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





Karen Dakin's picture of the Red Arrows over Buckingham Palace wins my photo of the month however the second picture taken at a similar time over Rivenhall demonstrates the contrasting weather for the King's official Birthday celebrations

July 2024 50p

The following are our services For July 2024

7th July	**6th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
14th July	**7th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
3 pm St Mary's	Churchyard Service
21st July	**8th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
28th July	**9th 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' – 'A new way to see!'

The focus of this month's article was originally going to be the feast of sporting events that have either begun or are about to start, namely the European football championships, Wimbledon, and the Olympics.

However, that then changed when this morning I noticed a beautiful photograph that someone had posted on Facebook, of a summer flower called the 'Common Mallow', to which he had attached the following comment: "it may be 'common' in name, but when you get close, the flower is spectacular". Which led me to reflect that nothing is 'common' in God's eyes, because everything about His creation is special to Him.

Unfortunately we (humankind), so often miss the beauty around us because we don't look close enough, or through the 'right eyes'. Even worse, our inability to look through the right lens can have disastrous consequences…..

I know I still do not see God's creation in the way He would like me to. I still succumb to those things which blur or distort my vision – jealousy, insecurity, selfishness, and other such negative forces. But I know that the God who made us is the God of love, and to Him nothing is 'common' or 'ordinary', nothing or no-one without meaning and purpose. God created humankind in His image to live in love and with respect for each other. Unfortunately though, as St (Mother) Theresa said, we have just "forgotten that we belong to each other."

In the next few weeks, millions of people, like me, will be drawn to the sporting occasions I mentioned earlier, because of a 'common' love of sport. And, though competing with each other, there will be amongst the athletes themselves that same love of their sport that will inspire mutual respect. May that be a reminder and encouragement to all of us, to look with fresh eyes at what connects us, rather than what divides.

Meanwhile, 'COME ON ENGLAND!' J

God bless

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 July 2024

7th July 6th Sunday of Trinity

All Age Worship

Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

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.

14th July 7th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

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.

21st July 8th Sunday of Trinity

Matins

Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians2:11-end
Mark 6:30-34 and 53-end

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

28th July **9th Sunday of Trinity**

Holy Communion

Readings
2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Collect
Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Thursday 25th July 2pm. Garden Party and Bring and Share tea + raffle at 131 Powers Hall End Witham CM8 1LS

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:**

rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com

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The 50/50 Club June 2024 winners

1st M Fletcher 2nd M&D Porter 3rd J&M White

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NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th JUNE 2024 IN HENRY DIXON HALL

(Formal Minutes can be viewed on official village noticeboards and the council's web-site)

Present: Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Cairns, Macrae, Prime, Abbott, Wright and Hammond

Also Present: Locum Clerk Mrs A Brown and one member of the public

Public Forum: Potholes in Braxted Road and Oak Road, Rivenhall End. Our Clerk will add these to the ECC Highways portal.

Chairman's Report: An official portrait of King Charles has been obtained for the Village Hall. Another will be requested for Henry Dixon Hall subject to agreement on payment.

Speedwatch: There are currently 2 to 3 Speedwatch volunteers in Rivenhall: our Clerk will report this to the Speedwatch group.

New Noticeboards: John Macrae will again speak with Bellway's management enquiring if Bellway will contribute towards a noticeboard in the Bluebells development. Three quotations were sought but only one estimate was received. A discussion was held on which parish noticeboards are for formal Parish Council business, and which are for public use.

".gov" E-Mail Addresses for Councillors: A quotation from Macintosh Electronics will be circulated to all councillors.

Planning Matters:

Essex Minerals Local Plan Review Consultation - a further plot has been submitted by Brice Aggregates but this was omitted in the earlier ECC consultation. John Macrae was asked to draft a letter of objection.to ECC.

Southview College (Rickstones Academy) - No Objections.

Day Nursery, Elm Hall Primary School, Conrad Road – No Objections.

The Piggery, Paton & Lee, Hoo Hall – the Clerk will write to BDC seeking more time to respond.

Finance: Cllr Cairns volunteered to be overseer of the accounts and will check incoming invoices and sign them as "appropriate" prior to each future parish council meeting.

Groundworks & Village Maintenance Contract: Cllr Abbott has spoken to PG Groundcare about cutting the re-wilding verges. The Clerk will contact Henry Siggers (Leapingwells Farm) about cutting-back his Oak Road hedge near the railway bridge (Cllr Abbott will e-mail the Clerk with other dangerous spots requiring cutting).

War Memorial Maintenance: The Clerk will write to the PCC regarding maintenance of the war memorial garden in the churchyard.

Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Consultation: As the Consultation deadline has been extended, Cllr Abbott will draft a parish response for discussion at the July parish meeting.

Information Exchange / items for next agenda:

Risk Assessments (litter picking etc)

Incinerator site - Cllr Abbott will report on the latest liaison meeting

Code of Conduct

A Permanent Parish Clerk: None of the recently interviewed candidates had the training, competencies or any experience of the clerk's role: our Clerk will write to them accordingly. Our Clerk will again advertise the post through the Essex Association of Local Councils to seek an appropriately qualified clerk.

Parish Contracts & Volunteers: Councillors must not exploit their voluntary work for their own gain. The Street-Cleaning Contract paperwork was signed-off and sent to BDC. A quotation for replacing village green posts was agreed and awarded to Philip Little.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tue 02 July	7:30pm Rivenhall Village Hall
Tue 06 August	7:30pm Rivenhall Village Hall

COMMEMORATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

On 6 June our nation commemorated the D Day landings that took place 80 years ago. The union Jack was flown in both Rivenhall and Rivenhall End, and the "Tommy" statues took up their posts – thanks to Bob Turner and John Macrae. Witham town council and the RBL organised a parade and Beacon lighting ceremony. Some 50 RAF Air Cadets from 295 (Witham) Squadron were on parade to commemorate the fact that the original 295 Squadron flew from Rivenhall airfield to drop parachutists onto French soil on D Day. At 9.15pm precisely the Witham beacon was lit, along with all the other beacons in the country. Local Deputy Lieutenant Jackie Allan did the honours.

The last week in June is designated Armed Forces week, when local towns "Fly the Flag" to show their ongoing support for our Armed Forces. Braintree District council arranged for veterans and school children to come along for their Flag flying event, and again local DL Jackie Allan was present.





This Wonderful Picture was sent to me by Ann Kerr



Lovely picture of a Eurasian Jay from Ann Kerr (*Garrulus glandarius*) These birds are credited with spreading Oak Trees across Europe after the last Ice Age as like Grey Squirrels they hide the oak seeds (Acorns) for consumption during the winter months.

D-Day Commemorations in Silver End

St Francis church hosted an afternoon tea on Saturday 8 June to commemorate D-Day

The event was well attended by 50 residents of the village who all enjoyed an afternoon cream tea and were then entertained by Tom and the Break Fill Four Band alongside The Silver Singers who sang wartime classics inviting the guests to join in with singing and flag waving

The event raised £250 which Reverend Jane agreed should be sent to the Veterans Aid charity and a donation towards church funds for the ongoing upkeep of both our lovely parish churches

A very big thank you to everyone that attended, we hope you all enjoyed the afternoon



D-Day Landing Commemorations

St Francis church rang out the Bell of Peace on Thursday 6 June to commemorate the D-Day landings. 14 residents including representatives from the Scouting and Guiding movements in the village joined together to ring the bell for the full half hour from 6.30pm to 7pm. The event ended with a short prayer recognising and commending the sacrifice by those so brave who gave their lives



House of Grace Witham Part time Housing Manager

The charity seeks to appoint a part-time housing manager to support the delivering of our project. The anticipated hours for this role will be eight per week and is based in Witham.

The role will be to provide administrative support to the Board of Trustees, the house project manager and the residents including but not limited to the below:

The Housing Manager will be responsible for leading the Housing Management Services provided to the residents at the House of Grace Witham. In addition to direct service delivery, the housing manager is responsible for the facilitation of housing management services. This includes managing and training the Housing

Management Service team to enable an effective and efficient delivery of the overall housing project.

The Housing Manager is responsible for the following areas of the housing management service to the residents: Service charge collection; Arrears recovery; Organising and managing: rotas for cleaning; communal meals; responsive repairs; safety inspections and reporting; cyclical repairs.

The successful candidate will be:

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sympathetic to the aims of the charity to provide a home to the homeless

familiar with the Microsoft, emailing and electronic storing of files

prepared to be flexible in hours of work albeit respect will be given to all our staff's own commitments

prepared to provide at least two references, one of which must be from your current or previous employer and one from a character referee.

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1. an opportunity to work with and learn from our friendly team
2. competitive salary terms
3. flexible working where possible
4. five weeks per year pro-rata holidays (includes bank holidays)

To request an application form please email:
em.vanderwalthouseofgrace@gmail.com

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http://houseofgracewitham.org

End to End Nature Care.

Our weekly Wednesday evening activities are in full flow now. One of the June highlights was only indirectly connected to natural history but proved very popular nonetheless, as we had a guided tour of the old water mill at Coggeshall, kindly provided by the owners Richard and Petra Ward. Originally a fulling mill (used for finishing cloth), built by the Cistercian monks at Coggeshall Abbey, it fell into disuse but was resurrected in the 1700s for throwing (spinning) silk and then converted in the 1840s to grind grain, which it is still capable of today. At one point, in order that 4 grindstones could be turned simultaneously, it was converted to

steam but the engine is now gone and the power source has reverted to water, which can turn 2 of the stones but not all 4. The mill operates occasionally to produce flour although the product is not sold commercially as there is a great deal of regulation. Richard's father purchased and largely restored the mill, a 'hobby' Richard has continued. With a nod to nature, Richard noted that when he was young there were Water Voles present on the site but they have been absent now for decades, largely due to the Mink which became prevalent following the famous 'liberations' from fur farms. The Mink are gradually being eradicated and are now thought to be absent from Norfolk and Suffolk, and declining in Essex, due to control action. Certainly Otters have recolonised most stretches of Essex rivers and Water Voles have been recovering, with help from Essex Wildlife Trust, so perhaps Richard and Petra will get to see them again in and around the millpond.

We have also enjoyed walks around Hillyfields nature reserve in Colchester (something of a hidden gem); the fields west of Silver End where we saw Barn Owls as well as Bee and Pyramidal Orchids, amongst other things; and the sea-walls at Tollesbury where we again saw Barn Owls and were regaled by Cetti's Warblers and Yellowhammers, as well as enjoying the spectacular setting of a vividly orange sun.

In July we will be carrying out our usual Glowworm surveys in Cressing, where we hope the population will be on the increase. We will also be holding our summer social where we enjoy a (weather-permitting) largely outdoor soiree of nibble and drinks, reflecting on the year so far and planning future activities; always a very pleasant and convivial evening, whatever the weather.

We also have a visit to the Indaver waste incinerator site east of Silver End. We will be guided by representatives of the company and will be grilling them on what they will doing to help promote nature and biodiversity to at least in part offset the presence of a facility which simply should not have been allowed to be constructed in the countryside in the first place. It should prove an interesting evening

All are welcome to any of our events. Details are listed below; further information is always available on our website www.e2e.silverend.org and on our Facebook group 'End to End Nature Care' (please do also feel free to post comments and local

photographs there), or for any other enquiries I can be contacted via email simon@e2e.silverend.org or on 07947 388180.

03 July	19:00	Ambling at Fairstead. Meet at Fairstead Church (CM3 2AT or TL767167). Followed by optional glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station).
10 July	19:00 for 19:30	Summer Social at Stovern's Hall Farm (CM8 3HQ or TL825172). Bring a bottle and/or nibbles.
17 July	22:30	Glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station). There may possibly be a walk organised locally beforehand (TBC).
24 July	19:00	Guided visit to the Indaver Waste Management facility site at Rivenhall Airfield, access via Woodhouse Lane off Park Gate Road.
31 July	19:00	Aquatic surveying in the River Blackwater near Kelvedon & Feering Cricket Club. Meet at the recreation ground on Rye Mill Lane (CO5 9SA or TL869198) Followed by optional glowworm survey at Bulford Mill Lane (Meet at Cressing Railway Station).





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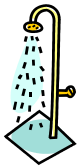






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2nd July	Keith Moscrop
9th July	Revd Keith Ives
16th July	Revd Lorna Bantock
23rd July	Marina Bottali Price
30th July	Richard Wearmouth

TIME: 12.30 - 1pm

Refreshments available afterwards

Car thefts

We all do it, walk away from the car and with our back turned to the car press the button on the key fob to lock it, never thinking that it may not lock. Yet a simple thing like looking at the car as you press that button to get the confirmation of it locking with lights flashing, or just pulling the handle to check it is locked can prevent a lot of thefts of or from motor vehicles. Why does it not always lock, it could be fault, battery running low, user error or some individual with device to block your signal nearby. In any case Lock it & Check it and we can prevent some crimes.

Modern cars are more advanced and rely more and more on computers to manage their systems, our thieves become more technical too. To cater for both the technical and less technical thief use the locking system on your vehicle and look to the good old fashioned "Krook Lock", steering wheel, or pedal lock to supplement it, it has a great visual deterrent.

With high value cars consider the fitting of a tracking system, look for a system that uses a number of communication methods i.e., RF frequency, phone networks, and GPS satellite connection. There are even systems where you can "Geo-fence" the vehicle location so that if it moves beyond this the tracking system is activated and an alert sent.

If you have cars of different values, where possible park the higher value car in your garage. When parking a car on your driveway ensure it is well lit and park the lower value car in front of the higher value car, as the thieves are more likely to target high value cars and will be deterred if they can't easily drive such a car away from the scene. Locked gates and collapsible posts on the driveway will also deter the thief.

A lot of cars nowadays have 'keyless entry', when not using the car put your car keys/fobs in faraday bags, these will block the signal from your car key/fob being used by thieves.

Please also ensure that you put your car keys somewhere safe and out of sight, when you return home. Put your car keys/faraday bag in a drawer (preferably one that is noisy to open) or some other secure place, but don't take them up to the bedroom with you.

Lastly before you turn in for the night check that all doors, ground floor windows and other easily accessible windows are closed and locked. If you have an intruder alarm and can do so activate the

downstairs zone. To stop the burglar getting to the vulnerable windows and doors to the rear ensure that side gates are closed and locked.

For further advice and suitable products see:

www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/vehicle-crime/car-security

https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/

www.soldsecure.com/approved-product-search & www.thatcham.org

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STARTS (Stay switched on)

Are you ready for the end of analogue landlines?

Essex County Council's Digital Essex team wants to make residents in [parish/town name] aware that changes are coming to analogue landlines.

By 2027, traditional phone lines will be replaced by a digital landline service. This means that calls will be made over a broadband line.

For most residents, this change will be straightforward – you'll also get to keep your phone number. Your telephone provider will con-

tact you before anything changes. It is important to respond and discuss what you need to do to ensure your service won't be affected.

The switch to digital landline services could affect some residents. If any of the following apply to you, or someone you know, make sure you contact your telephone provider:

- You don't have broadband
- You rely solely on a landline
- You use a personal alarm or healthcare device
- You live in an area with poor mobile signal
- You have additional needs

If you're confused, worried, unsure, or have any questions, call your telephone provider.

Visit us at an event near you! Digital Essex will be attending events across Essex this Spring and Summer, where we'll be sharing the latest information about changes to phone lines. This is subject to change so please see the full list of events at www.superfastessex.org/landline-switch-events

If you'd like to read more about the switch to digital landlines, visit Essex County Council's website: www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

In early June members enjoyed an afternoon visit to Blunts Hall Garden in Witham which each year opens mainly for groups, as part of the National Garden Scheme. The garden is a wonderfully restored 3 acre Victorian garden with a great deal of interest including specimen trees. a parterre, a woodland walk and pond, herbaceous borders, a courtyard garden and much more. We had a guided tour which finished with a delicious cream tea. We were fortunate with the weather and it was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all. Our usual Club meeting was held on 11th June when speaker Peter Hesketh spoke about circumnavigating the world on container ships which he told us was positively not a cruise! We didn't quite know what to expect but he gave an interesting insight as to what happens on these enormous ships.

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

Horticultural	Maurice Bacon	(one entry only)
Domestic	No entries	
Flower of the Month		
1st Maurice Bacon	2nd Karen Dakin	3rd Vivienne Dee
Photo of the Month		
1stKaren Dakin	2nd Jenny Turner	3rd Bob Turner

There will not be an evening Club meeting in July as the Club's Flower Show is on:

SATURDAY 13th JULY in RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL at **2.15pm.** Homemade refreshments, Sale table. Books. Raffle and a lovely show of flowers including beautiful fuchsias. **Free entry.** All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you. For further information call the Club Secretary on 01376 512781.



Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

We will this month carry on from last issue recalling of the residence of Rivenhall Place with the next occupier Count Eustace II of Boulogne. Some of you who know of the Battle of Hastings history and may recall his name being a main companion of William, Duke of Normandy. So I think I will start with some history on how the 'House of Flanders' came to have Rivenhall Place.

At about the age of 36, Count Eustace II of Boulogne first came to England in 1051. He was welcomed by is former brother-in-law Edward the Confessor the husband of our Queen Edith from last month. King Edward tried to get the Count to be a castellan of Dover Castle in Kent, but this did not go well with the locals and a result of up to 40 deaths after a brawl between Eustace, his Servants and the locals. This lead to disagreements between the King and Godwin (Earl of Wessex and our Queen Edith father) and in the end resulted in the Count and his family returning to his homeland in France in 1052 with a large army.

Now 51, Eustace II came to England again as companion of William, Duke of Normandy in his invasion. He led around 50 Knights into battle on that day that changed England forever, the 14th October, 1066. So did Eustace fight with our Queen Edith brother King Harold II…we do not know that, but we do have a report from that time that said 'Eustace having lost his nerve in battle and urged the Duke to retreat at the height of the battle, which the Duke did not take up', it was not long after it is said that the Count got struck between the shoulders with a sword and reports say he was half dead and was aided away by his followers from the battle field.

We all know King Harold sustained an 'Arrow to the eye' which from these injures caused his death, but recent studies say he was also hacked to death and maybe by William himself.

Eustace had supported William now King William I of England, not just on the battlefield, but with money and maybe ships that helped him get to England. In return Eustace was given gifts and grants of lands. But it is said that he was not happy with his spoils for the battle and in 1067 he had fallen out with the King, he was urged by a group of envoys that had sailed from Boulogne and represented the men of Kent to join them in attacking Dover Castle. He agreed even thou what had happened the last time he was at Dover Castle in 1051 might have been a warning. But from the records of William of Poitiers a Norman Priest: 'the Kent men thought that if they

were not to serve one of their own countrymen, they would rather serve a neighbour whom they knew'. So it came down to to the fact they hated the Normans more than Eustace. Not to go into all the details about the Anglo-Boulonnasi attack on the Castle, which ended in what is described as a disaster for the Count. That Christmas, King William condemned Eustace to exile from England and confiscated his spoils from a year earlier.

By 1070's Eustace was recalled and stood by the King again. This maybe because trouble relating with Flanders region after William's father-in-law Count Baldwin V died in 1067. By 1071 the King needed a strong ally in Boulogne in order to protect his lands, so this lead to Eustace being granted lands in England again of which most were in Essex and Hertfordshire, but also some land oin ther counties as well. Of course Rivenhall Place would have been one of these along with Blunts Hall, Witham and Cress ing which became a very important part of this family's history later on.

In the Domesday Book of 1086 Rivenhall, Land of Count Eustace (of Boulogne) we find these details:

Households: 13 villages, 1 freeman, 14 smallholders, 6 slaves and 1 burgess

Plough land: 2 lord's plough teams, 6 men's plough teams, Meadow 30 acres, Pastures 3 value and Woodland 300.5 pigs

Livestock: 1 cob, 6 cattle, 40 pigs, 8 goats, 2 beehives

Annual value to lord: 12 pounds in 1086; 9 pounds in 1066 (Queen Edith).

The date and place of Eustace II death is not known as yet, but we know his son Eustace the III took over in 1087.

So now let's look at ties the Godwin(e) of Wessex family from last month to the House of Flanders:

Count Eustace II was born to Count Eustace I of Boulogne and his wife Matilda of Louvain. They had three other children: Godfrey, Lambert and Gerberga.

Eustace II married twice, first to Goda of England (Godgifu 'gift of God'). She was the daughter of Æthelred the Unready through his second marriage to Emma of Normandy and was 20 years younger. She held the title of Queen consort. After the death of Æthelred in 1016 she married twice more. First to the King of Denmark in 1018 and then King of Norway 1028. After 1035 she returned to England and her bones rest in Winchester, Cathedral after being moved from

the Old Minster. She died 6th March 1052.

Æthelred had two other children with Emma…Edward, who became Edward the Confessor and married to our late Queen Edith. And Alfred Aetheling who only lived for a year.

(Æthelred first marriage was to Ælfgifu of York and she gave him 6 sons and 3 daughters. They had married in the 980's and she was not anointed queen and signed no documents and she died in 1002).

Eustace II second marriage Ida of Lorraine (a saint and noble woman) around 1015. They had three children: Eustace (III), Godfrey and Baldwin. Godfrey became Godfrey of Bouillon inherited from his mother's side and Baldwin became Baldwin I, King of Jerusalem and died in 1118 and is buried in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem.

When Eustace II died in 1087 aged around 72 his son Eustace become the next Count of Boulogne. Eustace III went on the First Crusade to Jerusalem in 1096 as did his brothers Godfrey and Baldwin. It not clear what route they all took, but he assisted Godfrey at the Siege of Nicaea and he help rescue troops at the Battle of Dorylaeum both in 1097. Many more battles took place but, in 1099 Eustace was with Raymond IV of Toulouse for the Siege of Jerusalem along with his brother Godfrey and crusaders. They were among the first to breach the city walls and knew there would be a massacre when this was done. Eustace became the patron of the Knights Templar and this where it will tie up with Rivenhall and Cressing later. His brothers stayed in the Holy Land, but Eustace returned home to his domains. The mint of Boulogne struck silver coins with the walls of Jerusalem with a lion above the walls.

Not long after coming back, Eustace married Mary of Scotland. She was the younger daughter of Malcolm III of Scotland by his second wife Margaret of Wessex. Mary was born in 1082 and her Sister Matilda spent their early years at Romsey Abbey in Hampshire and then onto Wilton Abbey before 1093 to finish their education. According to records Mary's sister received proposals for marriage but finally left the monastery in 1100 to marry King Henry I of England. It was Matilda who wanted her sister to marry as she had left the abbey in 1096, so King Henry I arranged a match with Eustace III, Count of Boulogne. This would have been around 1102.

Their daughter Matilda arrived around 1105 and born in Boulogne,

France. Her mother Mary now Countess of Boulogne died in 1116 aged 34 and is buried at the Cluniac Abbey at Bermondsey. This was an English Benedictine monastery in the London Borough of Southwark and now is the site of Bermondsey Square and market.

In 1118 his brother Baldwin who had become King Baldwin I of Jerusalem died. Eustace was offer the Kingship but delayed in his decision and by the time he travelled all the way to Apulia a distant relative had been crowned in the meantime. On his return to Boulogne he retired as a monk and founded the Cluniac monastery in Rumilly, France, and died around 1125 aged 75

Next month we see the marriage Eustace III and Mary's daughter Matilda to King Stephen and the turmoil this couple go through to protect the English Throne.

Cremated Remains Memorial



The cremated remains memorial has been refurbished and two more memorial stones added so that we can cater for future names to be added (Mine included Editor)

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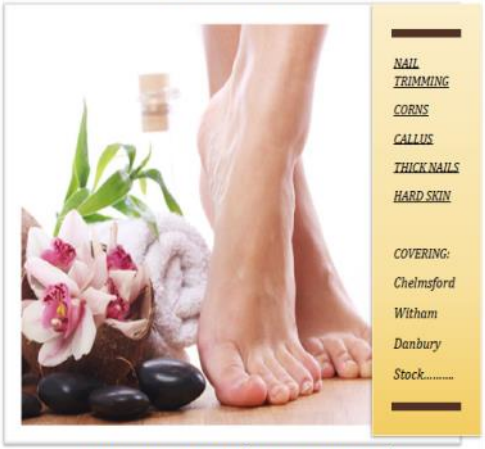
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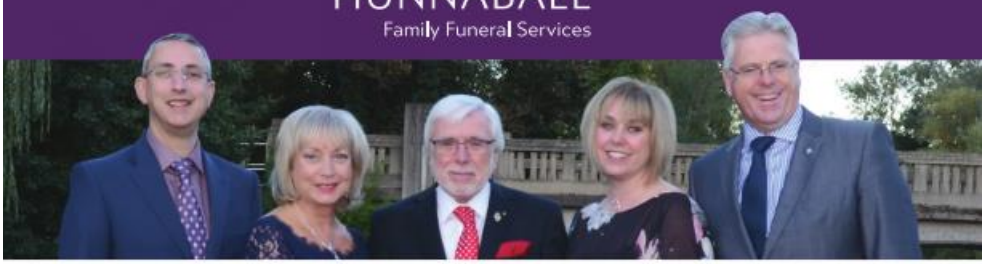
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