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



Karen Dakin Sent this to me and it just had to go on the front Cover Well done Karen you win this month photo competition

July 2020 50p

Our Services July 2020

In accordance with the latest guidance,
we can announce that from the 5th of July at St Mary's Rivenhall,
we ***plan*** to hold a said service of the word
11.00 am - Morning Prayer service every Sunday.

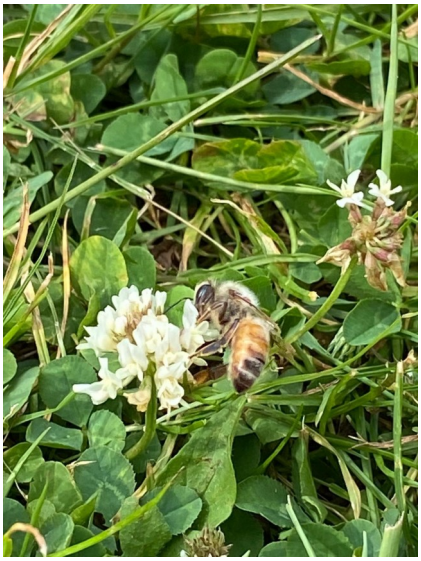
Unfortunately, at this stage we will not be able to sing hymns,
but we do plan to play some music at intervals throughout the service, where hymns would normally be.

St Francis Church, Silver End.

St Francis Church will be open for visitors on Sundays
from 10am to 11am for private prayer;
with services to resume at a future date to be confirmed.
For the latest updates,
please refer to the Church Website: www.stmarysrivenhall.co.uk
or our parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parishRHSE

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There seem to be more bees about this year I wonder if any of you Mellitologists can tell me what this one is and where it comes from

This toad appeared on our lawn had to rescue it before Charlie the dog found it









A Collection of Pictures to accompany the End to End Nature Care article.



This Ship has been anchored in the Blackwater Estuary Near Tollesbury Wick How many of you know what it is called and what it is famous for?





A Cockatiel and a Wood Pigeon in Stevens Hall Garden thanks to Ann Kerr for these

Thoughts for July from your Team Vicar

As I write for July this year, things are still far from being back to normal. Though as you're more than likely aware of by now, whatever 'normal' looks like, will almost certainly be a different version of normal compared to what most people were used to prior to when the Coronavirus Pandemic hit the globe and in particular the UK and we entered lock-down.

As much as many people are pleased to see restrictions relaxed, and with the national plan currently being for that to continue over the weeks ahead, it's important to remember that the threat presented by Covid-19 remains a real one, and that we need to ensure that we don't become complacent about the actual or potential risk to health in the near future.

It's now widely known that **our parish churches are open on Sundays,** and indeed they have been for a few weeks now for private prayer and devotion, and it is planned that the hours which they will be open from will continue as we move through July too. These being **from 10am to 11am at St Francis' Silver End, and 11am to 12 noon at St Mary's Rivenhall.** However, I'm also pleased report that from Sunday 5th July it is planned that during these times, **in addition to being open, a said service of Morning Prayer will be offered at St Mary's church too**. This will also feel a little different from what you may be used to, and though there will be some music played during the service, there won't be any hymns at this time as the action of singing presents a greater risk of Coronavirus transmission, should anyone unknowingly be infectious. There will also be other safeguards which will be in place to keep everyone as safe as possible – most of which being what you would likely expect them to be, and so will probably come as no surprise. So ***if*** you do feel ready to do so once more, you'd be very welcome to take part in worship in one of our beautiful church buildings as a physically gathered community once again.

But let's also remember that being 'church' is more about being the 'gathered' body of Christ as people in prayer and praise than anything else. And though it is understandably not the same as the physical gathering which so many of us

long for once again, 'gathering' together online is still a valid expression of Christian community. As such, for foreseeable future and at least until things can significantly change from how they are now, we will continue to offer you the opportunity to take part in streamed **Live Broadcast worship every Sunday at 2pm on our parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parishRHSE** I now have a quite a regular online congregation whom I'm delighted to welcome each week, but would love to have even more people to join in too. So if you've not taken part in this so far, and are able to, why not join in this coming week? And experience being church, though separated by distance, gathered together in spirit.

You might also be interested to know that we have very recently set up a 'Just Giving' Page to assist in paying our continued ministerial expenses. Indeed, lots of charities and organisations have been adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. For many of these most the usual bills have needed to be paid – even when income has been much lower, and of course our churches have lots of regular outgoings and expenses too. And like other churches, our costs have remained almost the same since lock-down began.

As you'll almost certainly already know, The Parish of Rivenhall and Silver End has served our local communities for literally hundreds of years and the cost of maintaining and running our churches (even whilst they've not been open for public worship) is around £600 per week! It's perhaps easy to sometimes forget that churches need to be self-sufficient in order to continue to serve their local and wider communities, and that like any other organisation need to remain financially solvent. Many members of our regular congregations, as well as some others choose to give to the work of the church by way of regular giving through Standing Orders which can be arranged through our parish treasurer Ann Clarke. So if this is something that you would like to consider doing to support the church, or to even make a 'one off' donation, please do get in touch with her for more details. In the first instance by giving her a call on 01376 514825.

And I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who already gives to our parish in this or another way. A BIG Thank You to you all!

But our new Just Giving page has also been set up as another way to help us to continue to be able to pay the bills and remain open for the future, by providing people with a slight different was to give to the ongoing life and ministry of their church. Be that as a place where people can come to pray quietly, take part in services, or say goodbye to their loved-ones in the parish churchyard (which is lovingly maintained by volunteers and also gives home to plenty of British wildlife). So many people also continue to look to the church for occasions of celebration such as having their children, grandchildren, baptised (christened) – or coming for baptism themselves; plus of course to get married in a beautiful and spiritually uplifting environment. So if you are able to make a donation of any amount it is greatly appreciated, and will help us to be able to continue the work here for the present, as well as for future generations to come. The website address to give in this way is **www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rivenhall-church** And if you did want to give in this way, but run in to difficulties for any reason, do get in touch to let us know.

Life may still be skewed in various ways as we continue to journey through this year. But the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ remains an everlasting message of hope and love which we're all invited to share in the life of ourselves, as well as to share it with others – sharing our witness of faith. On the 22nd of this month the church marks the feast day of Mary Magdalene, and if there was ever an example of commitment to Jesus and Christian witness, she ranks very highly indeed. She has received some questionable press in the past, but which is almost certainly unfounded, with certain assumptions about her being made simply because of where her name is mentioned in relation to some other accounts in the written gospel. But what we do know about her is that after being healed by Jesus, that she was faithful to him throughout his entire ministerial life for thereon-in, and that she even had the courage and tremendous strength of character to remain with Jesus with just a handful of others by the foot of the Cross on

Good Friday. Mary Magdalene was, as is detailed in John 20:1-18 the first witness of the resurrection to first-hand encounter and witness to our risen Lord, who went and told of her Easter encounter to the faithful disciples. As such she was sometimes called the 'Apostle to the Apostles' in the early church.

Even throughout these challenging times, the Good News of Jesus is something which we're charged and encouraged to share with others, and to continue the work of the Kingdom. Let therefore us follow Mary's example in our own commitment to Jesus, and to the work of his mission through the ministry of his church today.

Paul Watkin.

The 50/50 Club June 2020 winners

1st S&S Jackson 2nd W Kerr 3rd S Joles

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From the Registers May / June 2020

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Collects and Readings July 2020

5th July 4th Sunday after Trinity
Private Prayer St Francis 10 am St Mary's 11.00 am
Readings
Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-15
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Collect
Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ

12th July 5th Sunday after Trinity
Private Prayer St Francis 10 am St Mary's 11.00 am
Readings
Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14
Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Collect.

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

19th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

Private Prayer St Francis 10 am St Mary's 11.00 am

Readings

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

26th July 7th Sunday after Trinity

Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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.

Rvenhall Gardening Club

Please note that the SUMMER FLOWER SHOW on SATYRDAY 18th JULY 2020 has been CANCELLED regardless of any alterations to government guidelines

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RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND JUNE 2020 HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.

(These notes are an abridged version of the minutes).

Matters for Discussion

Could RPC meetings be held via video conferencing

It was considered initially that it might be possible to hold the July meeting in the Village Hall, but due to uncertainty over the gradual lifting of restrictions and the fact that BDC had not yet advised it would be possible, it was decided to continue with electronic meetings for now.

Also it has been identified that several councillors would be unable to participate if the meeting was convened via Zoom or equivalent.

Boundary fence along the Albert Moss Playing Field

BDC had been requested to confirm ownership following an enquiry from residents. (Post meeting note – BDC confirmed that the fence is owned by the adjacent property and so they are free to maintain it).

BDC Spring & Autumn Rural Verge Cutting

Councillors welcomed the new BDC policy on verges and the trial taking place around Braintree to only cut certain verges once a year in the autumn in order to allow wildflowers to flourish.

Councillors agreed to request information from BDC as to why all parishes were not initially consulted. RPC will consult with residents over the summer period with a view to requesting that some verges within Rivenhall Parish go into the programme at the review of the trial.

Highway Maintenance

The Chairman, as the local ECC Member had written to the Cabinet Member for Highways expressing disappointment regarding the Member-led footway programme. Of the 7 schemes submitted, 1 was done in full, 1 was only partially done (Rickstones Road), 1 is yet to be done and 4 were refused without any notice and without the opportunity to supply alternatives. The Chairman has requested that ECC compensates for this poor delivery by doing more work in Rickstones Road.

Highways England has been requested to cut back the overgrowth

along the A12 cycle track.

Highways England has taken enforcement action to prohibit the use of the unofficial entrance off the A12 at the rear of properties in Foxden.

BDC has not yet confirmed the request for a TPO on the trees at the junction of Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road.

Maintenance

The maintenance contractor will be requested to trim back overgrowth of the footway by the hedge along Oak Road from the houses to the railway Bridge; to cut back tree branch overgrowth along Henry Dixon Road from the notice board to the A12 flyover and to cut back overgrowth at the bottom of the slopes and steps from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12.

Planning Applications

20/00765/FUL & 20/00766/LBC: Conversion of barn into 4 bed dwelling – Ford Farm.

Councillors raised no objections to this revised application but requested that BDC includes the same conditions applied to the original 2018 consent in respect of any proposed lighting to ensure that the development is sympathetic to its rural and sensitive environment. The Rivenhall Brook valley is a locally important habitat for bats, owls and birds of prey as evidenced by detailed ecological surveys for Ford Farm itself as well as several other properties along the valley.

Ongoing Planning Issues

A12 & A120 Projects

Post meeting note: Funding to move and widen the A12 north of Feering has been withdrawn as a result of the Inspector's finding that the Local Plan "Garden Community" at West Tey is Unsound. This should not though have any effect on plans to move and widen the A12 to the south of Rivenhall End, which is now a 'Preferred Route'.

BDC Local Plan

Following the Inspector's letter indicating that the NEA's joint Local Plan Section 1 can only be made Sound by removing West of Braintree and West Tey garden Communities from the Plan with associated modifications, discussions are underway at BDC about the process to do this. Completing Section 1 will need to be done before Section 2 can be looked at by the Inspector. Section 2 contains the

great majority of development required in the Plan period to 2033 in Braintree District. BDC has provisionally indicated that the adjustment to Section 2 will be an additional approx. 500 to 1000 dwellings across the District.

IWMF

Post meeting note: The Environment Agency has consented to give Gent Fairhead a revised Permit to operate the proposed waste incinerator with a 35m high stack instead of a 58m high stack as previously agreed.

BDLHP

The next meeting (via video) scheduled for 25th June. All schemes for Rivenhall will be checked to see what status they are now at. Discussions regarding the new PRoW along Church Road continue but the RPC position is on hold until later in the year.

Items for the July agenda

* To consider an earlier start of the normal RPC meetings, e.g. 7pm.

* To consider the Clerk's membership of the SLCC.

* Purchase of flower bulbs for Autumn planting and to consider holding a resident's bulb planting day in the Autumn.

Dates of future meetings

Meetings have been organised for Tuesdays 7th July and 4th August, but until the virus restrictions are lifted (date unknown) parish council business will continue to be conducted electronically.

If residents wish to raise any matters with the parish council, please contact the Clerk:

Telephone (01376) 516975

Email: parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net

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Summer Vegetable Tagine

Ingredients

- 1kg vine tomatoes, skinned, deseeded and chopped
- 250g green beans, blanched and cut into 2 cm pieces
- 175g podded broad beans, blanched and peeled to remove tough outer skin
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped

- 4tbsp olive oil
- 1tsp cardamom seeds
- 1tsp ground cinnamon
- 2tbsp tomato pureé
- 2tsp runny honey

Garnish With:

- 35g toasted walnuts, chopped
- 1 medium lemon, cut into wedges

Method

Sauté the onion in 2tbsp olive oil until soft before adding the tomatoes and spices. Cook gently until the tomatoes start to break up.

Add the pureé, the other 2tbsp oil and a little water if the sauce seems too thick. Season well.

Add the green beans and simmer gently for 15-20 mins until cooked but still crunchy, adding a little water if necessary.

Stir in the honey and the broad beans and simmer for a further 5 mins, at which point the sauce should be quite thick.

Season to taste and serve with couscous or pita bread

You can change the garnish to whatever you like. I do not like most nuts, but I do like Pine nuts. You can also mix in Chia seed which is good fibre. If you mix an egg spoonful of chia seed to a portion of Mayonnaise or equivalent and leave in the fridge for a couple of hours, the chia seeds swell up and get soft. Lovely.

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End to End Nature Care.

As I write, it is some 30°C outside and we are in the middle of National Insect Week 22nd – 28Th June 2020 (www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk), an event organised and promoted every other year by the Royal Entomological Society to encourage awareness of and interest in insects. The timing could hardly be better as most insects love warm weather and despite the pandemic many of us are able to get out either into our gardens or the nearby countryside to witness the mass of insect activity going on all around. Right now, for example, a flowering patch of bramble

attracts a huge variety of species to feed on the pollen and nectar and they in turn attract a large range of insect parasites and predators.

Large numbers of insect species use this time of bounty as the focus for their breeding season. Insect life cycles are varied and complex, and some may take just a few weeks between generations whereas other may require several years to complete, but all culminate in the breeding adult which is usually the most familiar to us, such as the flying butterflies and moths, often brightly coloured beetles (such as ladybirds), the flying dragonflies, damselflies, midges, mosquitos, etc. Many develop from egg to larva (e.g. caterpillar or maggot) to pupa and then to adult (in insects the adult stage is often referred to as the "imago") while others pass through a variety of recognised growth or nymph stages, called "instars", before reaching imago.

Most are familiar with the caterpillars of butterflies, which develop from an egg and then feed and grow before forming a chrysalis (pupa) from which the winged adult emerges. In spring/summer when there is plentiful food for the caterpillar, the whole cycle can occur in a matter of weeks. Beetles also tend to follow this pattern, the nymphs of ladybirds, for example, often sharing the colours of the adult but otherwise looking as different from the imago as a caterpillar is from a butterfly, usually being very spiky in appearance.

Dragonflies have longer life cycles, lasting from one year to as many as five. The nymphs are notorious predators, living underwater and even feeding on small fish and tadpoles when they are nearing maturity. The adult famously emerges by creeping up a plant stem and extending the large wings by pumping body fluids through the veins before eventually flying away, this final flying imago surviving for a fraction of the time it spent as a nymph and serving purely to breed and distribute the species.

Insects like true bugs (e.g. shield bugs) and grasshoppers and crickets have a complex life cycle with several recognisable instar stages, a process sometimes referred to as "incomplete metamorphosis". While the various instars can looks decidedly odd they often resemble the adults to an extent, though they usually do not have wings, and can often mislead one to think that they are a different species. At the moment, for example, many dock

plants are crawling with first and second instars of the dock bug, which have relatively long and very active antennae and peculiarly angular abdomens.

Unfortunately we are still unable to resume our regular meetings to explore and enjoy local wildlife but we have continued to observe and record as much as we can. Specific to insects, this has included a wide variety of butterfly species, five different ladybird species (including the 24-spot ladybird with the remarkable Latin name *Subcoccinella vigintiquattuorpunctata*), numerous different bee species including some cuckoo bees (which, as the name suggests, lay their eggs in the nests of other bee species), various beetles, flies, bugs and even some very exotic looking Ichneumon wasps which are a challenge to identify, even for experts (we have been in touch with the Natural History Museum).

If you make nature observations and would like assistance with identification or would like to add them to our growing list of local biological records or even just share them with our group then do please get in touch with me, Simon Taylor, via my email simon@e2e.silverend.org or by telephone on 01621 810141 or 07947 388180.

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Sky Notes July 2020

Full Moon this month is on the 5th and there will once again be an eclipse as the Moon moves through the Earth's shadow, but it will be another Penumbral eclipse with very little change to the Moon's appearance.

The low summer Full Moon, combined with the short nights and twilight will mean it will not get properly dark at all – a good time for night walks in the countryside for those that can safely do so.

Towards the end of the month the all-night summer twilight ends. In the window of darker skies around and after midnight its a good time to view the summer Milky Way high overhead and flowing down to the South. Appearing as a misty ribbon, it is made up of huge numbers of stars which are thousands of light years away from us. Galaxies come in all shapes and sizes and ours is a large spiral galaxy and

what we are seeing in the Milky Way is one arm of the spiral shape. Our galaxy is so large that it takes over 200 million years for our Sun and its system of planets to make just one orbit around the massive galactic core, which is located over 20,000 light years away.

Jupiter reaches its best for the year on the 14th and Saturn does so on the 20th. The pair are quite close together and on the night of the 5th/6th will be joined by the Full Moon low in the South East. The 2 planets will be readily seen throughout the month in the hour or so up to midnight. Jupiter will appear particularly bright if skies are clear and transparent.

Mars is also improving ahead of what will be a very good showing later this year. Still a morning object, by the end of July Mars will be rising by midnight and will be obvious as a bright orange coloured object low in the East.

Venus returns this month, seen pre-dawn and low in the East.

July sees meteor activity picking up with several streams active, including the start of the famous August Perseids. As well as these known streams, "sporadic" meteors may be seen at any time – these are random particles of dust orbiting the Sun which we see as streaks of light in the night sky when they collide with, and burn up in our atmosphere.

Continuing on from the previous Sky Notes theme of starting out in astronomy, as July progresses the familiar asterism (pattern of stars in the sky) of the Great Square of Pegasus starts to rise in the East during the late evening period. As it rises it is orientated with one corner downwards. The 4 stars that make up the Square are between about 100 and 300 light years distant from us.

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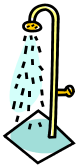
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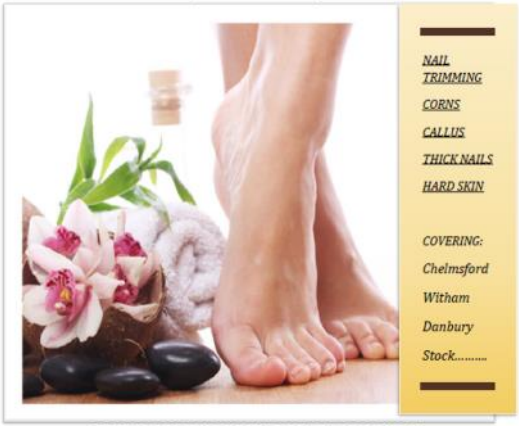
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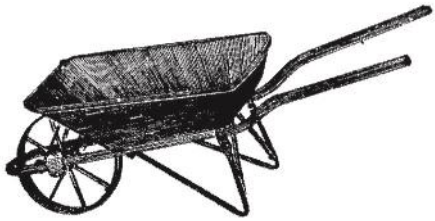
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Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

Over the next few months I will be joining a few thing up with what I do on the Facebook page Rivenhall Community, where I am doing a regular history articles with pictures. This is part of a long term project that I hope will lead to an exhibition in the village of both Rivenhall and Rivenhall End. Along this journey I will ask for your help…so watch out in the parish magazines and facebook. If you are not on FB you can email me at: familybranches@btinternet.com

So let's start this month of July in 1924 with Gunners' Sad Death – The death occurred at Khanspur, India, on Friday, of Gunner Lionel Say, aged 22. The youngest son of ex-Sergeant and caretaker and Mrs Say of Workmen's Hall, and formerly of Kelvedon. The deceased had served for four years in India with the Royal Horse Artillery, and was due home in England next September. He had been ill for about three months, during which time he had undergone two operations.

In 1902 we have a much lighter news with Mrs. W. Brown finding a mushroom of 42 inches in circumference in Rivenhall.

8th July 1962, Rivenhall had a baptisms of three children from Flints, Michigan, USA. Pamela Ann, Barbara Ellen and Peter John.

Silver End 1932 the Congregational Church choir took part in the festival of the Free Church Choir Union and travelled to Crystal Palace. The members that took part were Mesdames: Paine, Sutherland, Woodcraft, and Crowe. Messrs: Paine, Maider, Saward and Laburn.

July 1936 the death of Mr. Arthur Ager aged 62 of Browns Row, Rivenhall End died after being ill for a couple of weeks. He formally lived in Witham for 33 years. He began working for Cooper, Taber and Co in their warehouse as a boy of 11, and was in their employ at the time of his death, having completed 51 years with them. He was born at Rivenhall and was a member of the old Rivenhall Band and also the Witham band.

He was a widower for 23 years. Three sons and one daughter survive. The funeral was at All Saint's, Witham. The mourners Mr. Arthur Ager (son); Mrs R. A. Ashby (daughter); Mr Cecil Ager (son) Mrs Russell of Chingford (sister); Mr Frank Ager (son); Mrs. A. Ager (daughter-in-law); Mr. R. A. Ashby (son-in-law); Miss Hunter (friend)

And to finish the month of July off, we go to 1972 we see the start of the Archaeological Dig at the church. We had nearly 30 students and some came from the USA. Many of the students stayed at Henry Dixon Hall over the length of the dig, where my Mother and sister Linda would cook their breakfast in our home each morning and then take it in the hall. In the evening they would go to the Fox for their evening meal. The director of the dig was Mr. Rodwell who has written a few books about the dig and history of Rivenhall.

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Cycle Security

Cycle security is always an issue with thefts from a variety of locations including the town centre, residential areas, and educational establishments. Commonly bicycles are either not secured or not secured properly, and this makes it easy for thieves.

Where do they go? Number of places: - in a container abroad, to another part of the country, stored in premises or sold as either a cycle or cycle parts via the internet, or third parties.

By taking some appropriate precautions and using good quality security products, and using them well, should help you to keep your property safe. Use the best security you can afford. Don't secure a £2,000 bicycle with a £20 lock! As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain **and** padlock or "D – Lock" preferably gold rated but certainly not below silver. Consider what you chain it to whether at home or whilst out, is that secure? Is it well overlooked to provide good natural surveillance?

Make a note of the frame number, security mark the cycle, there are a number of different methods available such as www.bikeregister.com, www.datatag.co.uk , and www.retainagroup.com. Take a photograph of the cycle and any areas of damage or marks of identification, and some insurance companies may require one with the owner in the picture with it.

At home remove that first attraction to the thief or burglar: 1) don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your expensive cycle and other property, 2) consider a "Ground anchor" or "Shed shackle" within your shed or garage to secure your cycle to, 3) look at your shed or garages security and ensure you have good locks and that the hinges are protected, 4) consider a shed alarm.

If you can its worth getting your children or grandchildren into good

habits, keeping their bikes secure and not leaving them discarded on the front lawn or other, may save problems in the future.

Check with your insurance company to see what security standards they require for your insurance cover to be valid.

For suitable security products see www.securedbydesign.com or www.soldsecure.com .

For further advice see https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-of-a-bicycle/how-safe-is-your-bike/

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I Have a Little Sat Nav by Unknown

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I've had it all my life
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Especially how to drive
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"You're doing thirty five"

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And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever
Safe to overtake

It tells me when a light is red
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively
Just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front
And all those to the rear
And taking this into account
It specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car
It still gives its advice

It fills me up with counselling
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it

And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things
And – keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages
And my tendency to scoff,
I do wish that once in a while
I could turn the damned thing off!

Author Unknown

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Dear All

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers that I received from my Church Friends. They really cheered me up.

As some on you already know I was our for a walk with my Son Chris and his dog Oscar. I was holding Oscars lead and had it extended to the full length. A train came thundering past, poor Oscar panicked and ran. Unfortunately he pulled me with him, I must have let him go at some stage and I fell heavily.

Chris managed to get me back home and John took me to A & E at Broomfield. They were very good. I sat in A&E department for approx 45 mins. Each of us there had 3 chairs in between us and we all wore masks. I had several xrays on my left arm and leg. Dr. Said they were treating it as a fracture to my elbow. I had severe contusions on my hips and leg.

I was sent home with a sling to wear, which has been extremely helpful. On the Tuesday I had a call from the hospital to say that I hadn't broken my elbow, thankfully. Anyway each day I'm continuing to feel easier, John has been taking good care of me and I've had lots of support from family and friends.

When I received the beautiful flowers from my Church Friends it really cheered me up and made my day.

Thank you again everyone. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Love Ann

Track and trace scam

A new telephone scam is coming to light .... callers contact residents saying they are from NHS Track & Trace, telling the resident that they have been in contact with someone suffering from Covid 19 and need to have a test sent out to them. This is swiftly followed with a request for the resident's bank details; the caller states that the test and results cost £500.

Please do not fall for this scam. If you need a test sent out to you because you are unable to attend a test site, this is done for free, both delivery and collection, followed up by the result.

Important! The NHS Test and Trace service will NOT:

*ask for bank details or payments
*ask for details of any other accounts, such as social media
*ask you to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
*ask you to call a premium rate number, such as those starting 09 or 087

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Covid-19 doorstep scam

Be aware that opportunists and criminals can take advantage of older people who are self-isolating during this period of Coronavirus outbreak.

There are people calling door to door claiming to be carrying out Coronavirus testing at your home for you on behalf of NHS or you GP.

NHS teams are NOT conducting any door to door testing for the Coronavirus - these are thieves trying to get into your home.

If anyone knocks on your door claiming to be conducting the tests please call the police

Anyone being offered "kindness" by cold callers by way of running errands, collecting prescriptions and doing shopping should not accept services from STRAN who may ask for cash up front, a credit card and its PIN, or gain trust simply to execute a more elaborate scam.

Since February 2020, the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has identified a growing number of reports of fraud where Coronavirus was mentioned, with victim losses totalling over

£800k. Ten of these reports were made by victims that attempted to purchase protective face masks from fraudulent sellers. Reporting numbers are expected to rise as the virus continues to spread across the world.

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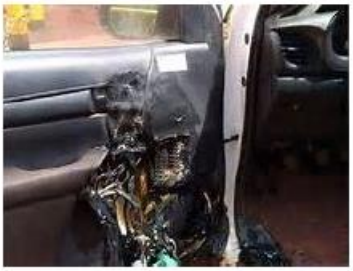
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Safety Quick Share

Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitiser – Vehicle Fires

This quick share is to alert all colleagues to the potential fire risk in vehicles, caused by alcohol-based hand sanitiser. We have received a number of reports of hand sanitiser being the cause of fires when left in vehicles in the hot weather the UK is currently experiencing.

The alcohol hand sanitiser is becoming heated resulting in flammable vapours being released. These vapours are reaching their 'flashpoint' and then ignite in normal air conditions, setting fire to flammable components within the car.



This picture shows damage to a car as result of hand sanitiser fire

Product Details

All alcohol-based hand sanitiser products

What you need to do

Remove all alcohol-based hand sanitiser products from vehicles when they are not occupied, do not leave hand sanitiser in un-attended vehicles.





You should continue to use hand sanitiser as part of your hygiene routine where you cannot use soap & water.

Remember: hand hygiene is one of the most effective methods to stop the spread of COVID-19 following indirect contact (picking up the virus up by touching contaminated surfaces and objects).

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Age Concern (Witham area)	Margaret Prime	514255
End to End Nature Care	Simon Taylor	01621 810141
Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	Mick Marshall	512836
Meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Playing Fields Association	Mick Marshall	01376 512836
Spread Your Wings Dance Acam	Laura Pearson	01376 741317

Facilities

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Hire of Henry Dixon Hall	Tracy Scott	571551
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Organisations in Silver End

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Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	07952 992782
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Site www.silverendunitedfc.co.uk		
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Heather Barrett



We are sad to report the passing of our Mum, Heather Barrett on 17th April 2020 at Broomfield Hospital. Those who knew her already know she had been ill for many years, suffering from several ailments which meant she was housebound for the last few years of her life.

Heather came to live in Rivenhall in 1975 with her family – husband Stan, 2 teenage daughters Julie and Debbie and 3 pre-school children – Rachel, Matthew and William. The youngest of whom, William, was only 3 weeks old when they moved into the village. They had one more son in 1979, Benjamin. All of them were later christened at the church. Heather and Stan eventually had 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Heather grew up in Suffolk where her parents ran a pub, and as a young child was evacuated to Wales during the war. She married and had Debbie and Julie at a young age, before divorcing and being a single Mum for several years. She later met Stan through a mutual friend. She trained and worked as a secretary including working for an MP before moving to Hornchurch, near Romford, to

live with Stan on their marriage in 1970.

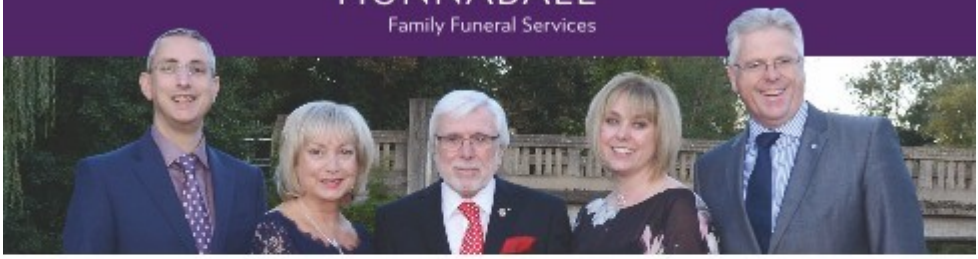
She was happy in Rivenhall and loved the countryside and the community, especially being a part of the church and later the church choir, making many friends there. Later on she worked in Witham library for a few years, again making several friends. She enjoyed gardening, reading (especially history) loved knitting and had a great passion for cats – owning many in her lifetime (or rather, they owned her).

In the future we are hoping to hold a memorial, where everyone who wants to attend can do so.



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