lbs Demerara Sugar
Little Salt
1½ Tablespoons Cornflour
1½ 1lbs Onions
1½ Tablespoons Turmeric
1 Teaspoon Mustard
1½ Pints Vinegar

This recipe makes about 6 lbs of chutney.

Cook beans till tender strain and chop up.
Chop onions and then boil in ½ pint of the vinegar.

Add rest of the vinegar and chopped beans and boil for another 15 minutes.

Then add in sugar, cornflour, turmeric and mustard.

Boil all together for another 10 minutes

Pot when cool and seal.

Ladybirds (US Ladybugs)

Coccinellidae is a widespread family of small beetles. They are commonly known as ladybugs in North America and ladybirds in the United Kingdom; "lady" refers to mother Mary. Entomologists use the names ladybird beetles or lady beetles to avoid confusion with true bugs.

The more than 6,000 described species have a global distribution and are found in a variety of habitats. They are oval beetles with a domed back and flat underside. Many of the species have conspicuous aposematic (warning) colours and patterns, such as red with black spots, that warn potential predators that they taste bad.

Most coccinellid species are carnivorous predators, preying on insects such as aphids and scale insects.

Did you know that a swarm of Ladybugs is called a Loveliness, A Loveliness Of Ladybugs. With a name like that, no wonder Ladybird is believed to bring good luck, and when one spies one, is a reminder to count your blessings.

More details/photos: https://rebrand.ly/2d64d6



News From Silver End (St Francis)

Following on from our D Day commemorative afternoon tea held at St Francis church on Saturday 8 June, we were able to make a donation of £250 to the Veterans aid charges

A relatively small donation but the charity was so grateful when Ann sent the money, they in return sent to us some information in booklet format and several wristbands and pin badges

The charity looks after veterans of all ages, those that have suffered PTSD, those that struggle with everyday life after serving the country and those that find themselves in difficulty, financially, mentally, physically or through homelessness or addiction

A very worthy charity which we hope to be able to support further

Photo Competition

On Saturday 20th July the photographic competition was judged at St Mary's Rivenhall and the winning photograph by Wilson Kerr is shown on this months cover.

It was decided subject to approval of the participants that the best 12 pictures will feature in a calendar for 2025 to be made available from October / November this year. Watch this space.

WANTED ! … RIVENHALL SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS

Are you concerned about speeding traffic in our village?

Are our elderly residents and local children vulnerable when crossing our roads?

Rivenhall Parish Council is seeking to join forces with other local parishes to share a speed-watch camera. We do not have one of our own because they are very expensive.

We are seeking potential volunteers to help form a Speedwatch group. If we are successful in pairing with another parish council, then we can help them and they can help us to reduce speeds in our communities.

Speeding in Rivenhall affects everyone in our village!

If you would be willing to give-up (say) two half-days each month, and we can form a core team, then formal training will be given. Please contact Rivenhall Cllr John Macrae (01376-514930) or Rivenhall Parish Council Chairman Cllr Bob Turner on 01376-513659.

For general information, Google **Community Speedwatch UK**.


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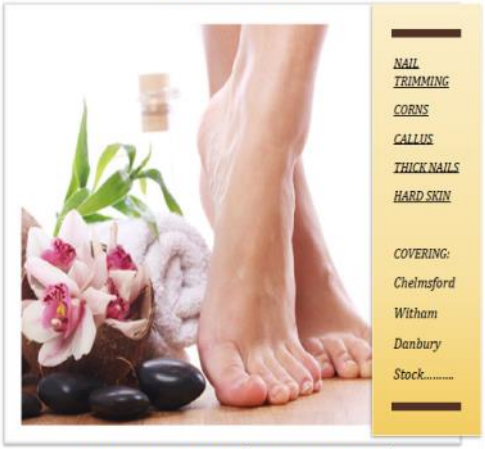
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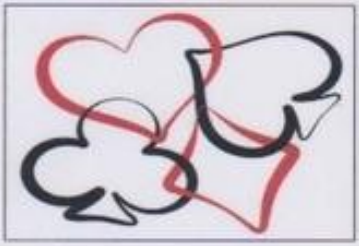
FRIENDLY BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



Henry Dixon Hall Rivenhall End

Monday 9th September 2024

Arrival: 10:30am for an 11:00am start



Tickets: **£22.00 per player,**

Tickets include: Coffee and biscuits on arrival,

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End to End Nature Care	Simon Taylor	01621 810141
Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	Mick Marshall	512836
Meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
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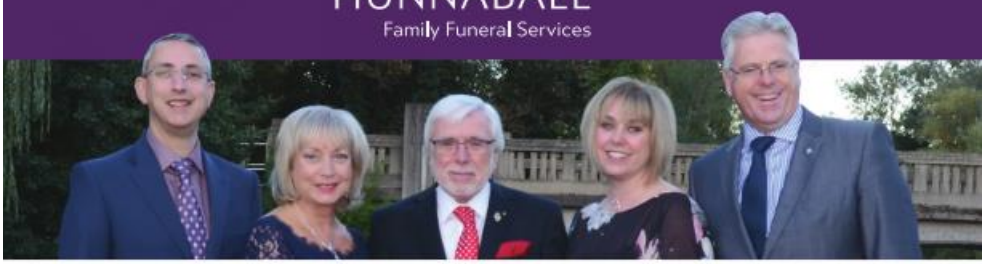
Hire of Village Hall	email rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com	
Hire of Henry Dixon Hall	Tracy Scott	571551
Oak Store Rivenhall "Open All Hour" Tel AJ		01376 538838

Organisations in Silver End

Clerk to Parish Council	Mrs B. M. Temple	618464
Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Bowls Club	Paul Mann	07551 006906
Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960
Neighbourhood Police	Braintree Policing	Dial 101
Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	583913
Friendship Club	Maureen Green	585275
Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	07952 992782
Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
Neighbourhood Watch	Judy Hill	07896 975839
Scouting Group	secretary@silverend-scouts.org.uk	
St Mary's Church (R.C.)	Vivian Phillips	583598
Tennis Club	Jason Cairns	584581
Workers Educational Assoc.	Brian Gillion	583706
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