

End-to-End

The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End



A sunset on Valentines Day from the back of the cremated remains area at St Mary's Church Rivenhall

March

2023

50p

The Following are our services For March 2023

5th March

9.30 am St Francis

11 am St Mary's

2nd Sunday of Lent

Morning Prayer

All Age Worship

12th March

9.30 am St Francis

11 am St Mary's

3rd Sunday of Lent

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

19th March

9.30 am St Francis

11 am St Mary's

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday (Special Service)

Mothering Sunday (Special Service)

26th March

9.30 am St Francis

11 am St Mary's

5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

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VIEW FROM THE VILLAGES – hope springs forth....

Firstly, “hello” I’m ‘Jane’, and have recently become the new team vicar in the Witham and Villages Team Ministry.

Some of you may have had the opportunity to come to my licensing service at the end of January, although apologies if I didn’t get a chance to greet you personally on the night (there were quite a few people there!) However I look forward to meeting you properly in the near future, along with all those who live in the communities in which I will now be living and working.

So ‘welcome’ to ‘*View from the Villages*’ (the natty title team rector Jonathan came up with). A heading I have literally taken at its word, as I sit writing this first piece looking out on a beautiful spring day across the fields of Terling. And having also just returned from a walk around the village I can honestly say, the view is great! In fact I haven’t stopped smiling since Graham (my husband) and I moved in and I began my new post.

Admittedly it took a while for us to get to this point though, which included 3 unsuccessful interviews. But I believe that God’s timing is always perfect and I was then in the right place at the right time for this job – which feels like I’m home!

So for anyone reading this who may be experiencing some disappointment or knock backs, I encourage you to *not lose hope but to keep holding on.....* Indeed, sometimes we don’t know why a door is closed until the right door then opens. But if you can, trust God – because He really does love us, more than we will ever comprehend.... and He knows us better than we know ourselves, and therefore what is best for us.

And so I sit here feeling extremely thankful..... as well as moved by the warm welcome I have already received from so many, including Myra, a new neighbour I have just met on my walk I am also excited! For as my ‘view’ reveals, spring is in the air.....the dark nights are getting shorter as

the lighter days draw out, and hints of new life have begun to emerge all around. Indeed spring for me, is more than any other, the season which seems filled with hope...

So I look forward to sharing with you in the coming months my view from and of and in the villages, and beyond – a big beautiful picture of hope to behold ...

God bless

Reverend Jane x

Readings and Collects for March 2023

5th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

All Age Worship

Readings

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5.13-17

John 3.1-17

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.

12th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

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.

19th March Mothering Sunday

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

26th March 5th Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

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.

The 50/50 Club February 2023 winners

1st Mr M Andrews 2nd Mr M Scully 3rd Mrs Wood

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2023

AT RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.

These notes are an abridged version of the minutes

Present: Cllrs. Abbott (Chairman), Wright (Vice-Chairman),
A'Lee, Cairns, Elliott and Prime.

Also present: Parish Clerk.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Matters for Discussion

Annual Parish Council Meeting, Annual Parish Assembly and
Annual Report

The Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Assembly have been re-scheduled for 12th May at 7.30pm at Henry Dixon Hall and 23rd May at 6.45pm at the Village Hall respectively.

The Annual Report for 2022/23 will be drawn up and delivered to each address in the parish.

De-trunked section of A12

Councillors met informally on Monday 30th January to discuss and agree the council's position regarding the de-trunking proposals for the "old" A12 that will be left in the management of Essex County Council after the new A12 is built.

The following were agreed:

- * Oak Road should be closed off from the de-trunked "old" A12 with no vehicular access (but allowing for cyclists and pedestrians).
- * 4 lanes should be retained on the de-trunked "old" A12 including the footway/cycleway, and to include suitable structural planting to the central reservation. Retaining 4 lanes will allow for more space for the bus services to return in full, including access to the new bus stop laybys.
- * To request a new open space/play area for Rivenhall End to the East of Henry Dixon Hall on the land that is within the A12 works envelope (the area to be used for soil extraction) and to provide a safe pedestrian crossing on Henry Dixon Road for access to that new facility.
- * To introduce a 40mph speed limit along the whole length of the de-trunked "old" A12 from Witham, through Rivenhall End, to Kelvedon.

These proposals were **unanimously agreed** to be communicated to Essex County Council and to the A12 DCO process.

King Charles III Coronation memorabilia for primary school children

Following communication with Rivenhall Primary School, it was **unanimously agreed** to purchase Coronation mugs to be given to the school for distribution to the school children.

Speed sign, Church Road

An initial quotation from Solagen Ltd to replace the existing sign with a solar powered Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been received. Subject to the existing post being suitable to be used to support the sign it was **unanimously agreed** to apply for local grant funding to replace the signs at Church Road and also at Henry Dixon Road.

Highway Maintenance

ECC has agreed that the damaged Church Road speed warning and school signs will be replaced/repared but they do not give a timescale.

ECC have to re-assess the flooding issues on Rickstones Road, opposite Rectory Lane, due the presence of a gas main.

A large 'edge breakaway' pothole has been cordoned off at the northern end of Church Road with cones placed in it. The defect has been there for several years.

Complaints have been received, and forwarded to ECC Highways, regarding the replacement white LED streetlights shining into local dwellings.

The Chairman reported that Eastlight CH is to ascertain the ownership of the streetlight at the entrance to the Beech Road garage area (that was smashed and removed when the wooden pole there collapsed in 2022). Eastlight CH will reinstate the locking bollard on the smaller village green.

General Maintenance

A reply from ECC indicates that the existing bus shelters located on the A12 are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Therefore, and given the decision taken at a previous meeting, it was **unanimously agreed** that the southbound carriageway shelter be removed due to the severe vandalism that took place in 2022. The Clerk will ask the maintenance contractor if he is able to provide a quotation for this task.

The Parish Council continues to discuss with National Highways the installation of new permanent bus stops and shelters at the same/nearby locations both sides of the road in association with the forthcoming new A12 construction.

Planning Applications

Retrospective application **23/00075/HH** – detached double garage at 321 Rickstones Road - BDC indicates that this application is invalid due to some details being missing; it will be re-submitted in due course.

Ongoing Major Issues

A12 widening

The DCO process continues and the Chairman will submit the Parish Council position to ECC and the DCO Inspector in due course. The applications for Designated Funds projects have been submitted to National Highways.

Rivenhall Airfield Major Waste Site

The Public Inquiry in relation to Condition 66 of ESS/34/15/BTE has been postponed from January to May 2023 due to the Inspector being unavailable.

Colemans Quarry

The next Liaison Meeting is scheduled for 9th February 2023.

Finance

The Chairman reported that BDC, for one year 2023/24, has reviewed its position and will not now reduce the amount of Street Cleaning Grant to parish councils.

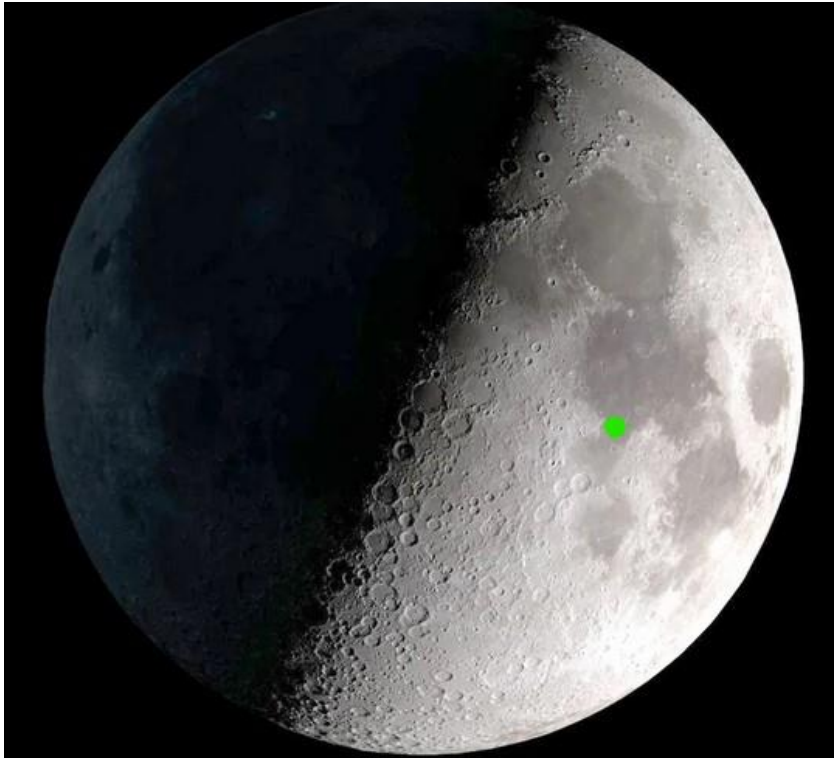
Information exchange and items for the March agenda

- * Replacement batteries for the Village Hall defibrillator – to be discussed at the March meeting.
- * Compilation of the Draft Annual Report for the March meeting.
- * The Chairman has inspected Tarecroft Wood and reported that the condition remains of concern with more tree felling and brush from the work in early 2022 still in places lying on the ground preventing the emergence of some of the spring wild flowers.

Dates of future meetings

7th March at Henry Dixon Hall and 4th April at Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting at 7.30pm.

Sky Notes March 2023



Daylight expands at its fastest rate of the year during March as the Sun continues to climb higher in the sky day by day. The Spring Equinox takes place on March 20th. Clocks go forward to British Summer Time on Sunday 26th March and so in the last week of the month sunset is at around 7.30pm.

Venus and Jupiter are quite close together in the Western evening twilight in the first week or so of the month – best seen around 7pm. Venus will become increasingly prominent in the Western evening sky as the spring progresses, brighter than any other planet or star.

On the evening of the 24th March, there will be a fine pairing of Venus and the young crescent Moon which will be only 12% illuminated at the time.

Mars moves from Taurus into Gemini this month and continues to fade but even at the end of March is still prominent and of a similar brightness to the brightest stars in both those constellations. The 1st quarter Moon will be just to the left and slightly above Mars on the evening of the 28th.

This will also be a good time to have a look at some of the Lunar Maria – the dark patches that were mistaken for oceans centuries ago when the Moon was first studied in detail; but the names have remained.

In the photo, the green dot marks the landing location of Apollo 11 in 1969, in the 'Sea of Tranquility'. That name, which dates from an early lunar map of 1651, belies the origin. Like all the Lunar Maria, they are lava plains that formed after huge craters were created by impacts billions of years ago. By way of comparison, the impact crater that led to the formation of the Sea of Tranquillity was about as large as Britain and Ireland combined.

Full Moon is on the night of the 6th/7th March.

The Sun is becoming much more active now as we move towards the peak of the approx. 11-year Solar Cycle. Solar flares are increasing and these can result in displays of the aurora here on Earth and the time around the Spring Equinox is documented as a favourable time to see these displays. The website spaceweather.com is a good resource for alerts on when the aurora might be seen as well as many other day and night sky phenomena.

Sky Watcher

Churchyard News

The PCC are delighted that so many of you appreciate the good works that go into maintaining our beautiful churchyard. In the 1980's when Rev Nigel Cooper was our incumbent, he encouraged us to become environmentally friendly and it was then that we set aside places for wild life and wild flowers to flourish. With this in mind, during different growing periods, parts of the churchyard are left to flourish, and the abundance of Cow slips and other beautiful things are a joy to behold.

However, I am reminded of a joke that my Father used to tell, about how God makes a beautiful churchyard, and the chief grass cutter would reply, indeed, but you should see it if he is left to his own devices! We have a very large and active churchyard, and a small team of overworked volunteers, Our Head Gardener, Michael Galley is always looking for volunteers, and if you speak to him he will direct you to any jobs that need attention. His best 'friend' is his ride on mower, and it has a great deal of use. As it is used such a lot, Michael has decided that it is time to exchange it, and so we are just about to order a new mower. The price for a new one is over two thousand pounds, and we have just enough funds to purchase it. A few of our parish families make a small monthly donation to help with the cost of maintaining the churchyard. We would be delighted if you would consider helping us in this way, so that, going forward, we can give the churchyard a good chance of winning the 'Best Kept Churchyard' competition again!

WITHAM MOTHERS UNION

On Friday 3 March is the World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's Day of Prayer). There will be an interdenominational service at the Catholic Church in Guithavon Street at 1.30pm to which all are welcome.

We will be joining others around the world on this special occasion for worship and fellowship. Come and support you local inter-church committee.

Thursday 30 March the Witham branch of the Mothers' Union will meet in St Nicolas' Church Hall at 2pm. Our speaker will be Jane O'Brien sharing more about "A day in the life of the Houses of Parliament". All members and friends welcome.

For more information about Mothers' Union contact Lynette Abbott on 01376 512586 or Joan Barrett on 01376 514617

End to End Nature Care.

The February meeting attracted quite a crowd to hear Sarah Manning talk about fungi. Setting the scene, Sarah described how the “macro-fungi” (what the layman would call mushrooms and toadstools) principally exist as a network of thread-like fibres known as a mycelium, which run underground and/or in decaying organic material. The overground structures with which we are familiar are the fruiting bodies, produced to distribute spores through which the fungi disperse and spread. Some of these mycelia have been demonstrated genetically to be enormous in size and very old. One in Michigan state, USA, is known to be over 2,000 years old while another, the “Humongous Fungus” of Oregon, USA, extends through 3.4 square miles of forest and is thought to be the largest single living organism on Earth. Both examples are species of the genus *Armillaria* which also includes the familiar native Honey Fungus (*A. mellea*) which causes living trees to rot and is a pest much feared by tree-growers.

Most plants rely on fungi though, through a symbiotic relationship whereby each works with the other in order that both may thrive. Experiments have demonstrated that plants deprived of this so-called mycorrhizal fungus fare much worse than those where the fungus is present. It is also thought that the mycorrhizae create an underground network through which plants can share resources and even effectively communicate, sometimes dubbed the “Wood Wide Web”.

A key division within the fungi is between Basidiomycetes (spore droppers) and Ascomycetes (spore shooters). The former group includes all typical mushroom/toadstool types, with gills or tubes under an umbrella-like cap held aloft by a central stem. The spores simply fall from the underside of the cap but are so tiny that they are caught on the merest of breezes and transported elsewhere, to establish new mycelia. Sarah demonstrated how it is possible to place paper under a sheltered specimen in order to capture a “spore print”

pattern made by the usually-dark spores. The Ascomycetes include a wide array of species such as Morels, Saddles, Truffles, Crusts and Moulds. In all, the spores form in sacs beneath the surface of the fruiting body and are expelled as they ripen.

As well as helping plants grow, and dead plants to decay, fungi provide food and habitat for a wide range of animals. They also have a great variety of uses to humans, far beyond their culinary applications. Historically they have provided tinder and pigments (including ink from Inkcaps) while over the last century a vast array of medical applications have been found, from the well-documented antibiotics derived from *Penicillium* mould to other drugs used as immunosuppressants and to treat cancer, allergies and mental health issues such as depression and PTSD. Other fungi are being explored as alternative packaging materials (even being allowed to grow-to-fit around fragile or awkwardly-shaped items), as pest control substances and as potential tools to battle pollution (fungi have been demonstrated to digest petrochemical oils and plastics in the lab). Perhaps most importantly of all, the yeast fungi have been used for millennia to make bread, dairy products and to ferment alcohol.

Sarah of course spoke about edible fungi (e.g. Horse Mushroom, Cep, Chanterelle) and those which are known to be very poisonous; lethally so in species such as the Deathcap and Destroying Angel. Some can only be eaten safely if cooked, while others can sometimes induce allergic reactions. Sarah's recommendation in most cases is simply to enjoy and appreciate the fungus in situ and to perhaps photograph it. Foraging, either for food or simply to survey, has become so popular in some locations that it has been banned, for example in Epping Forest and the New Forest, in order to protect and conserve the fungi.

In March we are joined by the current Chairman of Colchester Natural History Society, Dougal Urquhart, who will be telling us all about the Red Squirrel population on

Mersea Island. Many will know Dougal as the former warden of Cudmore Grove Country Park at East Mersea, a role he fulfilled for many years before retiring just before the pandemic. As well as being an authority on the birds and moths of Essex, Dougal has been heavily involved in the project to introduce and maintain a population of Red Squirrels on Mersea, sustainable due to the island's size yet relative isolation, and is fortunate enough to have them visit his garden regularly.

Our summer outdoor activities commence on Saturday 15th April when we will be meeting former Parish Rector Nigel Cooper at the Devil's Dyke on the Cambridgeshire/Suffolk border near Newmarket to look for spring flowers and early insects. If you would like to come along then please let me know. Then on the evening of 26th April we will be counting Cowslips near Tarecroft Wood (full details below).

Further information on all our activities can be found online at www.e2e.silverend.org. We also have a Facebook group "End to End Nature Care" where any recent wildlife sighting or news is always welcome to be posted. Don't be shy. Alternatively if anybody has any questions about the group and our activities then I can always be contacted on simon@e2e.silverend.org or 07947 388180.

Wed 15 March	20:00	"Red Squirrels on Mersea" with Dougal Urquhart, Chairman of Colchester Natural History Society. Silver End Congregational Church Hall, Silver Street CM8 3QF. £2 per head, includes refreshments.
Sat 15 April	TBC	Devil's Dyke, Newmarket, with Nigel Cooper. We will travel by car sharing. Please book with Simon.
Wed 26 April	19:00	Cowslip Survey. Meet in the parking area at the bottom of the track to Tarecroft Wood (TL824171).

Mothering Sunday March 19 2023

We have had some wonderful Mothering Sunday Services at St Mary's. Now that COVID is in the past why not join us and bring all your family. Receive a posy of spring flowers and enjoy the feeling of love for our mothers and all who care for us, no matter where they are. The service will start at 11 am.

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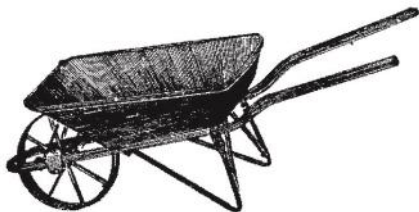
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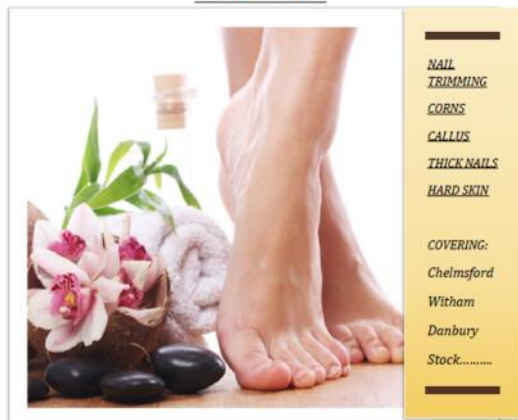
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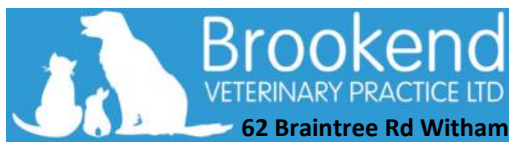
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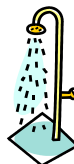
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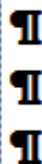
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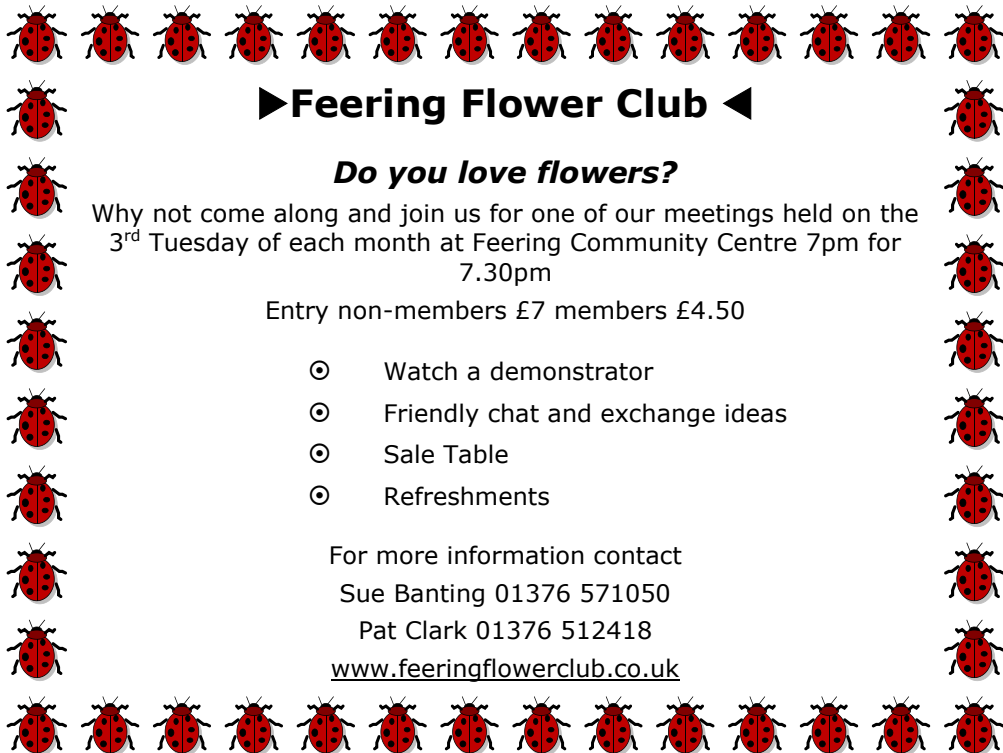
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Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

This month we are looking at what events happened in the village during the months of March during the reign of Queen Victoria.

The Hutley family lived at Park Gate Farm for many years and on the 17th March, 1840 by the directions of the late Mrs Martha Hutley, an auction was held. This was for the neat and useful Household Furniture within the premises. This included four post bedsteads and the hangings, good feather beds and bedding. Chairs, sofa, tables etc., Also, beer casks, two eight-day clocks and much kitchen wear. Other items included within the estate a neat 4 wheel double-bodied Pony Chaise and Harness, and a dark Brown Pony.

In the Petty Session Court in Witham March 1847, Robert Foster and William Turrell were fined 1s and costs, for riding in their wagons at Rivenhall on the 18th. This was done without any one on foot or on horseback having charge of their horses. The chairman strongly deprecated this practice as being a most dangerous one and which the lives of the passengers were often placed in jeopardy. He cautioned the defendants not to repeat this act again or they would be less leniently dealt with. Present – Rev. Sir John Page Wood, Bart., F. U. Pattison, Esq., and Revds. H. Du Cane and John Cox

An entertainment of Readings for the People took in March 1871 and was given in Mr. Porter's room (Springhold Farm) Mr. Varenne presided, and there was a large audience. The evening comprised of musical selections by Mr. Garret and family and readings by the chairman, the Rev. J. Burnside. Messrs H. Upson, G. Foster and J. Foster. Votes of thanks passed at the conclusion.

Water Works: In 1872 the inhabitants of this improving and flourishing village are about to have conferred upon them the great boon. The respected and venerable Dr. Dixon, assisted by Mr. Taber and his son, like good king Hezekiah, are "stopping the upper water courses and bringing the water straight down to the west side of the village, and making a conduit and a pool," so that the poorest inhabitants may have a plentiful supply of "Nature's free liquid" close to their homes. The water is to be pumped into a large elevated reservoir at the back of the Workman's Hall, by a well-constructed and simple windmill. (This would have been where

Foxden is now) In 1888 the Braintree Union Rural Sanitary gave a report and this included Rivenhall. It stated that the water from the spring at Rivenhall End was remarkably free from organic matter and was regarded by Dr. Pooley as excellent water and on that may be safely used for all dietetic purposes!

Cricket: A meeting was held at the Workman's Hall on Monday (17th March 1872) evening last, to form a cricket club. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Porter. H. Dixon Esq., was elected president, and Mr A C Bird secretary. Twenty persons were enrolled as members. The Chairman promised the use of his pasture for practice ground.

In March 1878 Mr. James Upton of Stovers Hall Farm was one of the judges nominated for the show and sale of short-horns at Bingley Hall, Staffordshire.

And James Sibley a butcher of Rivenhall was on Tuesday summoned at the Guildhall Police Court for sending to the London market the carcasses of 20 pigs unfit for human food. The manner of the defendant was so peculiar that Alderman Sir William Rose was unable to determine whether he was intoxicated or insane and therefore remanded to have the opinion of the surgeon of Newgate as to his state of his mind.

Four sows at Durwards Hall in the 1888 gave birth to remarkable litters consisting of 12, 15, 17 and 19 piglets respectively.

On the 15th March 1888 an evening of entertainment was given by a party of friends connected with the Witham Congregational Chapel Bible Classes in Rivenhall Chapel. The chair that evening was Mr. George Taber. The programme of the evening consisted of dialogues, recitations, part-songs etc., and was enjoyed by a large audience. All the proceeds of the event went towards a purchase of a clock for the Rivenhall Chapel.

March 1890 saw the slowly easing of Influenza throughout the county of Essex and the members of the Workman's Hall Benefit Club were for the last month been paying double subscriptions to meet demands made on it for the many members had been effected by influenza. They have now been informed that the extra subs will not be needed after this week.

March 1894 on a Wednesday evening a knife and fork tea was given to all the women of Rivenhall End by Mr. George Taber. About 90 sat down. After tea a good selection of music was played

by Mr. Pattern and family, of Witham, and Mrs. Moore of Kelvedon gave a recitation and reading.

On Friday 22nd March 1895 an evening of entertainment was held at the Workman's Hall in aid of this institution, which has had great call upon its sick fund and the moneys are exhausted. The Rev. F.B.H. Bridges presided, and some capital songs were sung by Messrs. Ken, Bull, Shelley and others. At the close it was found that the collection amounted to 15s, which the Rector kindly made up to a sovereign.

What is to come over the next few months from the Turning the pages of History

This March it is 145 years since Rivenhall Church re-opened after restoration under Rev. Hawkins. I will look into this later this year.

We will look into the life of our 'Blacksmith' Alfred William Turner from an interview he gave in the 1950's and another month we will have the happenings in Silver End from news reports and parish magazines. The month of July is looking at the fetes from the past that took place at the Rectory and on the Green.

September looking back at Rivenhall Gardening Clubs first show of 60 years ago, and next month with the changes due to happen to the A12 over the coming years, we have the memories of Rivenhall End from Daphne Burton.

A Heritage of Crime Prevention for the Future

Back in 1829, Sir Robert Peel (the "*Father of Modern Policing*") decreed that there are nine basic principles of Policing. The first principle and mission for Police Constables is to prevent crime and disorder, and that police effectiveness is not measured on the number of arrests, but on the lack of crime!

These principles still ring true today. Reducing and preventing crime is not only better for the economy but more importantly our health and wellbeing. As dealing with the aftermath of crime and ASB (Anti-social behaviour).

ASB can leave a lasting impact on victim of crime and the wider community.

Everyday within Essex Police our Officers and Staff from our Community Policing Teams, Community Safety and Engagement Officers, Rural Crime, Business Crime Teams and Fraud Coordinators deliver crime prevention advice to help the public in reducing the opportunities for crime and ASB.

For specialist crime prevention advice, the force has a small number Crime Prevention and Designing out Crime Officers (DOCO), who provide to tactical support for all officers and staff. Designing out Crime Officers looks at mitigating crime and ASB risk not just for the present, but for the future. A carefully designed building and wider environment with security at the heart of it is better than retrofitting measures later to fix a problem that could have been foreseen.

Additionally, as part of the planning process, the Designing out Crime Officers comment on new planning applications to ensure that the opportunities for crime and disorder to be 'designed out' at the earliest opportunity. They review various planning applications from new housing estates, hospitals, schools, town centre regenerations to name but a few.

The Designing out Crime Officers promote '**Secured by Design**' (www.securedbydesign.com) to ensure that new planning applications have considered the impact of crime in their design.

Secured by Design (SBD) is the official police security initiative that's aims at reducing the opportunities for crime and ASB. Developers around the UK can achieve SBD awards for incorporating crime prevention measures and techniques into their developments in all kinds of building sectors. SBD also developed and maintains a product-based police accreditation scheme– the Police Preferred Specification where independently tested security products and building material can be found.

In conclusion crime prevention is not just reactive and concerned with just the here and now, its core is around creating safer and exclusive places for everyone at all times.

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RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

Members met up on Tuesday 14th February, in Rivenhall village hall where Christmas had arrived on Valentines Day! Due to very icy conditions in December 2022 the Christmas social evening had to be cancelled and therefore the first meeting of 2023 was an enjoyable evening with a fun quiz, a bring and share buffet and a grand tombola. Chairman, Mrs. Tracy Scott, outlined the programme for this year which includes some interesting speakers, a members' visit to Hyde Hall in May, the Daffodil Show in April, Flower Show in July and our Autumn Show in September. Team Susan, Sam, Shirley and Maurice were the winners of the quiz.

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

Horticultural: 1st Susan Donnell 2nd Maurice Bacon 3rd Shirley Bacon

Domestic: 1st Karen Dakin 2nd Jenny Claydon (2 entries only)

Flower of the Month 1st Vivienne Dee 2nd Shirley Bacon 3rd Maurice Bacon

Photo of the Month 1st Jenny Claydon 2nd Susan Donnell 3rd Sue North

The Club's next meeting will be on **TUESDAY 14th MARCH, 7.30pm** in Rivenhall village hall. Our Speaker will be Dr. Ian Bedford who will give a talk on 'Trouble Without Wasps'. Dr. Bedford comes highly recommended so we hope it will be an interesting evening. Competitions will be Horticultural a succulent pot plant. Domestic — 3 chocolate chip cup cakes. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month (flowers or a garden or similar). Entrance is £3 to include refreshment. In 2023 the Club celebrates being part of the village for 60 years and whilst we cannot boast of a membership of over 80 members as it was then, the Club continues to thrive and we do welcome new members and visitors. For further details and information please contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL NOVEMBER 2022

St. Mary and All Saints Church - Rivenhall raised £48-77

Oak Stores - Rivenhall raised £82 -01

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously.

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The Wisemans of Rivenhall

No one who enters St. Mary's Church can miss the monument on the south wall of the chancel to Sir Raphe and Lady Elizabeth Wiseman, who are the figures in the monument and to Lady Dorathie, Sir Raphe's second wife, who is not figured.

Some information about them is evident on the monument. Lady Elizabeth died in July of 1594. Using the spelling of the monument, Lady Elizabeth's father was Francis Barley of Kympton. Lady Dorathie's father was Sir Richard Ritche, Lord Ritche and Lord Chancellor of England. Sir Raphe was the second son of Sir John Wiseman of Wimbishe. Sir Raphe and Lady Elizabeth had six children, sons, Richard, Thomas and Robert; daughters, Francis, Elizabeth and Marie.

Research can reveal more about them and other members of the family. In the 16th and 17th centuries, the College of Arms performed periodic "Visitations" of English counties to determine the nobility and gentry of each county who would be available to fill posts as justices, councilors and other public officials for which that status was a prerequisite. The Visitations provide not only the names of those who might serve, but their pedigrees upon which the determination was based. The Essex

Visitations for 1552, 1558, 1570, 1612 and 1634 were published in a single volume in 1878 and are a mine of information.

Above the figures of the monument is the achievement displaying the arms of Sir Raphe. The visitation of 1612 states that in 1574, the use of the arms by Thomas Wiseman of Felsted, Sir Raphe's older brother and John Wiseman, his

father and their posterity was confirmed and the grant was made of the seahorse crest, also to them and their posterity, which included, of course, Sir Raphe.

It is unclear whether Sir Raphe spelled his name as "Wiseman" or "Wyseman". In the Visitations, the spelling varies within branches and generations of the family. Wyseman appears to be an older spelling which was being superseded by Wiseman. The visitation of 1552 uses Wyseman. 1558 and 1612 use Wiseman except to the extent of pedigree entries four to five generations before Sir Raphe. It seems likely that Sir Raphe deliberately chose the antiquated spelling for his monument.

Sir Raphe and Lady Elizabeth, later Lady Dorathie lived at Rivenhall Place (then known as Wiseman's Hall), which was acquired by Sir Raphe in 1590 and which still stands, much changed, to the north of the church. As the monument attests, he was "Lord of ye Pish" and indeed, he did own the entirety of Rivenhall Parish. His ownership is interesting in the context of the time as under primogeniture, the estates and properties of Sir John Wiseman of Wimbishe, also referred to as of Felsted and Braddock, would have gone to Sir Raphe's older brother, Sir Thomas Wiseman of Felsted. It appears that Sir John was able to amass sufficient wealth, either on his own or by advantageous marriage, to leave not only Sir Thomas, but Sir Raphe and third and fourth sons, George and Richard well provided for.

Rivenhall was inherited by Sir Raphe's eldest son, Sir Thomas and by his son, another Sir Thomas, and eventually, by his son, Sir William. Sir William acquired a baronetcy in 1660, served as High Sheriff of Essex and three terms as MP for Maldon. He died without issue, and the baronetcy was extinguished at his death.

An interesting aspect of the monument is its declaration that Sir Raphe was "undoubted patron of ye Church". Sir Raphe's older brother, Sir Thomas Wiseman of Braddock (Bradax) and his son and grandson, respectively, Sir William and John, Esq. appear in the Visitations of 1558 and 1612. The

Braddock Wisemans were staunchly and notoriously Catholic or "recusant" in the term of the day and are deleted from the Visitation of 1634 as they eschewed the established church. It is possible that the monument's reference to patronage of the church seeks to solidify the position of Sir Raphe's family. Interestingly, one of Sir Raphe's grandsons, Robert Henry Wiseman, a younger son of the first Sir Thomas Wiseman of Rivenhall remained Catholic and was a "Gentleman Adventurer" and investor in the Calvert expedition in 1634 which founded the colony of Maryland as a Catholic sanctuary. His family must have concealed this fact as the Visitation of 1634 shows him as the fifth son of Sir Thomas. Rivenhall Place purportedly contains a "priest hole" in which a Catholic priest could be concealed from authorities if the house were searched.

At the death of Sir William Wiseman, 1st Baronet Rivenhall in 1688, Rivenhall Place was sold to the Western family, and the tenure of the Wisemans in Rivenhall ended.

Rivenhall Village Hall, located in Church Road, Rivenhall is available for hire by local clubs, organisations and residents for numerous activities and events including weekly/monthly classes or meetings, social functions, parties, fundraising events, wedding receptions, coffee mornings and much more. The hall has a well-equipped kitchen, toilet facilities including disabled and a level access from the car park.

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BURNS SUPPER

My grateful thanks to all of you who donated prizes for the Raffle at the Burns Night Supper at Silver End village hall on Saturday 4th February 2023. The Raffle raised a very pleasing £350. Carole McCarthy.

SILVER END BURNS SUPPER

What a wonderful evening! 130 people enjoyed the ritual slaughtering of the Haggis in Silver End Village Hall on Saturday. Pipe Sergeant Tom Broderick marched the Haggis into the hall where it was addressed and attacked with theatrical flourish by Charles Grenville. In due course the Toast to the Lassies was sung with great feeling by Rector Jonathan Pritchard, then Jackie Allan gave the Immortal Memory. Did you know that the fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger is the great great great nephew of Robert Burns? Local band The Caledonian Reelers (who had been playing at the Savoy the previous week) provided the dance music and



Sue Last guided everyone through a hilarious and energetic evening of dancing. While the dancers were getting their breath back, eight members of Essex Caledonian Pipe Band entertained with some well known Scottish airs. The



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