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





We seem to have had everything weather wise this last monthThanks Karen and Ann for your lovely Pictures

March 2020 50p

Our Services March 2020

1st March 2020	**First Sunday of Lent**
9.30 am St. Francis	Holy Communion
11.00 am St Mary's	All Age Family Worship
8th March 2020	**2nd Sunday of Lent**
9.30 am St. Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
15th March 2020	**3rd Sunday of Lent**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11.00 am St Mary's	Matins
22nd March 2020	**Mothering Sunday**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11.00 am St Mary's	All Age Eucharist
29th March 2020	**5th Sunday of Lent**
11.00 am St Marys	Joint Service of Holy Communion
(no service St Francis)	

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Some Lenten thoughts from your Team Vicar.

On the 22nd of this month we celebrate what perhaps one of the most well-known Christian festivals besides Christmas and Easter, and the one which more than any other provides us with some refreshment from the austerity of Lent – that is Mothering Sunday. I say refreshment because as you may have heard me mention before now – especially if you regularly come to St Francis' or St Mary's, is that one of the other days which it is sometimes known as is 'Refreshment Sunday'. Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent, it finds it roots from a time when many people would travel home to their 'Mother Church' from sometimes far-flung places of employed service, to spend some time with their families; and as noted above to provide some refreshment from the then always disciplined season of Lent. Young adults would often pick flowers along the way to make into posies to present to their mothers when they returned home, and so it quickly also became an occasion to say thank you to mum for all which she does, or did in raising children during their early lives. And so this has now become the main focus of the day in modern times, when mothers everywhere are remembered by their children of all ages.

But Lent can also be a time of saying 'Yes' to God, and in keeping with this idea, and of the significance of family, let's think about Jesus' closest earthly family during the earliest years if his life on Earth, whilst living alongside us. On the 25th we celebrate the feast Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary; and so we can think of Mary's response to God through the Angel Gabriel when she said 'Yes' when asked to be the natural mother of Jesus. And although I'm confident to suggest that God *knew* that she would accept his invitation Mary could (in theory at least!) have said no; as indeed any of us can to what God calls us to do. We are all blessed with the gift of freewill, and as such we can each choose how to respond to God's call on our own lives.

And along a similar line of thought, a week before the Annunciation we celebrate the life of St Joseph on March 19th. As such, we're also invited to remember the important role which he played in the early life of Jesus, and in the protection of his family. Joseph said 'Yes' when despite any doubts he may have had, he placed his trust in God's call on his life: taking Mary to be his wife following the dream which he had when he was also visited by an angel. And let us not also forget Joseph leading the family to safety in the 'Flight to Egypt', as well as providing a home for Jesus in his childhood and adolescent years.

So as we continue our pilgrimage through the season of Lent, a question for each of us to ask ourselves is: will I say 'Yes' to God once again? Of course Mary and Joseph both had very particular roles to play in God's plan of salvation when they took on the responsibility of becoming the earthly parents of Jesus. But I also believe that we all have our own individual roles to play too, for God calls each of us to his service – each in our own way, using our unique gifts and talents.

But there's something else which I'd also like to mention this month as well. For five weeks during Lent and beginning this month, our Diocese is holding a series study evenings focusing on the environment, and as part of this some questions for attendees think about in response to the issues which have been raised. Each of the sessions focuses on a different sub topic within the arena of environmental concern, and the talks will be repeated at a selection of venues around the diocese – including Chelmsford and Colchester.

Many a reader will already be aware that not only is this a subject which I am especially enthusiastic about, but also one which I strongly believe we should all engage with for the good of our planet today, as well as for the future. Some of the truths about the reality of the environmental impact which our lives can have may challenging. But as Christians I believe that we all have a real responsibility to think seriously about the good stewardship of God's creation, and in light of what we understand our potential impact on the world might be. Then the next question might be: How will I respond to this?

Well, one way engaging with some of these issues would be to seriously think about them in a digestible way – and that is no doubt something which the sessions being held around our Diocese will offer. All of the sessions meet from 7pm for a 7.30pm start and will finish by 9pm. So if you would like to accompany me on this journey this Lent, do get in touch. It would lovely to see you there too.

So will you say 'Yes' to God this month? I'm sure that most or even all of the people reading this have done so already. But perhaps for the continuing season of Lent there might be something new which will give you an even greater sense of joy and fulfilment within your life; and in your relationship with Jesus afresh, as we soon remember how much he has already done for us.

Paul Watkin.

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Collects and Readings March 2020

1st March First Sunday of Lent

All Age Worship (HC St Francis)

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17:3.1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (MP St Francis)

Readings

Genesis 12.1-4a
Romans4.1-5.13-17
John 3.1-1**7**

Collect.

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Matins (HC St Francis)

Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Collect
Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord

22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday All Age Eucharist
Readings
Exodus 2:1-10
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:33-35
Collect
Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

29th March 5th Sunday of Lent
Joint Service of Holy Communion St Marys
Readings
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8: 6-11
John 11: 1-45
Collect
Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th FEBRUARY 2020

AT RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL

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

Present: Cllrs. Abbott (Chairman), Wright (Vice Chairman), Cairns, Elliott, Prime and Turner

Also present: Parish Clerk.

Matters for discussion

Ward 3 Parishes Meetings

Tree Planting proposals - Although an official reply had not been received it would appear that RPFA is not in agreement with the proposal for a small orchard at the rear of the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk will write again to ask whether RPFA might agree in principle to the planting of non fruit bearing small/medium sized trees.

The Clerk will also contact local landowners to enquire if they would be agreeable for trees to be planted by the council on small areas of land that cannot be worked efficiently by modern equipment, such as field corners and headlands.

The next 3 Parishes (Rivenhall, Silver End and Cressing) meeting to be held on 20th February at Cressing.

Bellway housing development on land south of Rickstones Road

Bellway has now abandoned the access off Rectory Lane following planning enforcement action and will now use the agreed access off Rickstones Road. However, questions still remain regarding the water pipe along Rectory Lane which was observed to be broken. Bellway still continue with their application under a 'Discharge of Conditions' for a car park off Rectory Lane with vehicular access via Forest Road and the Golf Course. The Clerk will write to BDC indicating that as this land does not form part of the original planning application, a separate planning application should be submitted for a car park and to raise the question as to why such a large car park is required for a relatively modest scale local development of 58 dwellings (**post meeting note** – BDC has agreed that a site car park will need to have its own planning application).

Format of Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council Report

Invitations have been issued for presentations at the APA – no replies to date. The draft Annual Report will be available for the

April meeting so that distribution can be undertaken prior to the APA on 5th May.

Highways & PRoW matters

John Ray Walk & F/Path 1 – Flooding

The Chairman continues to press for urgent work to be undertaken to alleviate this flooding. A site meeting with ECC has been requested (**post meeting note** – a first phase of ditch clearance and pipe reinstatement has been carried out by ECC).

F/Paths 59 & 60 – Rivenhall Park & Golf Course

Cllr. Cairns continues to lobby ECC regarding the diversion and condition of these footpaths.

The Chairman has again referred the missing 'Quiet Lane' sign at the Witham end of Rectory Lane to ECC for repair/ replacement.

Maintenance

The maintenance contractor has undertaken some cutting back work to the bushes and trees along the footpath opposite the junction with Rectory Lane to allow for more light to reach the path from the streetlights. The Chairman will request ECC to trim back the growth from close around the streetlights situated on the roadside verge.

Planning Applications

CC/BTE/101/19: New 75 pupil SEND school – Rickstones Road.

Members **unanimously agreed** in principle to the need for the school, but raised the following matters relative to this application for the attention of ECC which will determine the application:

i) Given the known excessive average speeds of vehicles driven along Rickstones Road there should be included some speed restriction measures along this road.

ii) A lighting plan should be produced to include for controlled systems and wildlife protection.

iii) The open space opposite the Rectory Lane entrance and at the end of the John Ray Walk section should not be used for any vehicle parking associated with the school site.



iv) Sufficient on site parking should be provided for dropping off/picking up children at the school without the need to park on Rickstones Road.

v) There is concern regarding comments in the plans about directing water into the ditch along the John Ray Walk where there is already an ongoing flooding issue.

20/00128/OUT: PFE Express Ltd. – Proposed new facility near Burghey Brook Farm, London Road (the A12).

Burghey Brook Farm now forms the boundary between Witham and Rivenhall End following the BDC parishes review - with the farm being within Witham parish.

Members expressed concern that the existing screening bund would be lost and that therefore a new substantial planted bund should be included along the new eastern boundary between Witham and Rivenhall End.

Planning Results

19/02132/HH: 2 storey rear extension – 451 Rickstones Road.

Application withdrawn.

Ongoing Planning Issues

A12 & A120 Projects

Highways England has offered to meet the parish council to

discuss in more detail their plans for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening project and in particular the section between Witham and Kelvedon.

Members welcomed this offer. The Clerk will confirm the arrangements in due course.

BDC Local Plan

The Planning Inspector's report is now awaited following the conclusion of the Examination held in Colchester in January.

Rivenhall Airfield Major Waste Site and Incinerator – EA Permit

Members **unanimously agreed** to raise the following objections to this latest permit application:

- The Environment Agency's remit is to protect the local environment but the importation of waste by HGVs, including from outside Essex, via the local road network will have a seriously detrimental effect upon all the local parishes.
- Also, in line with the EA remit, it is requested that the EA retain the 58 metre stack permit already granted because should the development go ahead, this provides for the best technological solution with better dispersion of pollutants than with a 35 metre stack.
- However, should the EA see fit to grant the current Permit application for a 35 metre stack, then a condition for the provision of realistic independent emissions monitoring for air, soil and water in surrounding areas outside the plant should be imposed.

Braintree Local Highways Panel

The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 26th March at Causeway House. The Church Road speed survey request has been submitted.

Dates of future meetings

Tuesdays 3rd March at Henry Dixon Hall and 7th April at Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting at 8pm.

Sky Notes March 2020

Venus reaches its best for the year on the 24th March as a brilliant object in the West, visible for several hours in a reasonably dark sky. On the 28th the young Moon is close by Venus and should be showing Earthshine. The attached image shows this phenomenon, as imaged from Rivenhall in late January. The dark portion of the Moon glows as a result of light reflected from the Earth.

On the 20th the Vernal Equinox arrives, marking the point when day and night are roughly equal everywhere on Earth. The clocks go forward to British Summer Time at 1am on Sunday 29th March and BST will then remain in force for the next 7 months. On March 31st, the Sun rises at about 6.30am and sets at around 7.30pm.

Saturn, Jupiter and Mars remain close together all month, best seen low down in the South East before dawn.

Full Moon will be on the 9th and will be a so-called "Supermoon", appearing larger in the sky than normal and best seen from about 6.30pm onwards.

The constellation of Ursa Major, the Great Bear, is climbing high in the Eastern sky during March evenings. In the UK it is sometimes called The Plough but over the centuries it has had many other names and stories attached to it as one of the most recognisable patterns of stars in the night sky. The 2 uppermost bright stars (as seen on a March evening) can be used as "pointer stars" because they are helpful for finding Polaris, the Pole Star. By visually tracing a line through the 2 stars to the left and continuing for about 5 times the separation of the 2 stars, one arrives at Polaris, which is very close to true North.

The Spring Astro evening is scheduled for Friday 27th March, meeting at 7pm at the concrete hard-standing where Church Road becomes Park Road, midway between Rivenhall and Silver End. There will be parking close by. If the skies are clear, we will be viewing the constellations and objects of interest through a telescope, including Venus which will by then be showing a phase much like a 1st quarter Moon.

Sky Watcher

End to End Nature Care

As some of you will know, the author of this column is something of a specialist in Mollusca, the large and diverse phylum of organisms containing our familiar garden slugs and snails and their freshwater and marine counterparts such as whelks and periwinkles, as well as bivalves (clams, mussels, oysters, etc.) and cephalopods (squid, octopus, cuttlefish, etc.) plus a few other less familiar groups. As a consequence, I was recently contacted by one of Colchester Borough Council's Park Rangers and asked to identify some snails found in one of their country parks. When the snails were dropped off at my home they were comfortably housed in a plastic pot with some foliage stuffed inside.

Bearing in mind that this was in early February, despite the predominantly mild weather I was rather surprised to find the foliage inhabited by not just the snails but also quite a number of greenfly or, more correctly, green aphids. Aphids, although they are insects, are not flies at all but actually members of the taxonomic order of true bugs, Hemiptera. The word "bug" is itself sometimes colloquially used to encompass all insects but the true bugs are a specific order characterised primarily by their specially evolved piercing and sucking mouthparts (the "rostrum"). They include, among other things, the often colourful shieldbugs; the froghoppers (responsible for the "cuckoo spit" seen on garden plants in late spring); the dreaded bedbug; a wide variety of aquatic bugs including water boatmen and pond skaters; plus the aforementioned aphids.

Including associated insects such as whiteflies and mealybugs there are well over 800 species of aphid known to occur in Great Britain and Ireland. They use their rostrum to pierce plant tissue and suck out sap and are often, perhaps unsurprisingly, quite specific as to which plant species they colonise. They can occur in large numbers and be regarded as a pest by gardeners but they form a very important component of ecosystems. They primarily overwinter as eggs and the large number of eggs laid in order to secure survival provide an important food source, particularly for smaller birds, during the bleaker months. When the remaining eggs hatch the young are nearly all female which then reproduce by giving birth to live clones of themselves, helping to create an abundance of individuals in a short period of time. Again, this bounty is taken advantage of by many predators and helps to

sustain the spring breeding season.

Nature is complex and remarkable though, and in some cases the aphids have evolved to produce a sweet secretion, honeydew, which is fed upon by other organisms, particularly species of ant, in exchange for a degree of protection. This relationship, termed trophobiosis, can become so ingrained that neither species can survive without the other. In some cases the production of honeydew exceeds the capacity for use and it can cause fungal problems for the host plants (often the issue for gardeners rather than the actual aphids themselves) or descend in tiny drips onto the ground (or parked car) below. Sometimes, particularly in arid climates, honeydew can collect and dry to form a sweet flaky solid and is thought to form the basis of the Biblical description of manna.

March sees our last indoor meeting of the winter season but it promises to be a good one, with Essex map expert Peter Walker giving us part 2 of his account of the mapping history of the county. I am sure all those present for the first instalment will not want to miss this, though if you did it will not be a problem. As usual it will be at the Silver End Bowls Club pavilion, Broadway CM8 3RF, with a charge of £2 per head which includes tea and biscuits. Later in the month we commence outdoor activities for the year with a spring astronomy evening with James Abbott on the 27th. To find out more, please check our website www.e2e.silverend.org or ring Simon on 01621 810141 or 07947 388180.

Weds 18th March	8:00pm	**Peter Walker: "County Maps of Essex post 1805".** Peter returns to give the more modern half of his tale of the mapping of Essex, into which he always works a local slant. Silver End Bowls Club pavilion, Broadway, Silver End. £2 per person includes light refreshments.
Friday 27th March	7.30pm	**Outdoor astronomy evening with James Abbott.** Meet at the concrete hardstanding by the sharp bend in the Rivenhall/Silver End road (TL822187). Wear warm outdoor clothing.
Weds 29th April	7:15pm	**Cowslip Survey.** Meet in the parking area at the bottom of the track to Tarecroft Wood (TL824171).

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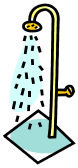
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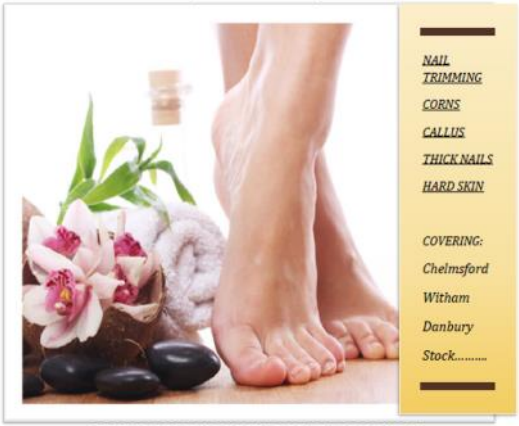
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In March 1931 Rivenhall Parish Council was elected, with the Councillors being: W.W. Burrows, A.E. Hubbard, A.S. Gurton, A.J. Goodrich,

J. Ager, J. Gibbs, A.M. Horridge, T.R. Mott and F.M. Balaam.

1860 we had a sad event of a suicide in the village. A man known as Humphreys was found by a women name Robinson when she went to his thatched cottage to prepare his meals as she did daily. Humphreys let her in when she knocked at the door, then went back to his bedroom upstairs. Robinson then made his breakfast. When ready, she called to him at the foot of the stairs only to see him hanging and quite dead. The decease had be ill for a while and been in low mind for some time.

In the past, and for many years Rivenhall and Rivenhall End was very much known for its seed merchants, with one of them being Mr. George Taber. Many of the villagers worked for the family, as well as living in workers cottages that the family owned.

Mr Taber used the newspapers all over the country to sell his goods as did he in 1858, where he was advertising his Summer Lettuce. This was a cos lettuce with the growing weight of four-six pounds. He assures the readers that this does not run to seed like other varieties of summer lettuce and is brittle with fine flavour. For the cost of 6 postage stamps, these seeds will be posted to you free!

Of course other vegetable and flower crops were grown on the land around the village. But if any allotment holders or private gardens etc.., let anything go to seed that they were growing, they could face a fine as this may contaminate the seed crops, so the lovely like Summer Lettuce known as Dixon's 'Essex Champion' might be effected.

And this month we end back in the 1930's with March 1933 in Silver End.

200 plus people took part in the St. Patricks Day Dance in the village hall.

Mr. H.E. Bacon was M.C.., and Mrs Dixon of Coggeshall, was hostess. Mr. Lexon Brown and helpers done the arrangements. The dance was under patronage of Audrey Lady Petre.

Burns Supper

This year's tribute to Robert Burns was held in Silver End Village Hall on Saturday 1st February. Arranged and coordinated by Jackie Allan, with ticketing and seating managed by Ann Kerr, this annual fully-booked event was again both eagerly anticipated and much enjoyed by all. So popular is Burns Night that it was sold-out well before the date.

Master of Ceremonies was John Macrae, resplendent in his Macrae highland dress.

The hall was once again adorned with tartans, images of Robert Burns and Scottish flags covering all walls, columns, nooks and crannies. Tom Broderick expertly piped-in the haggis which was paraded for all to see and presented to the top table by Jackie Allan. Addressing the haggis was in his unique, entertaining style was wee Dr Alex Allan - much to the enjoyment of all present.

In the kitchen, Jackie O' Connell was ably supported by a host of volunteers who delivered the various delights to the eighteen large tables throughout the hall, then with equal efficiency later cleared all the tables.

166 guests enjoyed the traditional Burns meal of haggis, tatties and neeps, followed by biscuits, cheese and shortcake. Jackie delivered the Immortal Memory then John gave the Toast to the Lassies (but only after an amusing anecdote about a church sermon on the "evils of the demon drink").

Dancing then commenced to the musical accompaniment of the Musicmakers, with Sue Last guiding everyone through each reel with her usual expert calling.

In the interval Carole McCarthy and Wilson Kerr drew the raffle then some fine Scottish sets were piped by Tom Broderick, Jackie Allan and George Atkinson.

Dancing continued 'till 11:30 when a boisterous rendition of Auld Lang Syne brought this year's very successful Burn's Supper to its end, after which carriages arrived to whisk the guests back to their abodes.

The record proceeds from this fund-raising evening go to support the Parish of Rivenhall and Silver End.

Rivenhall playing fields association.

Minutes of meeting held on 17th February 2020

At 7:30pm in Rivenhall village hall.

PRESENT:

Mick Marshall – chairman Beryl Barber Pauline Marshall – Booking secretary Jenny Turner Hayley Larkin – Treasurer
Don Scott Victoria Kingsley – Secretary Ken Cockrell, Jean Cairns

1. APOLOGIES.

Anne Wright Bob Wright James Abbott Sally Carter Lauren Pamberton

2. Open forum. No members of the public.

3. SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES. Hayley stated she was mentioned in AGM minutes regarding parking, which was not her – Secretary changed this.

Mick has contacted Mike Shorten to ask about Rivenhall village school conducting a sponsored walk/run and is still awaiting a response.

Jean asked about the foot path and stated that BDC has adjusted the cost of the work and

stated that the cost includes a fair amount of legalization and solicitor costs. Mick has contacted Mick Shorten regarding the path and is still waiting on a reply.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. Hayley feed back that Jack has been taken off the signage from the bank as he is no longer a committee member and that the lottery license Christmas draw fee has been paid and renewed. Amount was agreed on ex committee members who have stood down from RPFA in January, Hayley is to forward these to Jack and Frank.

5. CLARES HOLIDAY DATES. The committee agreed that getting a professional company in to cover cleaners holidays dates would be best. Hayley will contact someone with experience in contracts etc. to see where we stand on this.

6. EMAIL FROM JAMES ABBORT REGARDING TREE PLANTING. Victoria read out an e-mail from James in regard to RPFA looking at the plans again and having another vote. As a committee there are concerns on placement and upkeep. Jean reported that upkeep of the trees would be dealt with and that the parish council already pay quite a bit of money to upkeep a lot of trees already in Rivenhall. The

committee agreed that as long as the trees are placed at the end of the playing field (along the already placed spinny) and that they are not fruit trees,

we are in agreement to go forward. Victoria to reply to James and let him know of the outcome. (e-mail reply was sent on 17th February after meeting)

7. RACE NIGHT. The date for race night was set for 4th April 2020 doors to open at 7:30pm for

8pm start and the price will be raised from £9 per person to £10. The fish and chips for race night will be ordered from silver end.

8. DATES FOR THE DIARY/ FUNDRAISING IDEAS. Victoria mentioned a few ideas for more events and the importance of getting children/families involved in events run via RPFA. Events and dates were agreed as follows: -

***Easter egg hunt & fun. With Easter bonnet competition for both children and adults

APRIL 10TH 9AM -12PM Price per child will be £2:50p

***Kids fest. Sunday 16th August. A discussion was about charging per child or Charging stall holders we agreed on charging stall holders and families paying at each stall they wish to attend. RPFA to have stalls inside with pocket money games, tea and coffee stall and a cake stall. RPFA will look at finding some extra volunteers to help on the day.

***Date of tabletop was changed as it fell on Mother's Day now to be on the 29th March.

9. RECYCLING BAGS FOR CLEANER. Frank asked if we could help in the supply of these, the committee agreed to sort out their extra rolls and if they are passing the library/Town hall they will pop in and get some.

10. OTHER BUSINESS. Victoria asked about an eyelet to be place on front door to avoid slamming and Mick will look into this.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. MONDAY 16TH MARCH AT 7;30PM

12. CLOSE OF MEETING. The meeting was closed at 21:25pm

ADVICE FROM ESSEX POLICE

With the current weather with high winds and heavy rain please be wary of rogue traders cold calling and offering to replace fencing,

missing roof tiles etc. Never accept a doorstep offer to complete work.

Please be aware that rogue traders may appear alongside reputable traders on popular advertised web sites promoting these services.

Use traders who you trust or have used before, alternatively Trading Standards have a 'Buy With Confidence' scheme – please use this website in order to find traders that have been vetted and approved by Trading Standards.

https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/

Or commercial trade organisations such as ChekaTrade.

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RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

The Club's first meeting of 2020 was held in Rivenhall village hall on Tuesday 11th February. An appreciative audience welcomed fellow member Brian Cradwick, who gave us a knowledgeable and enthusiastic talk on succulent plants. There are over 1,500 different varieties of succulents from many different families and Brian has over one hundred different varieties. If grown indoors watering once a month is sufficient as water is stored in the leaves. In the greenhouse, between September and March, the plants are alive but dormant and Brian will not water them at all during this time. Succulents like an open compost with 40% Pearlite, 30% Vermiculite and John Innes No.2, they do not need a lot of soil compost. To re-pot go up to just a 1" inch bigger pot. If well looked after succulents can live for 30 to 40 years. Brian had three trays of plants, all very different and in many cases grown for their leaf variation, A very different one was the `living stone' plant which lives almost completely under the ground and shows only a tiny floret at the top which actually sits on the soil. (They will survive in the garden in a pot). Finally it is a myth that succulents grow in the desert. They like arid conditions but none grow in the desert, most growing naturally in the likes of Africa and Mexico. Brian answered questions and members enjoyed a good evening.

CONIPETITION RESULTS Horticultural

1st Pat Clark	2nd Don Scott	3rd Sam Donnell

Domestic (cup cakes for Valentine's Day)

1st Jenny Claydon	2nd Clare Knight	3rd Emma Hopegood

Flower of the Month

1st Clare Knight 2nd Pat Clark 3rd Susan Donnell

The Club's next meeting will be on **Tuesday** le^ts' **March,** 7.3Opm in Rivenhall village hail. The speaker will be Anne Latchford from The Colne Valley Tea Company. Products will be available to purchase. Competitions will be : Horticultural — a succulent pot plant. Domestic — 3 fruit scones. Flower of the Month. Entrance is £2 to include refreshment and everyone is welcome to come along. For further information contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781.

Apple In and Out

Really easy recipe this week, but tasty. Serve with your favourite topping!

- 8 ounces self-raising flour
- 4 ounces shredded suet
- 2 ounces castor sugar
- 2 large cooking apples peeled, cored and cut into chunks. (put in water until the last minute to stop them from going brown)
- Cold water to mix

Set oven to 180, gas 4. Mix dry ingredients in a bowl, then stir in the prepared apples. Add enough cold water to form a soft, but not sticky dough. Put into a large greased pie dish and bake for approximately 45 mins until golden brown.

Or you could cook in four small bowls for individual servings.

Enjoy!

Dennis Evelyn Ruffle



20 March 1932 – 10 February 2020

The funeral will take place at St Mary & All Saints Church - Rivenhall

March 11th at 11:00am

Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 22nd of March 2020 9.30 am
St Francis 11.00 am St Mary's
Posies will be provided for all mothers

Please bring your mothers and join us for a family service of celebration and thanksgiving



EASTER 2020 SERVICES

5th April 9.30 St Francis 11 am St Mary's

PALM SUNDAY

9th April St Marys 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday HC

10th April 10.15 am outside Coop SE Walk of Witness

Followed by Service at St Francis Church 11 am

Holy Saturday

11th April Easter Eve Vigil Service 9.30 pm

12th April 9.30 St Francis 11 pm St Mary's

Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Witham Area Pilgrim Rivers
Mission and Ministry Unit
Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
29th March EVENSONG
6.00 p.m. at St Germanus Church, Faulkbourne:

SCHOOL READERS IN THE WITHAM AREA

Schoolreaders' aim is to improve children's literacy across the nation by helping children learn to read well by the time they leave primary school. According to Government statistics, one in four children leave primary school not reading at the expected level - one of the reasons being that many children do not get enough opportunities to sit and read with an adult one-to-one, either at home or at school. If a child leaves primary school not able to read properly, they are unable to access their secondary education fully and this has lifelong consequences. For example, 48% of the UK prison population has a reading age of eleven or less!

Schoolreaders helps address the lack of one-to-one reading and improves children's literacy by recruiting volunteers from a community to go into a local primary school to listen to children read. Many of the volunteers are retired and are happy to give a couple of hours a week to help children learn to read. Schoolreaders matches the volunteer with an appropriate school and supports both the school and volunteer, as needed. Schoolreaders is unique in that it is a free service to schools.

Based on demand from our partner schools, we are keen to recruit volunteers in the Witham area.

With this in mind, I was wondering whether you would be able to help us reach potential volunteers by putting a notice in your parish magazine and/or putting up a poster on your noticeboard in your church building? It would be wonderful if you felt that you could help us in this way.

If you'd like further information about Schoolreaders, please visit their website at https://www.schoolreaders.org

I look forward to hearing from you.

Amanda Gerry

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RACE NIGHT



Saturday 4th April

Rivenhall Village Hall

Starts 8.00 pm - Doors open 7.30

£10.00 pp (Fish & Chip Supper Included)
Bring your own drinks and glass

Raffle

For tickets please contact:- Jenny (01376 513659)
Pauline (01376 512836
Or any Committee Member

This is a RPFA (Village Hall) Event

Committee Members:-
Mick Marshall (Chairman), Hayley Larkin (Treasurer), Victoria Kingsley (Secretary), Beryl Barber, Ken Cockrell, Michelle Garrad , Don Scott, Jenny Turner
Pauline Marshall (Booking Secretary - email: rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com or Tel: 01376 512836).

Press Release Witham Choral

Witham Choral brings Haydn's Creation to the Public Hall

Witham Choral and the Colchester Philharmonic, conducted by Patrick McCarthy, will be bringing Haydn's Creation to Witham Public Hall on Saturday 4 April 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

"The Creation is a wonderfully elegant, tuneful and descriptive work," Patrick told us, "and it is very much a choral favourite among choirs and audiences alike."

Talented soloists Gill Wilson (soprano), Tom Stapleton (tenor) and Alan Loader (bass) will be helping to tell the well -known story, representing the Archangels and Adam and Eve.

Chairman, Stephen Northfield said, " I am looking forward to singing this very accessible piece and am sure our audience will love it."

Tickets are £15 (Senior Citizens £14 and those in full-time education £5) are available from the Public Hall on 0345 0178717 or info@withampublichall.co.uk, from Witham Tourist Office on 01376 502674, from choir members and on the door.

For more details visit Witham Choral website www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk

TABLE TOP SALE

Rivenhall Playing Field Association are holding a table Top Sale on Sunday March 22nd from 11.00 to 2pm £5 per table

Psychic Evening

Tuesday March 24th there will be Psychic evening with Kirsty and Matt Grogan tickets are £10 each All information on Rivenhall Village Hall Facebook page or contact Victoria on 07481814343 for more information and tickets.

Quiz Night



Friday 13th March 2020- 7.30 p.m
Henry Dixon Hall - Rivenhall End

TICKETS £10 each inc. Fish and Chip Supper (Veg / Vegan Catered for)



Teams of up to 8 players

Team captains to get tickets from:-



Ann Kerr:- Tel 01376 515437

Or Ann Riddleston Tel 01376 515400

Bring your own nibbles drinks and glasses

Book early to avoid disappointment

Organisations in Rivenhall

Clerk to Parish Council	Keith Taylor	516975
Email parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net meets every first Tuesday		
Age Concern (Witham area)	Margaret Prime	514255
End to End Nature Care	Simon Taylor	01621 810141
Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	Mick Marshall	512836
Meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Playing Fields Association	Mick Marshall	01376 512836
Spread Your Wings Dance Acam	Laura Pearson	01376 741317

Facilities

Hire of Village Hall	Pauline Marshall	01376 512836
Or email rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com		
Hire of Henry Dixon Hall	Tracy Scott	571551
Mobile Library 2 March	Beech Road 9.20 to 9.50. a.m.	

Oak Store Rivenhall "Open All Hour" Tel AJ 01376 619395

Organisations in Silver End

Clerk to Parish Council	Mrs B. M. Temple	618464
Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Bowls Club	Paul Mann	07551 006906
Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960
Neighbourhood Police	Braintree Policing Dial 101	
Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	583913
Friendship Club	Maureen Gillion–	585275
Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	583055
Gardening Club	Liz Woor	585586
Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
Neighbourhood Watch	Judy Hill	07896 975839
Scouting Group	Denise Sullens Smith	583055
St Mary's Church (R.C.)	Vivian Phillips	583598
Tennis Club	Jason Cairns	584581
Workers Educational Assoc.	Brian Gillion	583706
Luncheon Club	Helen Thomson	583255
Doctors Surgery		583387
Silver End Heritage Society	Jackie Nesbitt sec	585702
Silver End United Football Club	Mark Edgell	584639 Web
Site www.silverendunitedfc.co.uk		
Women's Institute	Brenda Warnes	07931 548193
Community Warden	Jackie Windard	07785 515526

Post Office in Co-op - please note that it closes at Lunchtime 1-2pm
Closes 1 pm Wednesday and 12.30 pm Saturday
Library: Tues & Thurs - 2pm to 6pm Saturday 9am to 1pm



How many people in Rivenhall End remember our resident Peacock "Percy" He lived in our weeping willow tree at 8 Henry Dixon Road for some 5 years. Around 2000 Fortunately he didn't find a mate! (This one came last year but didn't Stay)







Burns Supper at Silver End Village Hall see article in the Magazine.

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