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



75 Years since VE Day Saturday 9th May
Originally the village along with the rest of the country was going to celebrate VE day between the 8th and the 10th of May with Street parties etc in the end Jackie Alan piped for the village on the green at 2 pm on the

June 2020 50p

Our Services June 2020

Unfortunately in accordance with Government Guidelines the Church is unlikely to reopen for socialy distanced services before the 4th of July



I have so many lovely pictures of Animals from all over but I know nobody can resist an Alpaca not even Charlie who was absolutely beside himself when he saw these on our walk at Aberton Reservoir

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Some early summertime thoughts from your Team Vicar

Summer has arrived! And as I write for June, though we're still in May at this moment, it feels as the though the summertime has actually arrived early judging by all the lovely weather we've been having recently. But I hope that by the time you're reading this, that the current trend in our weather has continued and that we can all continue to enjoy some of what the season brings. But as a footnote to my opening paragraph, and at the risk of possibly sounding somewhat repetitive, please do keep yourselves safe in whatever you're doing, and as a minimum follow all official advice surrounding social distancing and so on. You may also consider that you ought to be erring further on the side of caution, depending upon your own and your family's circumstances. We continue to live in a situation which may further evolve at unexpected tangents, and we'd probably all do well to keep this in mind.

As our public worship in church buildings continues to remain on hold, it's important that though we're separated by distance we can still have a sense on being in prayer with one another. I'll therefore continue to broadcast services from my home each week which I commend to you to take part in if you're able to. Just head over to the Parish of Rivenhall & Silver End Facebook page every Sunday at 2pm to take part; and if you do miss one week, then you can also catch up by watching the videos later if you would like to: www.facebook.com/parishRHSE I'll also continue to send out regular updates by way of email which vary in exact content but frequently contain readings, a sermon, and other information which you might find interesting. If you would like to receive these and haven't so far, or had them forwarded on to you by another person, do get in touch if you'd like to be added to the email distribution list at: psgw100@aol.com For those people who don't have their own internet access, as of this month the magazine will again be printedbut if you prefer to read the online version pleas let

Peter Hope (01376 502605) know as he can then reduce the print run.

I'd imagine that most people have by now found many of the other ways of being and doing 'church', but don't forget to check out what continues to be broadcast on the TV and radio (or the wireless!). Plus don't forget that there's a free of charge Church of England telephone worship phone line called 'Daily Hope', which was launched at the end of April and which operates 24 hours a day. The service offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England – all at the end of a telephone line which can be reached by dialling: 0800 804 8044.

This year, Pentecost just crept into May, but there are still a few dates of note in June this year. The 7th of the month is Trinity Sunday and this is a special day for a number of reasons. Firstly it's the one Sunday of the year (some might suggest day) when we're wholly invited to think about God as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Or to use a more contemporary description: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. God who lives and moves in complete love and harmony; the three persons of God's self who gave us the universe including our home world and it's abundance of life, who draws us close into relationship with God's self by having become human and becoming the fulfilment of redeeming love. And through whom we pray and connect with God's self and one another by way of faith, word, and sacrament.

When we give this even a little thought we very quickly catch a glimpse of how wonderful our relationship with God has the potential to be, and what it can bring to enrich our lives; something to truly celebrate. Then on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday (the 11th), as it does every year, the church calendar celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi. This is a unique occasion outside of Holy Week to give thanks for the sacrament of Holy Communion; or the Eucharist as it universally known. Under normal circumstances many of us share in this together at least on most Sundays, but it's also wonderful that we have a particular day on which the focus is simply the sacrament itself with a special opportunity to give

thanks for it. As an interesting footnote, did you know that the word 'Eucharist' actually means 'thanksgiving'?

As the month of June progresses, we then remember the lives of no less than 4 other people of significance to our faith. Barnabas – companion of St Paul on the 12th, the birth of John the Baptist on the 24th, and finally the ministries of St Peter & St Paul on the 29th. Each of these people played an important role by either preparing the way for Jesus' own ministry in the case of John, or in case of the others in bringing the good news of our Lord to others, and each of these people should be celebrated.

But to think about two of these: When Simon-Peter exclaimed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus replied in saying that Peter came to this realisation by it being revealed to him by God, and that he would be the rock upon which the church would be built. (cf: Matthew 16:16-18). As you'll probably know, St Paul's coming to the understanding as to who Jesus is was quite different. Saul as he was then known came from the Pharisee tradition, and zealous for his faith. Indeed we're even told that he asked the High Priest for letters to allow him to arrest any whom he found professing faith in Jesus as the Son of God, that he might bring them bound back to Jerusalem – presumably (as he saw it at the time), to stand trial for perversion of the faith (Acts 9:1-2). But on the road toward Damascus, he had a life-changing experience when he encountered the risen Lord Jesus. In time Saul became known as Paul, and though he was never one of Jesus' twelve disciples during Jesus' ministry on earth, Paul earned the title of the 'apostle to the gentiles' as a result of his life-long committed ministry to proclaiming the gospel. In other words, it was Paul who most notably initially took the good news of a relationship with God through Jesus, to the non-Jewish population in the near-eastern parts of the ancient world. Hence the letters which he wrote to the new Christian committees, often ironing-out difficulties which arose, which make up so much of the New Testament. The two 'rocks' of St Peter and St Paul in the early church leave us with a good example to follow. They listened to the voice of God through Jesus in their own lives and went on to bring the good news of the love of God to the people whom

they then encountered, guided by the Holy Spirit. God, who is in relationship with God, through the love of the Holy Trinity;

the wonderful relationship thought about above, and which we're invited to participate in today.

But as a final thought: the month of May has seen me spend time catching up with more people by way of phone calls and email once again, and as ever, I'm always delighted to hear from any of you too; whatever church you usually worship at or wherever you live. So do get in touch over the coming month if you'd like to – whatever the reason. As a reminder, my number is: 01376 583930.

Paul Watkin.

The 50/50 Club May 2020 winners

1st C Vandyke 2nd B Hagan 3rd P Hope

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From the Registers April / May 2020

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Collects and Readings June 2020

7th June Trinity Sunday

Service Cancelled

Readings

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-End
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

14th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

Service Cancelled

Readings

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Collect.

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

21st June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Service Cancelled

Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

28th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4,15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Collect

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th May 2020 VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

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

Under the COVID-19 regulations there will not be an Annual Parish Council Meeting in 2020 and so the existing Chairman will remain in post until May 2021. Also, all council representatives to local organisations will remain in post until May 2021.

Matters for Discussion

To consider possible funding for new Pbublic Right of Way (PRoW) along Church Road

The Chairman had previously circulated a memorandum via email to councillors for consideration. It was **agreed** to defer this matter until later in the year when the financial position is clearer. In the meantime the Chairman will continue to liaise with ECC regarding the application process.

Three Parishes Ward Meeting for June

This meeting will almost certainly need to be postponed. [Post meeting note – it has been deferred until October].

Highways & PRoW matters

Some overnight work was undertaken by ECC on the Rickstones Road footways but it was less than requested. The Chairman has asked ECC to review the work done, which ECC has agreed to do.

Maintenance

The Chairman, as a Ward District Councillor, has communicated to BDC concerns expressed by residents over the works to the trees at the junction of Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road. BDC has been requested to consider granting a TPO on these trees, and to investigate what appears to be the dumping of concrete at that location.

Planning Applications

20/00596/HH: Colemans Farm – Garden room extension etc.

Members **agreed** to make a No Comment response to BDC.

20/00652/HH: 12 Foxden, Rivenhall End – Two-storey rear extension.

And

20/00667/HH: 11 Foxden, Rivenhall End – Part single part two-storey rear extension, single storey side extension & garage conversion.

BDC did not at first send details of these applications to the Parish Council as it normally does. Following contact with BDC by both the Chairman and Clerk the plans were subsequently referred to Rivenhall PC for comment and BDC apologised for the error.

For these two applications, members **agreed** to raise no objection with BDC, but noted that for both of the application forms, it was stated that work hard started prior to consent being given. Members also agreed to ask BDC about what appears to be access being taken off the A12 for one of these sites and whether Highways England had agreed such access.

Planning Results

CC/BTE/101/19: SEND School, Rickstones Road.

Application granted by ECC.

Ongoing Planning Issues

Bradwell Quarry

ESS/35/20/BTE: Continuation of development permitted by ESS/03/18/BTE etc.

Members agreed to make no comment to ECC regarding this application.

Braintree Local Highways Panel

The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 25th June 2020. The meeting is being organised using a video conferencing platform.

Finance

The final accounts for the year 2019/20 **were approved** to be signed by the Chairman.

Information exchange and items for the June agenda

To discuss if RPC meetings could be held via video conferencing. Local authorities are currently testing various platforms. The first BDC public meeting via video to be held on 12th May 2020.

Dates of future meetings

Meetings have been organised for Tuesdays 2nd June and 7th July, but until the virus restrictions are lifted (date unknown) parish council business will continue to 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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Recipe's by Ann Clarke

Frittata

- 6 eggs
- 250ml milk
- 30g butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 tablespoons chopped spring onion
- 5 rashers bacon, cooked and diced
- 120g grated Cheddar cheese

Method
Prep:10min Cook:25min Ready in:35min

- In a bowl, beat eggs, milk, butter, salt and pepper. Pour into a greased 28x28cm (11x7 in) baking dish. Sprinkle with onions, bacon and cheese.
- Bake, uncovered, at 180 C / Gas 4 for 25-30 minutes or until a knife inserted near the centre comes out clean.

More ideas...

This is a great base recipe. Instead of adding bacon, you can try adding any of the following: cooked and diced ham; chopped chorizo; chopped and sautéed mushrooms; chopped and sautéed spinach; tinned salmon; chopped and sautéed peppers. The possibilities are endless!

For a family – if they like different things just put onions say on one quarter. You could have one frittata with 4 different quarters!

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Sky Notes June 2020

The Summer Solstice takes place rather early this year – on June 20th at just before 11pm. The Summer Solstice can

happen anytime between June 20th and the 22nd, but June 22nd Solstices are rarer - the last one was in 1975 and there will not be another until 2203.

The earliest Sunrise will occur in mid-June and the latest Sunset at the end of June. From our latitude on a clear evening at the end of June there is enough twilight that a dark adapted person can walk around outdoors (with care) up to around 11pm.

Venus has now departed the evening sky but before it did there was a fine conjunction with Mercury in late May, seen from Rivenhall (photo attached – Venus to lower right and Mercury towards top left).

Mercury will still be visible in evening twilight during early June. It is not easy to find without a "signpost" such as Venus or a bright star.

If you would like to see Mercury, you can make a request to be shown it by an astronomer by sending a message to Rivenhall Observatory facebook.

There are 2 eclipses in June, one of the Moon and one of the Sun but the first is unfortunately barely visible from the UK and the second not at all.

Jupiter is approaching its best for the year and along with Saturn is visible this month by midnight, although low down in the South East.

Mars remains best seen in pre-dawn skies, also in the South East, and now brightening noticeably as its distance from the Earth reduces.

Full Moon this month will be on the night of the 5th/6th with the Moon only 15 degrees above the horizon when at its highest in the South.

Continuing on from the May Sky Notes theme of starting out in astronomy, towards the end of June the bright star Deneb is in the East at midnight about two thirds the way up the sky. Unlike many of the brighter stars we see in the night sky, Deneb is not "in our neighbourhood", it being about 2,000 light years away and only being visible from that great

distance owing to its extraordinary luminosity. Deneb is thought to be about 100,000 times more luminous than our Sun, making it one of the most intrinsically bright stars in our galaxy.

Sky Watcher



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End to End Nature Care.

Recent weeks have certainly been different to a normal spring season in many ways, although nature very much carries on regardless. For us pandemic-struck humans here in Essex there has been some relaxation of the "lockdown" regimen under which we found ourselves for all of April and most of May, such that for the latter part of May many of us have been able to travel anywhere within reason to take exercise and generally enjoy the outdoors.

Prior to this, of course, any observation of nature was restricted to one's direct environs and the area accessible within the alloted hour or so of exercise. As mentioned previously, this did instill some focus for anybody who takes note of what is happening in nature, such that much phenological data could be gathered regarding the first sightings of certain migratory birds, or emerging adults of insect species, or plants bursting their leaf buds or

flowering, just to name a few examples. I suspect there have never been so many recorded observations of the bee-fly *Bombylius major*, a stalwart of the spring insect fauna alongside a variety of bee species and many individuals of the early-season hoverflies to be observed buzzing energetically around garden flowers in late April and throughout May. It has also been a good year for *Anthophora plumipes*, with the descriptive common nameof the Hairy-footed Flower Bee, the females of which stand out as distinctly all-black bumblebee-type insects.

Some of our members have been noting birds seen from home as well as any particular behaviour (nesting, singing, fledging, etc.) and it has been tremendously encouraging to hear that many of the bird boxes which we produce and donate free to good homes locally have been used, in some cases by House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) which, while some urban populations seem to struggle, continue to thrive in many parts of our area. Nightingales (*Luscinia megarhynchos*)have also been heard singing and clearly setting up territories in the local area too, while many of you will have also heard Cuckoos (*Cuculus canorus*; we had one calling persistently at 1:00am for several nights in succession). While many of you will have heard of and participated in the Big Garden Birdwatch, which the RSPB runs in January each year, it can be useful and interesting to conduct such an exercise each month of the year, or to keep a tally of every bird seen (or in some cases maybe just heard) within each calendar month. As well as enabling you to build a pattern of your garden's inhabitants throughout the year (and it can change quite significantly) and can be a good way to challenge and improve your identification skills. With modern camera technology it can be (though isn't necessarily always) far easier to capture images of anything seen – even just a decade or so ago you might still have been expected to do a hand sketch, though even now that still has its place – which in turn assists with identification and other observations, as well as helping to share your sightings with others.

If anybody makes 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











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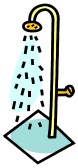
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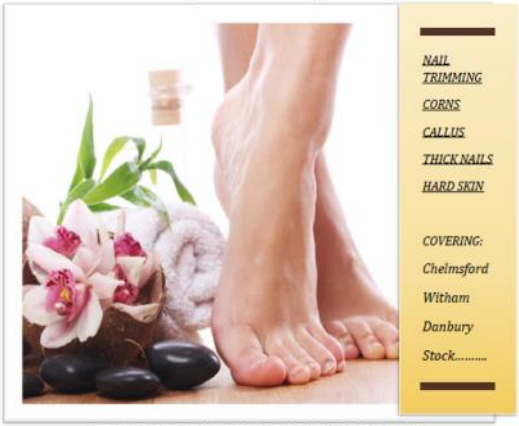
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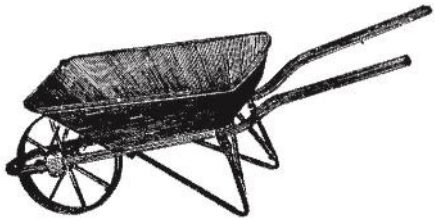
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Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

Looking back over the month of June in the events that happened in the villages we start with 1890. The unfortunate accident occurred when the Rocket coach ran over a foxhound puppy, breaking its leg and back. The puppy is thought to have escaped from the nearby kennels.

Also in the same year, the Rivenhall Excelsior Brass Band played dance music at Hoo Hall under the direction of Mr. Brook. The entertainment was held by residence Mr. J. Taber. junior.

Moving on to 1921 it was decided with the consent of the Ecclesiastic Commission the Rev. A. A. Hunt that the Rectory of Rivenhall would sell the Old Rectory in Rivenhall and build a new one near the church. The Old Rectory was sold to Mr. Walter Taber and the glebe attached.

Now looking at the advertisement section of June 1927, we find that the Old Rectory at Rivenhall is for sale again. This time by Alfred Savill and Sons. It reads as follows.

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In Silver End 1937, S. M. Parker was presented with a fountain pen and pencil by G. Cowie on behalf of Silver End Boy Scouts. Acting-Scout Master Hardman, was promoted Scout Master.

Moving on a year Silver End W.I. guest speaker from Somerset, demonstrated the art of rug-weaving.

And lastly ending the month of June in 1950 with an appeal to Silver End was made by The Essex Local Committee of Eastern Electricity Consultancy Council, were urging The Eastern Electricity Board in the interest of the consumer to completed the transfer from the Crittall Company of Silver End undertaken without further delay.

Some Memories by Clare Hope

I was walking to church one Sunday morning, on a glorious sunny day. The sky was blue and the trees were just coming into leaf. I remembered a hymn I sang when I was a child.

"Glad that I live am I, that the sky is blue

Glad for the country lanes and the fall of dew"

When I reached church I asked some other members of the congregation and yes they remembered it too and it made me wonder how often do I think about being glad to be alive? We so often read and hear bad news, inflation, countries at war, the state of the NHS, natural disasters and more besides, this makes us feel sad. Today I could feel the warmth of the sun, hear the birds singing, the children happily skipping along and I met old friends also on their way to church. So often we take these gifts from God for granted but today I felt glad to be alive.

At the end of May we celebrate Rogation Sunday. A time when we can recognise and appreciate our dependence upon the land for our food and our dependence on God for the miracles of the sprouting seeds; growing plants and maturing harvest. Rogation Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the fifth Sunday after Easter, and the following weeks are an important time of the year. During the forty days following Easter, Jesus appeared before his followers several times and the fifth Sunday following Easter is the start of Rogation tide. Rogation tide ends on Ascension Day, the final appearance of Christ.

In England the custom of "beating the bounds" at Rogation tide goes back as far as Anglo-Saxon days. The Romans had a festival called Robigalia, they prayed to the gods to protect their crops. One god was named Terminus the god of fields and boundaries.

In the seventeenth century before ordinance survey maps there were no clear lines or demarcations between parishes. At this time of the year a procession would take place in the villages marking out the parish boundaries. During the procession the boys of the village were bumped on prominent marks, rolled in ditches and thrown into ponds as a way of reminding them where the boundaries were. Luckily the emphasis has changed!

This year on the 29th May to celebrate Rogation Sunday we are fortunate to be holding our morning service at the home of Mrs Lilian Pearce. We will join together with our neighbours from Braxted and

Tiptree. Walking around the farm (weather permitting), we will take part in a service thanking God and blessing the fields, gardens, the birds, lambs and animals in the fields. The focus will be on nature and the beauty of the parish, its landscape views and nature's beauty bringing together the people of the surrounding parishes.

This is very appropriate following on from the events of Holy Week when all had seemed lost and then Jesus rose from the dead on that wonderful Easter Morning and appeared to his disciples giving new life and hope to all.

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RIVENHALL'S 75th V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS (See Picture on Front Cover)

Jackie Allan was saddened that Rivenhall appeared not to be celebrating VE Day so she developed a delightful plan to play her bagpipes on Rivenhall Green at 3pm.

A chance conversation with John Macrae gave him an idea (as he had previously erected a flagpole at Rivenhall church for the Easter weekend and for St George's Day). John suggested Jackie might pipe by the Rivenhall village sign with a flagpole on either side as that would make a fine setting. Jackie liked that.

John then spoke to Bob Turner who was already mindful to erect a Rivenhall Millennium Committee silhouette that day. On hearing the plan, he suggested the silhouette could form part of the piping backdrop, and he offered to video the event, all of which delighted Jackie.

Fast-forwarding to the day itself, what glorious weather, sunny and "piping" hot! Early in the morning, John and Jane Macrae erected the two flagpoles, one with a Union Jack, the other a Scottish Lion Rampant, and Bob Turner erected the silhouette: these stayed on the green all day. Social media had been chatting for a few days and St Mary's Road in particular, was bedecked with flags and bunting. At 3pm there were over 150 local residents, many with children dotted safely about on the green and on the field headland opposite, and many sitting by their front doors to watch the spectacle. Excellent social distancing was observed.

At 3pm in full highland dress with her military medals proudly worn, Jackie started playing. Firstly it was Flowers of the Forest - a funeral air to respect the fallen (often played on Remembrance day); she

then saluted the Union Flag followed by a moment's silence. Next Jackie played The Battle's O'er all pipers around the world had been asked to play this for VE Day.

Following a well-earned drop of water (could have been gin, but probably not!) came a medley of WW2 regimental marches: they were Hearts of Oak (Royal Navy), Rule Britannia (Royal Anglian), British Grenadiers (Royal Artillery & Fusiliers), Wings (Royal Engineers), Begone Dull Care (Royal Signals), Lilibulero (REME), Lass of Richmond Hill (WRAC), and the RAF March.



After much clapping and applause from all present, Jackie played her Loch Lomond set, her Scotland the Brave set, and Amazing Grace. Next was Flower of Scotland (fascinatingly written by one of John Macrae's cousins), and finally Jackie gave a wonderful rendition of the beautiful and inspiring Highland Cathedral.

Thank you Jackie - absolutely superb.

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Keeping your home safe in these changing times

Having been "confined to barracks" during lock down don't forget to lock up your home securely when you do go out. Whether going for your daily exercise, or to get your provisions, or with some now beginning to return to work its important get back into the habit of locking up when we leave our homes unoccupied.

Even if you are at home still consider your home security for as it gets warmer, we get to see a rise in the number of "Creeper Burglaries" where burglars take advantage of open gates, windows and doors.

An open or insecure garden gate will provide the thief with access to

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

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

A few tips for keeping your home secure:

1. Don't attract a thief with insecure pedal cycles or cars or gates.
2. Keep side or rear gates, sheds and garages shut and securely locked.
3. Doors closed and locked? Don't forget that with a PVCu multi-locking door you may have lifted the handle but until you turn the key or thumb turn on the inside you have not locked all the locks in place. **Before going out or turning in for the night** don't forget to check all doors, someone may have closed it but did they lock it?
4. Windows - lift the blinds or open the curtains and check they are closed, the sun may have been on the TV when it was hot, and so the curtains were drawn with the window open. Remember the above advice about open windows. **Make sure in case of fire that keys to windows and doors are readily accessible to occupants** but not in view of possible burglars.
5. If you have an intruder alarm activate it when going out and activate the zone for the unoccupied area whilst in.
6. Car keys - **don't** take them to bed with you, where possible leave them in noisy drawer/location. Keep the keyless fob in a "Faraday" bag.
7. If you do hear a suspicious noise in the house that you are not happy with dial 999 and make a noise, shout out, it could cause any intruder to flee, they may not have known you were home, remember your life is more

important than your property. If safe to do so get a good description of the person/s and if possible the car index number and direction of travel.

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Graham Shearman 1944 - 2020

Graham was born in Chelmsford on 9th August 1944 and died of pancreatic cancer at his home in Rivenhall End on Monday 18th May.

Graham was an able and practical man; it was therefore not unsurprising that he became a craftsman builder who could turn his hand to almost anything, but he really loved working with timber - a living construction material.

Graham was to meet his French wife-to-be Christine, a teacher, at a party in Chelmsford. They came to Rivenhall End and moved into Graham's magnificently converted and restored Pond Farm Barn. Graham built up an excellent reputation for his craftsmanship, his workmanship and his honesty, and there are many (including the writer) who employed him on many occasions, whether building new extensions or on emergency "help!" call-outs.

A builder's life is a hard one, especially in the winter - roof repairs in deep winter are no fun at all! Graham was an excellent ballroom dancer and he really loved dancing: often he would be away from home over the winter months. He was employed as a dancer on cruise liners to entertain and dance with mature single ladies: so Graham luxuriously cruised the warm seas whilst most of us shivered in chilly Rivenhall!

Graham and Christine had two children, Tom, an underwriter; and Didier, an administrator and analysist: Graham was extremely proud of his two sons.

Christine and Graham sadly separated and Graham remained in Rivenhall End, subsequently meeting Jean, an Australian lady and they remained partners for the rest of Graham's life. Very fortunately, Graham, Jean and Christine became amicable friends; but when the Covid 19 virus caused the UK lock-down, Jean happened to be back in Australia (and stranded there - no commercial flights) so it was Christine who cared for Graham during his final few difficult months. The local District Nurse and carers from Mairie Curie and Farleigh attended daily and were absolutely marvellous: to them, the family extends their most sincere thanks.

Jean and Christine, you have been wonderful. Graham, you were a great friend and there are many here who will miss you very much indeed. Thank you, rest peacefully.

John Macrae

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Heather Barrett

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Heather who was a member with Clare and I of Rivenhall Church Choir and who I would describe as a stalwart of Rivenhall life. This picture was taken in the year 2000 when we had a Millennium party on the village green. The other is Heather in full choir robe around 2010. In the first picture Heather is with her husband Stan who died last year. Heather was part of the choir which in 2002 recorded a CD to commemorate the music of Keith Coleman this CD is something the Choir was very proud to produce and over 200 copies were sold for church funds. Heather had been ill and housebound for the last few years. Our thoughts and blessing go to all her family at this time.





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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
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Carpet Bowls	Mick Marshall	512836
Meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
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Facilities

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Organisations in Silver End

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Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
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Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960
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Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	583913
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Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	583055
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Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
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The River Blackwater at Kelvedon on a beautiful summers day (some might say it is just-into-Feering)



The Chelmer River Walk provided this wonderful picture of Ulting Church This church is part of our Pilgrim Rivers Team Ministry in the parish of Hatfield Peverell. All Saints church, has been standing since 1150, with a major restoration taking place in the 1870s. The church was once a place of pilgrimage ranking with Walsingham and other famous shrines. The River Chelmer runs next to the church and through Ulting.

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