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



A brilliant photo of the #AuroraBorealis, also known as the #NorthernLights, shining above All Saints & St. James Brightlingsea earlier this month!

June 2024 50p

The following are our services For June 2024

2th June	**1st Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
9th June	**2nd Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
3 pm St Mary's	Churchyard Service
16th June	**3rd Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
23rd June	**4th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
30th June	**5th Sunday of Trinity**

11.00 am Benefice Trinity Service -White Notely

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'VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES'

As I enjoyed a walk a couple of days ago, on what was the sunniest day of the year so far, I found myself contemplating how having just had a taste of summer at last, we were actually only 6 weeks away from the longest day! After which of course, little by little, the nights will protract and the days become shorter, until once again we get to December 21st - the shortest day …. However I don't want to be rushing us towards Christmas quite so quickly!

But, being the film buff I am, having been contemplating the longest day in our calendar, my thoughts immediately went to the film of the same name – 'The Longest Day' - that, with its all-star cast which included John Wayne, Henry Fonda and Robert Mitchum, dramatized the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6th 1944. An operation, now often referred to as the D-Day landings, that became the largest seaborne invasion in history, and a massive turning point in World War 2, that laid the foundations for the Allied victory over Germany.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of that historic event, that will be commemorated in various ways across the country. In Terling there will be a short service in church at 7pm followed by a picnic and lighting of the beacon. Whilst on Saturday 8th at 2pm, St Francis church in Silver End will host a special Cream Tea. Whilst both occasions will be a chance to remember all those that gave their lives (4,414 allied troops died on D-Day itself!), I hope however, that it will also help reinforce the cruelty, destructiveness and pain of war…. and how the way of love and peace is what we should always be striving for. Life can be hard enough, without the additional agony of war.

Indeed my final 'longest day' musing is that there will be times in our life when we will experience hard and difficult days that seem will never end…. They are the times we particularly need to know we are not alone……. that we have someone to turn to….. and that

there are others there for us, who care…..

Jesus promises all of us, 'I am with you always' ……. May it be a promise that brings us all comfort and light on those longest days.

God bless Rev 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 June 2024

2th June 1st Sunday of Trinity

All Age Worship

Readings

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

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.

9th June 2nd Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

Genesis 3:8-15
2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:.1
Mark 3:20-End

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you

and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

16th June 3rd Sunday of Trinity

Matins

Readings

Ezekiel 17:22 - end
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

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.

23rd June 4th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-End

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.

30th June 5th Sunday of Trinity

11.00 am Benefice Trinity Service –St Ethelreda White Notly

Readings

Lamentations 3: 23-33
2 Corinthians 8:7-end
Mark 5:21 - end

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

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.
There will not be a meeting June as we shall be busy preparing for the St Nicolas Mediaeval Fayre on 29th June.
On Thursday 25th July we will be gathering for a Garden Party at 2pm with a bring and share tea and raffle.

For more information contact Lynette Abbott (01376512586) or Joan Barrett (01376514617)

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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

Or Call 07738 705585

The 50/50 Club May 2024 winners

1st J Joles 2nd K Gardner 3rd L Dawkins

NOTES OF THE 2024 RIVENHALL ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 7TH MAY IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL (7:00 pm)

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

Chairman Cllr Turner welcomed everyone to the assembly.

In Attendance:-

All seven Parish Councillors, Locum Clerk Mrs A Brown, Locum RFO Ian Brown and twelve members of the public

Apologies for Absence:-

Dame Priti Patel MP, Essex County Councillor Ross Playle, Carole McCarthy, Christine Hall.

Parish Council Chairman's Report:-

The chairman reported that there were many issues affecting Rivenhall, some positive, some negative. He suggested residents might wish to comment on such matters as the Waste Management Incinerator, Rivenhall Park Phase 4, the A12 Upgrade, The Essex minerals Local Plan, Coleman's Quarry, Overhead Power Lines, the Solar Farm, Flooding and Potholes, Planting and Rewilding.

The Chairman stated the Rivenhall solar farm has been given permission on its 75 acre site, however, no work has started, as the developer is seeking more land in Rivenhall parish to expand this solar farm. There is another 1000-acre solar farm in nearby Terling parish.

Report from Priti Patel MP:-

This was read to all by our Locum Clerk Amanda Brown

Report from our Essex County Councillor Ross Playle:-

This was read to all by our Chairman Bob Turner. This focussed on road signage, line painting, and particularly on flooding and associated pothole issues, and it said that following major engineering works in Rivenhall End, the severe recent floods appear to have been overcome.

Questions / Comments from the Audience:-

A concern was raised about sink-holes associated with deep

water quarrying. Cllr Macrae responded that Rivenhall's strata is at low risk of quarry-associated sink-holes, but in relation to the consultation on the Local Minerals Plan Review, Rivenhall parish Council has submitted a robust objection to all the new proposed sites both in the parish and those associated with the existing plant but just outside our parish.. Cllr Abbott reported that BDC too had strongly objected to the new proposed Rivenhall sites, and it had noted that Network Rail had not been consulted on the site D7 rail transhipment sidings so that, if approved, that particular site could just become a storage site with all coming in and out by road.

A query was raised about the number of damaged or downed road-signs in the parish. The Chairman referred to Essex County Councillor Playle's report (read out earlier) in which he is encouraging the county to mend/replace these.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the 2024 Annual Parish Assembly.

NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL'S "ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING" HELD ON 7TH MAY IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL (following the earlier Annual Parish Assembly)

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

Present: Cllrs Bob (Chairman), and Cllrs J Cairns, J Macrae, J Prime, D Hammond, J Abbott, R Wright

Also Present: Locum Clerk Mrs A Brown, Locum RFO Ian Brown, and five members of the public.

Election Officers for 2024/25:-

Chairman … Cllr Robert Turner, Vice Chairman … Cllr John Macrae

Apologies: Essex County Councillor Ross Playle

Pecuniary Interests: Cllrs Abbott and Wright disclosed a non-registrable interest in the Rivenhall Park Phase 4 planning application.

Appointment of Representatives for 2024/25:-

EALC – Cllr Prime

HDH Charity – Cllrs Turner & Macrae

Passenger Transport – Cllr Prime

Primary School – Cllrs Wright and Hammond

PRoW Liaison – Cll Cairns

Emergency Contact – Cllr Wright

IMWF Liaison – Cllr Abbott

Colman's Quarry – Cllr Macrae

BDC LHP – Cllr Abbott

Rivenhall Playing Field Association – Cllrs Abbott & Wright

BALC – Cllr Turner

Public Participation Session:-

A resident congratulated the Council for their persistence in getting work done to alleviate the flooding and thanked the Cllrs.

ECC Councillor report from Ross Playle:-

The Chairman read this report to all present.

Braintree District Councillors Report:-

The Floodlit 3G Pitch at Rickstones Academy was granted permission by BDC: without the parish council's requested condition to limit winter lighting to 8pm to avoid noise and light pollution to residents of Bluebells. James Abbott sought and obtained several other light-limiting conditions.

BDC is starting a review of its Local Plan (only adopted in 2022) so is calling for landowners to offer new sites which will be assessed later this year.

The BDC Councillor Community Grant for 2024/5 is now available for local projects: grant forms can be supplied by Cllrs Abbott and Wright.

Planning:-

Rivenhall Park24/00697/REM … Councillor still await details

of the permanent diversions of Footpaths 58 & 59.

24/00899/HH … Property extensions in Rickstones Road: councillors commented that there are no facilities for parking.

Norwich to Tilbury Pylons … There is a public information event in Witham Public Hall on 14 May: Councillors and public were encouraged to attend, and Cllr Abbott will draft a response for councillors to discuss at their June meeting.

Finance:-

Our Locum RFO Ian Brown reported that the Council had received the Auditors Report for 2023/24 which will be on the Council website along with the rest of the AGAR papers (the Chairman was given approval to sign these).

Banking:-

The Chairman has spoken with Utility bank and passed details to our Clerk on how we access our new account

Payments:-

We agreed outstanding payments of £1,610.70. It was noted that our first six month precept has been paid into our (new) Utility Bank account.

Notice Board at Bluebells:-

Clr Macrae met with the Bluebells management representative. An optimum site has been tentatively agreed: the Bluebells representative will check service drawings and will also approach Bellway for a possible donation. Notice board estimates have been obtained (approx. £1,500 + vat + installation).

Clerk Interviews:-

Potential interviews will take place on the evening of 28 May.

Dates of next meetings:-

Tue 4th June: 7:00 pm in Henry Dixon Hall, Rivenhall End

Tue 2nd July: 7:00 pm in Rivenhall Village Hall

WANTED!
RIVENHALL SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS

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

So we are seeking potential volunteers to help form a Rivenhall speedwatch group. If we are successful in pairing with another parish council, then we could help them and they could help us.

Speeding in Rivenhall potentially affects everyone in our community!

If you would be willing to give-up (say) two half-days each month, and we can form a core team, then formal training will be given. Please contact Rivenhall Cllr John Macrae (01376-514930 ~ there is an answer-phone).
For general information, Google **Community Speedwatch UK**.
Thank you.

A visit to Buckingham Palace

Your editor and chief reporter (Peter Hope) has become aware that some members of our community recently visited Buckinham Palace for a Royal Garden Party on Tuesday 21st May this year.

Bob Turner and John Macrae, with their respective wives Jenny and Jane, were nominated to attend for this prestigious Royal function in gratitude for their forty years of service to the Rivenhall community and for their considerable voluntary charity work in and around Rivenhall and wider Essex.

Despite the rain, it seems to have been a grand day for all concerned. The last two local residents I recall receiving such an invitation were Lilian Pearce and the late Dot Taylor.

This year's village quartet managed a "close encounter" with Prince William (the senior Royal of the day) as he moved through the 8,000-strong crowd.



A Day out at Buck House For John and Jane Macrae And Bob & Jenny Turner





The Pentecost Bonfire



End to End Nature Care.

It doesn't feel like so many years ago when I recall writing that spring had been dry, many natural phenomena had occurred relatively early and it seemed a summer drought was almost inevitable. How times change; in recent years the recurring theme has been a mild but wet spring, perhaps none more so than this year. The result? Lush, verdant plant growth wherever people will let it happen. Gardens and allotments are flourishing and our hedgerows, verges and wild places in general are bursting with vigour.

This has certainly been evident during our weekly Wednesday evening forays so far this year, right from the off when the only thing holding back the cowslips in our regular survey area was the overgrowth from other plants. We have also been to Oxley Meadow in Tolleshunt Knights, particularly famous for its Green-winged Orchids. We caught them in full bloom, a magnificent spectacle. The small meadow (less than 8 acres) is a nature reserve managed by Essex Wildlife Trust who attempt to count the orchid blooms present each year. They did so a few days after our visit and I am told the total was in excess of 60,000!


A Green Winged Orchid

We have enjoyed some great bird sightings too, including a hunting Barn Owl in Rivenhall. We also made a trip over to Abberton Reservoir and despite light rain (which produced a high-arching evening rainbow) we were not disappointed by the range of birds seen, from the commoner ducks and geese through to a 'full set' of Egrets (Little, Cattle and Great White) and, to top it all, the Spoonbills eventually emerged for us, perching and flying. With Swifts swooping exuberantly overhead it all made for an exhilarating evening.

We have a good mix of activities coming up in June, which all are welcome to attend. 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.

Simon Taylor

05 June	18:30 for 19:00	Hilly Fields local nature reserve, Colchester. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm, Rickstones Road (CM8 3HQ or TL825172) at 18:30 to car share or at 19:00 in Sussex Road, off Lexden Road, Colchester (CO3 3QJ or TL983252).
12 June	18:45 for 19:00	Coggeshall Mill and Abbey. A guided tour by mill owners Richard and Petra Ward. Meet at Stovern's Hall Farm at 18:45 to car share or at the Mill (CO6 1RD or TL854222 - parking limited) at 19:00. A donation of £2 per person is requested for this evening.
19 June	19:00	Ambling south of Silver End. Meet outside the Co-op on Broadway.
26 June	18:30 for 19:00	Tollesbury sea-walls. Meet at 18:30 at Stovern's Hall Farm to car share or at 19:00 at Woodrolfe Road car park (by the public toilets CM9 8SE or TL963106). Low Water is at 23:00.





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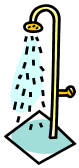






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TUESDAY PRAISE
For May
at Witham URC
EVERYBODY WELCOME

DATE	LEADER
7th May	Efemi Cole-Njie
14th May	Ian Hardie
21st May	Jonathan Pritchard
28th May	Jane Quinton

TIME: 12.30 - 1pm

Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

We have some past residents in our history of Rivenhall that have helped make the British Isles and the World what it is today. Rivenhall Place residents from its start in life, were those involved in many of these key changes.

I grew up mainly knowing of the Western family living there, but two women from its long past are the ones we are going to be looking into. This month we will look at Gytha of Wessex.

We start around 1025 and a baby girl being born with the given name of Gytha. Her parents Earl Godwin(e) of Wessex (one of the most powerful men of the time) who was a direct descendant of King Alfred the Great's brother Ethelred I, and her mother Gytha, the daughter of Thorkell Sprakaleg who brother Ulf, a Danish earl and was King Canute's brother in law. So, young Gytha had a good background before she could even walk and she had 6 brothers and 2 sister that we know of, that would all make a big part of England's history.

She was educated at the Royal Abbey of Wilton and among the things she learned was Latin, French, Danish and Irish. Grammar, rhetoric, arithmetic, astronomy and of course embroidery and weaving.

In 1042 Harthacnut, the son of King Canute died. Gytha's father supported the claim of Ethelred (the Redeless) and Emma of Normandy and their last son Edward (the Confessor) to claim the throne. Edward had spent at least 30 years in Normandy when he went into exile in 1016 with his father. His reign had restored in 1042, the native house of Wessex to the English throne. Although Earl Godwin showed his support to the new King Edward, he disliked the Earl due to his involvement of his brother Alfred (the Atheling) murder in 1036, but with the power that the Earl held

and military support that he may require, Edward reluctantly agreed to marry the Earls daughter Gytha.

Their marriage happened on Thursday 23rd January 1045, at the Old Minster at Winchester which was then capital of England as of 871 until 1066. Gytha was crowned Queen which was very unusual at that time. She was 20 and Edward 40 years of age at this time. This is when Gytha changed her name to Ealdgyth or Edith. They had no children between them or outside their marriage.



One thing Edith did was make the king more presentable in looks and dress. She had at least one goldsmith among her tenants making personal ornaments for him.

In 1051 King Edward banished from England her Father and Brothers Harold and Tostig Godwineson, then Edith herself to a nunnery and confiscated all her lands, which were many. They all returned a year later with Edith being reinstated as Queen.

The following year her father died suddenly at a banquet at Winchester. After this it would seem that both Edward and Edith became closer.

She helped her bother Tostig secure his title to the Earl of Northumbria in 1055, but he was very unpopular ruler and in 1064 Edith was accused of engineering the murder of Lord Gospatric in her brother's interest. In the end Tostig was forced into exile.

Edward the Confessor died on Thursday 4th January 1066 and was buried in the foundation of Westminster Abbey. (An Abbey for the Benedictine Monks was on the site from about mid-10th century and Edward commissioned in 1040's the first part of the larger building we see today).

Edith's bother Harold Godwinson was elected King Harold II by the witan or Anglo-Saxon council due to no heir from Edward and Edith. Many battles took place during that year, but the main ones were Battle of Stamford Bridge, East Riding in Yorkshire on the 25th September against the invaders headed by King Harold Hardrada of Norway and also where Harold and Edith's brother Tostig was killed in rebellion against his brother Harold. And as we all know three days later William, Duke of Normandy was landing on the beaches of Hastings. When notified of the Normandy invasion they marched about 7,000 men and these were not all trained arms etc.., to Hastings and the battle commenced on 14th October 1066. As we also know King Harold died in battle, also Edith lost two more of her remaining brothers in that battle, Gyrth and Leofwine Godwineson. Her other brother Wulfnoth was already been given to her Husband King Edward the Confessor as a hostage in 1051, became a prisoner of now William the Conqueror, stayed in captivity in Normandy.

A request from William the Conquer to Edith for a tribute after the battle, which she complied and kept all her estates and was the only one in the English royalty to prosper during the reign of William I. It was during this time she commissioned the church at the Royal Abbey of Wilton were she spent her younger days at to be built of stone instead of the wooden building it was. She also commissioned an account celebrating her husband's virtuous life and called it 'The life of King Edward who rests at Westminster'.

After a long illness, the Dowager Queen Edith died Saturday 18th December 1075 at Winchester in her mid-fifties.

She was buried with her husband in Westminster Abbey and her funeral was arranged by William I. Rec-

ords read: "Edith the Lady died seven nights before Christmas in Winchester, she was King Edward's wife, and the king had her brought to Westminster with great honour and laid her near King Edward, her lord".

Next month: we look at the next residents of Rivenhall Place and their daughter Matilda and the many changes that happen with this connection to the England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and a big link between both these families and the Battle of Hastings.

Note: We do not know how much our late Queen Edith stayed at Rivenhall Place as like many of families like hers at that time had many places around England and moved around for different reasons including war and sickness, but it would have been still part of her estates until she died.

The house itself, I cannot find any sort of drawing etc.., of what it would have looked like at that period of time.

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

On Tuesday 14th May 2024,members braved the rain and met for their monthly meeting in Rivenhall village hall. Chairman, Maurice Bacon, reported a successful Daffodil Show and after other notices introduced Ann Mossman, our expert for the evening on Fungi and Mushrooms. There are 3-5million species of Fungi of which 170,000 have been identified. All Fungi have tiny threads called Hyphae. They feed and then secrete enzymes outside their body to digest the food which is then absorbed back into their bodies. They evolved from the sea and they are considered to have helped plants to move onto the land. Fungal uses are many and various and have been, and are, used in a controlled and refined manner for clinical purposes e.g. statins and in cancer treatment. The ancient Egyptians used to put mouldy bread onto their wounds. Likewise the Chinese utilise all the many types of mushroom to treat various illnesses. The talk was well illustrated and Ann was knowledgeable and enthusiastic and gave an enlightening talk.

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

No entries for the Horticultural or Domestic classes.

Flower of the Month

1st Maurice Bacon 2nd Cyril Philpott 3rd Jenny Claydon

Photograph of the Month

1st Karen Dakin 2nd Jenny Claydon (2 entries)

The next Club Meeting will be on **TUESDAY 11th JUNE** at **7.30pm** in Rivenhall Village Hall. Our speaker will be Peter Hesketh who will talk on 'Circumnavigating the World on Container Ships, Positively Not a Cruise'. Club competitions will be: Horticultural – any vegetable. Domestic – Date and Walnut cake – 2lb loaf tin. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month. Entrance is £3 to include refreshment. We welcome new members and visitors. We have ten meetings a year and three Shows. At each meeting we have a raffle and bring and buy table and for most meetings, a speaker. We try and visit a garden of interest during the year. Annual subscription is £10 per adult. For further information please contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781.



This Rhododendron has been flowering in Carole McCarthy's garden many people are not aware that Rhododendron flower well in our soil. Which has a relatively neutral pH level. As many of you are aware Rhododendron's are native plants of the Himalaya's. As are Azaleas.

Courier Fraud

What is it? Courier fraud occurs when a criminal contacts you by phone and convinces you that you are required to hand over money or your debit/credit card for a legitimate reason to someone who will pick this up. You're contacted by phone from someone claiming to be a police officer or someone from your bank.

WHAT IS IT?

Courier fraud occurs when a criminal contacts you by phone and convinces you that you are required to hand over money or your debit/credit card for a legitimate reason to someone who will pick this up.

You're contacted by phone from someone claiming to be a police officer or someone from your bank. The caller might be able to confirm some easily obtainable information about you such as your full name and address.

After gaining your trust, the criminals might claim:

- Their systems have spotted a fraudulent payment on your card or it is due to expire and needs to be replaced.
- There is an investigation that requires you to withdraw money and hand it over to a police officer or courier, which will be returned to you once the investigation is complete.
- You need to purchase expensive items that you'll be asked to hand to a courier for examination.
- Some money has been removed from your bank account and that corrupt staff at your local bank branch are responsible. You're advised that someone at the branch has already been arrested but the "police" need you to withdraw your money for evidence.

That a business, such as a jeweller or currency exchange, is operating fraudulently and they require assistance to help secure evidence.

In these scenarios, the criminals will often tell you not to speak to anyone else about the investigation and promise you will get your money back. They may ask you to lie to your bank or bypass security measures – it is essential that you follow any warnings from your bank and never lie to your bank.

They may offer to send a courier to collect your money, or bank card and PIN. They ask you to write down your PIN and place it in a separate envelope to that of your card.

A Visit to Lockerbie

Recently I was fortunate to be invited by a friend to stay for a week in a cottage near Lockerbie! Now most of us are aware of the significance of Lockerbie which is where a bomb on board Pan Am flight 103 exploded over the town on Dec 21 1988 killing not only all the passengers and crew but also killing 11 people on the ground. The town has a memorial to the accident and is held long in the memory of those who were affected by the incident and who lived at that time.

However it is also a beautiful area and this was my joy in visiting the town and the surrounding countryside. We were staying in what was at some time a crofter's cottage with two bedrooms. The view from the back of the cottage was a view (Pictured below) of a river called rather quaintly the Water of Milk.



We were very fortunate that as a result of conservation work that this area is being repopulated with red squirrels and one came every day to feed at the feeders outside our kitchen window.



Lockerbie is near Dumfries

not far from a small town called Castle Douglas. Threave Castle nearby is well worth a visit. It is located on the banks of the River Dee and is famous for a pair of nesting Ospreys and this year they have discovered another pair nesting by the River Dee also at Threave. The first pair shown in the picture have been breeding here for over 12 years. The nest shown is monitored by the National Trust of Scotland (NTS) who provide viewing telescopes for visitors. The nest located to the right of the of the castle in the picture above, can be visited by rowing boat during the summer months. To reach the nature reserve you can do a 5 mile walk from Threave house owned by the (NTS).





The House has wonderful gardens which were full of Rhododendrons, Magnolias and Azaleas at the time of our visit.

The following day we went to a small village called Rockcliffe this is located on the Solway Firth, from here you can walk the coastal path to Sandyhills beach where there is a classic arch rock, this is a good 10 mile walk along a beautiful section of the Solway Firth.

Finaly we came upon quite

by accident a secret garden at Arbingland. These are referred to as the nearly lost gardens of Arbigland. At 4 pm in the afternoon we were the only visitors and were taken by the stunning beauty as the gardens wend towards a small beach located on the Solway Firth. Pictured below is view across the garden lake.



Then below a few of some of the spectacular floral displays.



While this is only a taste of what can be seen in this beautiful part of our country, I should continue next month with our visit to Moffatt and the Mares Tail Waterfall.

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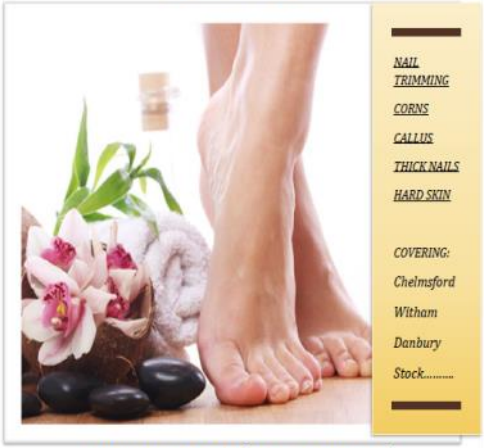
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Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	Mick Marshall	512836
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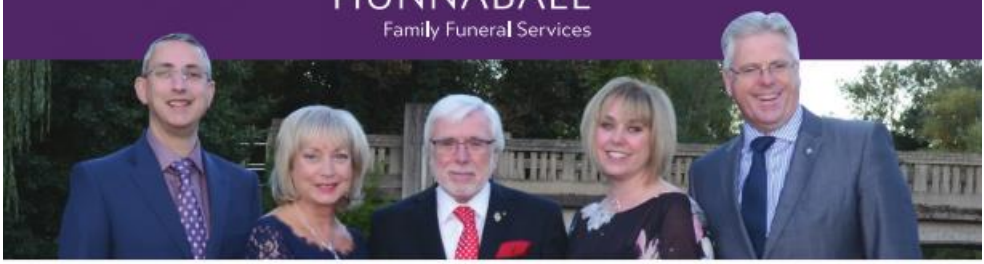
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Hire of Henry Dixon Hall	Tracy Scott	571551
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Clerk to Parish Council	Mrs B. M. Temple	618464
Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Bowls Club	Paul Mann	07551 006906
Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960
Neighbourhood Police	Braintree Policing	Dial 101
Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	583913
Friendship Club	Maureen Green	585275
Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	07952 992782
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