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





*****Press Release*****

Nancy May a local singer currently on tour with Russel Watson on his Magnificent Buildings Tour sang at St Mary's Church on Friday 7 September and what a wonderful evening! She even had time to change her outfit.
Note Nancy will return to Rivenhall next Autumn

October 2024 50p

The following are our services For October 2024

6th October	**19th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
13th October	**Harvest Festival (20th Sun. Trinity)**
9.30 am St Francis	Special Harvest Service
11 am St Mary's	Special Harvest Service
20th October	**21st Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
27th October	**Bible Sunday**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

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'View from the Villages' – Living the dream Pt 2

Having written last month about the Olympics, and quoted the IOC president who said how the Games had been a wonderful example of 'humans living peacefully together …. embracing each other…. respecting each other…. creating a culture of peace… making us dream….and believe in a better world'; I thought that in this month's article I would continue to explore how we might possibly help this 'dream' be realised.

So firstly to another quote, that I came across a couple of weeks ago, by Mark Twain, who said: "Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it" ……. This is both beautiful and profound. And I would encourage us to read it again (and again), slowly, allowing ourselves to picture the image, sense the smell, and embrace it's deeper message ……..

A 'better world' needs 'a culture of peace', but peace within ourselves and with each other will only happen when we truly learn to forgive and forget.

Which brings me on to my second image, which emerged during my recent family holiday to Potters in Maldon– which I would highly recommend (Potters that is, not going away with my family!) Whilst there I watched people of all ages totally embracing and enjoying the numerous games, activities and quizzes available. And it struck me how we never really grow up…… How actually we like an excuse to release our 'inner child'; playing silly games giving us a release from the 'stuff' of this world – the burdens and worries that we seem to accumulate as we get older, that rob us of our peace.

It is a fact that children are more trusting and accepting of those around them than adults, far more

able to forgive and not hold grudges. Which is one of the reasons Jesus told us to 'learn from the

little children'. ……

So, let us release our inner child, and keep that dream alive!

God bless Reverend Jane x

Prayer Hour - Sept — Nov.
St Francis Church Silver End
Every Monday

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……

Readings and Collects for September 2024

6th October 19th Sunday of Trinity

All Age Worship

Readings

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

13th October 15th Sunday of Trinity

Harvest Festival

Readings

Joel 2:21-27
1 Tim 2:1-7
Mathew 6:25-33

Collect
Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

20th October **21st Sunday of Trinity**

Matins

Readings
Isaiah 53:4-12
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Collect
Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

27th October **Bible Sunday**

Holy Communion

Readings
Isaiah 55:1-11
2 Tim 3:14 -4:5
John 5: 36b-47

Collect
Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

WITHAM AND VILLAGES MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union normally meets on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm in St Nicolas' Church Hall unless otherwise stated

Thursday 31st October 2pm in St Nicolas Church hall when Anthony Stark will give a talk on Bee Keeping.

All members and friends welcome - do come and join us. For more information contact Lynette Abbott on 01376 512856.

For more information about this and other Mothers' Union activities contact Lynette Abbott on 01376 512586 or Joan Barrett on 01376 514617.

Rivenhall Village Hall,

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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:**

Rivenhall Playing Fields Association are once again hoping to put on their annual

Santa's Grotto on Fri 6th and Sat 7th December.

Unfortunately we will be needing volunteers to assist the very small main committee in setting up and running. Without volunteers we would have struggled last year also. If you have ideas with go ahead thinking and like working towards improving our community and would consider becoming a committee member we would love to hear from you. Contact any of our existing committee or just turn up at our next mtg in the village hall on Tuesday 27th Aug commencing at 7.30 pm

rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com

Or Call 07738 705585

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The 50/50 Club September 2024 winners

1st -Mike Hope 2nd -Terry Ladkin 3rd-Martin Scully

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NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2024 IN HENRY DIXON HALL

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

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

Also Present: Clerk Mrs A Brown and Essex County Councillor Ross Playle

Chairman's Report: Thanks were given to Cllrs Prime and Macrae for their work towards the parish's BDC Local Plan Review consultation. Essex CC have confirmed that in 2025, all Essex black bag waste will go to the Endaver incinerator rather than landfill. Whilst no entry signs remain down at the Oak Road triangle, on-going near-misses continue with cars going the wrong way on its one-way stretch. The judicial review objection to the stalled A12 widening programme has been rejected, but National Highways now deed to consider the implications of the delayed start.

Essex County Councillor's Report: The Braxted Road A12 junction will be closed for two nights for road surfacing. Ross will be attending the forthcoming Coleman's Quarry liaison meeting (along with John Macrae). The Henry Dixon Road underpass will be inspected (but the road kept open. Essex CC discounted composting bins will be available during September. The damaged signage at the Oak triangle will continue to be raised.

District Councillor's Report: Local Plan Review - more time has been given for this to take place: BDC needs to allocate a further10,000 homes across its district. The Safer Essex Partnership has admitted that in Oak Road (30 mph speed limit) 75% of vehicles are speeding whilst 42% exceed 45 mph: 50% of vehicle drivers would be fined if authorities were to take enforcement action.

Planning Matters: No new applications.

Response to BDC Local Plan Review: Following the well-attended parish consultation, and with a vast majority of attendees objecting to the landowner-submitted sites, the parish council decided to object to all the newly offered sites: grounds included lack of supporting infrastructure, the rail bridge pinch-point, school capacity, and Dr, dentist, hospital capacity. Also, virtually all the new Rivenhall and Silver End developments have contributed to significant increase in

traffic issues on roads in Rivenhall.

Website and ".gov" e-mails: Recommendations were sent to McIntosh for updates on these matters.

Village Green: We will progress the planting of a new Rowan tree to replace the dead one on the village green.

Litter Pickers: They must become "contractors" ie self-employed. Each will need to produce a risk assessment, evidence of insurance, and a method statement. (The recent risk assessment undertaken by John Macrae and Jean Cairns will be provided as a guide, and assistance will be given on producing suitable method statements. Following-on from the litter picker's pay review, updated hourly rates were agreed and will be back-dated.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tue 01 October 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Tue 05 November 7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Tue 03 December 7:00 pm Henry Dixon Hall

Harvest Festival

at Silver End Congregational Church.

A harvest service was Held at the Congregational Church, Silver Street, on Sunday 29 September.

The 10 am service welcomed the uniformed organisations and families from the village, having all joined together for a lovely cooked breakfast before the commencement of worship.

The church looked lovely with all the harvest decorations and the abundant produce that had been donated will be going to the Home start charity to help families in need

The 6. 30 service welcomed Tom Denton playing keyboard and Reverend jane Quinton presiding. The service was very I well attended and the congregation took part in some lively hymns and praise to our Lord at this special harvest time. Everyone was invited to share in a harvest supper of bread cheese and pickles after the service







Pictures from Harvest Festival at Silver End Congregational Church



Some of you may have seen a beautiful reproduction of Piero della Francesca's The Baptism of Christ (1450) in St. Mary's Church.

Our Organist and Choir Master Antony's mother is an art framer and has been working on an improved presentation of this picture, to be rehung in the church very soon. The above picture, shows this item being processed at her shop in Brentwood. We are all looking forward to seeing it back on the wall of the Church and a big thankyou to Antony for organising the work to be undertaken.

Here is some notes on this painting for those of you who are interested in how art work is created. Piero della Francesca's The Baptism of Christ (1450) demonstrates the artists interest in geometry and perspective in several ways, including:

Symmetry: The painting is divided into two symmetrical parts by an axis that runs through Christ, John, the dove, and the

bowl.

Golden ratio: The tree on the left divides the painting according to the golden ratio.

Angles: John's arm and leg form two angles of the same size.

Circles: The arch of the circles is picked up and continued by the arc of the top of the cloth that covers Christ's waist.

Landscape: The landscape in the painting is connected to Piero's native town of Borgo Sansepolcro.

Piero della Francesca was a well-known authority on geometry and perspective during his time. He based his work on mathematical theorems, some of which were original to him and some of which came from Euclid's optical work. His work influenced other artists, and his perspective treatise was incorporated into almost all subsequent treatises on the subject.

Piero della Francesca was renowned in his times as an authority on perspective and geometry: his attention to the theme is shown by John's arm and leg, which form two angles of the same size. The monastery in Sansepolcro was dissolved in the 1860s, and the painting was bought by the National Gallery in London in 1861.

The Ordination (or Priesting?) of Noah Cockett

Formerly Curate in the Witham Team

Some loving words from our Churchwarden Denise Lane

I was privileged to have been able to attend the Ordination Service for Rev Noah held this morning at St Botolph Church in Colchester with Bishop Roger Morris
It was a lovely service for six candidates who had spent some time on retreat leading up to the service where they all made declarations to devote themselves wholly to the service of God and become ambassadors for Christ

The candidates were supported by their families and friends alongside our Team Rector Rev Jonathan Pritchard, Rev Howard Schnaar and our own Rev Jane Quinton

The service culminated with a photo opportunity and we would like to congratulate Rev Noah not only on his Ordination to Priesthood, but also on his recent engagement to his now fiancée Emmy, congratulations to both Noah and Emmy, Gods blessings for you both, our prayers are with you today and for your future together







Jane Noah. Jonathan and Howard plus Noah with his Fiancé Emmy

A Concert With Nancy May
at St Mary's Church Rivenhall

As can be seen from the photographs on the cover of this months magazine, we were privileged to witness a concert by Nancy May, who is currently on Russel Watson's Magnificent Building Tour, Singing duets and solos with the man himself.

Nancy May, is a vibrant Soprano who is transforming the shape of the classical music scene.

Nancy has a unique voice and her music is available on all download platforms. Nancy released her first album 'With Love' in 2022, her EP 'Why Not' in 2023 and in 2024 she will be releasing her much awaited album 'Unforgettable'…

Nancy is passionate about supporting charities and has been humbled to sing each year at the Grenfell memorial service, recently singing at Westminster Abbey. Charities supported include Farleigh Hospice, Great Ormond Street Hospital, The Royal British Legion and 'Fans Network', a charity helping care homes.

At the Concert at Rivenhall she Sang a range of Operatic and Musical themes familiar to many including:-

Fields of Gold (Sting), Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber), Over the Rainbow (Harold Arlen), Nessun Dormer, Ave Maria, Cinema Paradiso, Excerpt's from Carmen (Including Habanera) by Bizet, Laudate Dominum (Mozart) Danny Boy (Fredrick Weatherly).

THE 2023 FAMOUS RIVENHALL RACES



It is twenty two glorious years ago that the Famous Rivenhall Races were first run in Rivenhall Village Hall. On **Saturday 26th October** they return again. Profits from this popular evening help fund various charitable activities throughout the village including the senior citizens gifts, Santa's Musical Sleigh, the Rivenhall village Christmas tree, and carol singing round the tree on the green with the Chelmsford Silver band followed by the **TOTALLY FREE** Christmas get-together in the village hall.

Tickets are £12.50 and can be purchased from Bob Turner, Jack Prime, Wilson Kerr and John Macrae (Rivenhall Millennium Committee).

Free fish & chip / chicken & chip / sausage & chip supper included. Raffle. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

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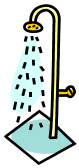






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TUESDAY PRAISE
For October 2024
at Witham URC

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Tuesday	Preacher
1st Oct	Marina Price
8th Oct	Vicky Zarb
15th Oct	Revd Stephen Northfield
22nd Oct	Revd Lorna Bantock
29th Oct	Revd Noah Cockett

Refreshments available afterwards

RIVFNHALL GARDENING CLUB

On Saturday 7th September 2024 the Club held their Autumn Show in Rivenhall Village Hall. The number of entries were slightly down as some members were not able to show this year. however, visitors admired the exhibits before enjoying tea and homemade cakes. There was a raffle. book stall and Bring and Buy table. Our Judges for the afternoon were Peter Morris (RHS) - Mrs Owen (flowers) - Mrs Sogra Newman (art and craft work). Mrs. Lilian Pearce presented the following Awards:

Brian Trench Cup

Rivenhall Onion Trophy

Heaviest Onion Award

Cain Cup

Maurice Bacon

Mary Lyons Lloyd Cup

Lilian Pearce Rose Bowl

David McCarthy Memorial Salver

Top Vase

Shirley Bacon

Pear Trophy

Wilson Kerr

Artwork Award

Cyndy Hutley

President's Award

Maurice Bacon

Best in Show — Vegetables

Maurice Bacon

Best in Show - Flowers

Sidney Gurton Cup

Tracy Scott

Best in Show — Cookery

Jenny Claydon

Park House Club

RHS Banksian Medal

Arthur Marshall

RGC Garden News Shield

Mike Selby

Annual Flower Trophy

Tracy Scott

OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED (for points gained throughout the year)

Floral Cup	**Tracy Scott**
Pamela Brice Ladies Trophy	**Shirley Bacon**
Vera Foster Trophy	**Maurice Bacon**
Horticultural Cup	**Maurice Bacon**
Homecraft Cup	**Mike Selby**
Domestic Evening Vase	**Jenny Claydon**
Photography Trophy	**Jenny Claydon and Karen Dakin**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Show or visited or supported in any way. We welcome new members and visitors to all our monthly meetings. If you would like more details of the Club please contact the Club Secretary on 01376-512781.

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

Club members met in Rivenhall village hall on Tuesday I0`h September 2024. for their monthly meeting. Chairman. Maurice Bacon. mentioned the Autumn Show the previous Saturday. Thanks are due to Tracy Scott and her helpers as well as Committee/Club members for making it a successful and enjoyable afternoon. In other news we were sorry to hear that Don Harris has passed away very recently. Don and his wife Lynda were active members of our Club in past years and the Club will be sending their condolences to Lynda. Our speaker for the evening was Simon Taylor talking about Insects in our garden. He started by giving us a list of names and testing our knowledge as to which were classed as insects. Fortunately one of our members guessed most of them correctly! Anthropods are segmented and among this group are Hexopods who have six legs and two pairs of wings. This group were the first insects to colonise the land. initially flightless but wings evolved. They have been around for a very long time so have had time to evolve. Insects in the garden are good as pollinators. for biological control (eg ladybirds eating aphids) and for soil aeration (eg ants). On the other hand they can be pests that damage plants and spread disease. Many other facts came to light and as always Simon provided a comprehensive, interesting and suitably illustrated talk.

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

Horticultural

1st Darcy Spenner 2nd Maurice Bacon 3rd Tracy Scott

Domestic

1st Darcey Spenner 2nd Jenny Claydon No 3rd

Flower of the Month

1st Maurice Bacon 2nd Darcey Spenner 3rd Mike Selby

Photo of the Month

1st Jenny Claydon 2nd Mike Selby No 3rd

The next Club Meeting will be on **TUESDAY 8[1]" OCTOBER** and will be the **Annual General Meeting.** Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Club Competitions: Horticultural - any vegetable. Domestic -- 3 butterfly cakes. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month.

Plus the Winner of the Heaviest CLUB PUMPKIN Competition. Raffle - Bring and Buy - Books. FREE ENTRY. We look forward to seeing you. For further details call Club Sec. 01376-512781

Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

Last month we covered the history of Matilda and Stephen from their marriage to being crowned and then onto protecting their throne from Stephen's Cousin Empress Matilda. Now we will look at some of parts of their lives and their children.

As you know Matilda's father Eustace III of Boulogne was given Rivenhall Place and surrounding area by William I along with many other estates and lands, which included Cressing and Witham areas. We know little of what the land and houses would have looked like of that time, but an early record recalls from Edith of Wessex (later Queen Edith) whose family had the estate before them between 1045 – 1066 she had written that it was 'Hunting Park'. How much time Matilda spent there we do not know as a lot of her estates were in the Kent area and she also lived in Boulogne, as she took the place of her Mother when she died and of course we know that she was there when her husband Stephen was crowned king at Westminster Abbey.

We know in 1136 Matilda granted the manor of Cressing to the Knights Templar and this must have been close to her heart be-

cause of her father being a Knight Templar during his time in Jerusalem and then a monk. So I am sure she visited the area. This would have been the largest estate the Templars had in Essex with over 1400 acres at that time and 160 tenant farmers. In 1147 King Stephen granted Witham to the Knights Templar also. The two barns that stand there now are the surviving ones from later events. These two were built around 1225 and 1280 and we will look into Cressing Temple Barns and the history of that area another time.

Together, Stephen and Matilda founded the building of St. Saviour Abbey in Faversham, Kent. It was believed there aim was the family dynasty would rule England and wanted to build a royal mausoleum there. In the charter that the King gave, it granted the manor of Faversham a Cluniac monastery. The queen in 1148 took much interest in the building of the abbey and staying nearby at St. Augustine Abbey, Canterbury which is now UNESCO World Heritage Site. (Augustine was sent from Rome to England in the 595 by Pope Gregory the Great to bring Christianity to the Anglo-Saxons. Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury).

The year before she was at Faversham, Queen Matilda founded St. Katharine next to the Tower of London. (Royal Hospital and Collegiate Church of St. Katharine by the Tower). This was a church in memory of two of their children Baldwin and Matilda. Both had died when young. (These children were buried in the Priory Church of Holy Trinity at Aldgate). Later the endowment was increased by two queen's consorts, Eleanor of Castile, who gave a gift of manors and Philippa of Hainault. This was for many years a religious community and medieval hospital for the poor who lived next to the Tower of London. In 1273 Queen Eleanor granted a new Charter and it became a Foundation and patronage to the Queens of England. For 678 years its work carried on in the East of London. The institution is now called The Royal Foundation of St. Katharine and moved to Regents Park where they formed alms-houses and went on for another 125 years. In 1948, St. Katharine's moved back to about a mile where it once was in Limehouse, giving care until 1993 when it modernised and became a retreat. You can book a room to stay there now. (In 1825 Church/hospital next to the Tower was demolished to make way for St. Katharine Docks though many were against this and St. Katharine's Church in Regents Park in now a Danish Church).

Queen Matilda was visiting the de Vere family of whom Aubrey was

a crusader and was the first Earl of Oxford when she became ill. King Stephen rushed to be by her side and she died on 3rd May 1152. She was buried at the Abbey in Faversham. Her epitaph read: 'If ever women deserved to be carried by and hands of angles to Heaven, it was this holy queen'.

King Stephen died two years later in Dover and it was believed to be from a stomach disease the 25th October 1154 at the local priory and is thought he was there preparing to settle his family affairs. He was buried next to his wife Matilda at Faversham. The throne then went to his cousin Empress Matilda's eldest son Henry II who was to known as the Lawmaker King.

The Children of Matilda and Stephen. Two you already know died young. The other three children were Eustace born around 1129. When his father was crowned King of England Eustace became heir apparent but died in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk in August 1153. He was buried near his mother Matilda at Faversham.

Marie was born in 1136 the year after her parents were crowned. She went to the Priory of Lillechurch of Kent and also Romsey Abbey in Hampshire. It was here she became a nun and was elected Abbess in 1155. In 1159 her brother William died. He was born about 1137 and had married Isabel de Warenne. He was both Count of Boulogne and Earl of Surrey. He died in Toulouse, France Oct 1959 aged 22. This made Marie Countess of Boulogne. But in 1160 Marie was abducted from the Abbey. Matthew of Alsace forced her to marry him and that made him Count of Boulogne and ruled with her. By 1170 her marriage was annulled. Marie re-entered the life of a nun and she died aged 46 in 1182. Matthew stayed as Count of Boulogne until 1173 when their eldest daughter Ida succeeded.

There are three other children said to be born to King Stephen with his mistress Damette (the little lady). Gervase, born 1118 and died 1160, was appointed Abbot of Westminster by his father, about 1138 – 1157 and looking at the records he was not good at his job! The other two children which are mentioned is Ralph and Amalric. But there is not much information about them.

I hope this history has been of interest to you. I will point out, if you are going to look into this part with the two 'Matilda's' beware. Many historians etc.., get the two muddled up and often marry Empress to Stephen instead of being his cousin and I have had to read or listen to articles many times to get the right one in the right place.

End to End Nature Care.

Almost as if in a blur, summer has passed and we are now in the early throes of autumn. As we had a rather dull and wet spring I think this summer has felt shorter than usual. Some have trotted out the old cliches about blinking and missing summer but we did have some good weather and as a group not one of our 20 consecutive Wednesday evening outdoor activities was particularly impacted by bad weather, though we needed our coats on in late April and early May.

October sees the start of our monthly indoor evening meetings. On **Wednesday 16th October at 8pm in Silver End Congregational Church** on Silver Street CM8 3QF we are delighted to receive **Dr. Julian Andrews, Emeritus Professor at the School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia**, who will be presenting a talk entitled **"Our Changing Coastline – Sea Level Change and its effects on the East of England Coastline"**. Illustrious company indeed! All are very welcome to attend and we still only ask a mere £2 donation per head, which includes light refreshments during the interval.

The rest of the winter activities are listed below. All are at the Congregational Schurch at 8pm, unless otherwise stated, and are £2 per head apart from the Winter Social where you are just asked to bring some food or drink to share.

Wednesday 20th Nov 2024	"Madagascar": Michelle Cush recounts her recent visit to the large and very biodiverse island some 250 miles off the eastern coast of Africa.
Wednesday 11th Dec 2024	Winter Social at Fiddlesticks, 44 Strawberry Lane, Tolleshunt Knights CO5 0RX. 7:30pm for 8pm. All very welcome. Bring nibbles and/or drink if you can.
Wednesday	"Science & Nature" quiz night with quiz-
Wednesday 19th Feb 2025	"Owls & Birds of Prey" a talk by Stephanie Callister-Jarrold, who operates the Essex &
Wednesday 19th Mar 2025	"Shetland and Scilly": An illustrated talk by Julia Todd describing her recent travels to

To check on forthcoming events please look at our website www.e2e.silverend.org or on our Facebook group 'End to End Nature Care' (please do also feel free to post comments and local photographs there), or I can be contacted via email ukseashells44@gmail.com or on 07947 388180.

Simon

A Visit to Castle Acre (and a walk to the Stag at West Acre) By Peter Hope

A friend of mine Sally and her partner have recently bought the Baliffs Cottage at Castle Acre just up the hill from the Castle. If you are interested the Cottage is available on Airbnb. However you need to be able to climb the spiral staircase to the first floor.





On the 21st of September my friend and I travelled there for a week. The cottage is in parts over 400 years old and the village has some beautiful old building which also includes the Castle and the Priory. I am also told the Stephen Fry lives there and can sometimes be found in the village pub (The Ostrich).

Castle Acre Castle was begun in the 1070s by William I de Warenne, a close associate of William the Conqueror who had fought at the Battle of Hastings. His descendants held Castle Acre until 1347 and several were major political and military figures. Within three generations the Warennes had created the castle, surrounded the town with massive ramparts and established its famous Cluniac priory.



The Castle ruins: at Sunset.

By 1066 there was already a settlement at Acre, together with a church and the principal house of a substantial landowner called Toki, possibly on the site of the castle. As with most of his class, Toki was soon dispossessed by the new Norman regime. His lands were briefly held by a Flemish family ennobled by William the Conqueror, and their Norfolk property descended to an heiress, Gundrada. It was through her that William I de Warenne, her husband, gained control of Castle Acre in about 1070.

Warenne's family are known of in Normandy from the 1030s, but William had been vastly enriched after the Conquest with territories in Yorkshire and Sussex, and was later raised to the earldom of Surrey. He chose Acre as his Norfolk base, thanks to its central position within his East Anglian landholdings, and built a castle there to provide a secure residence, an administrative Centre and a powerful and permanent reminder of his authority.

The castle consisted of three main earthwork enclosures, one of them containing a stone-built house. It was probably habitable by 1085, as Gundrada died at Castle Acre on 27 May. Between 1081 and 1085 Warenne brought to the castle a small community of Cluniac monks from his own foundation at Lewes (Sussex).

In Next Months Magazine I will continue myexplorations of Castle Acre and it's surroundings including the Priory which is maintained by English Heritage.

Peter

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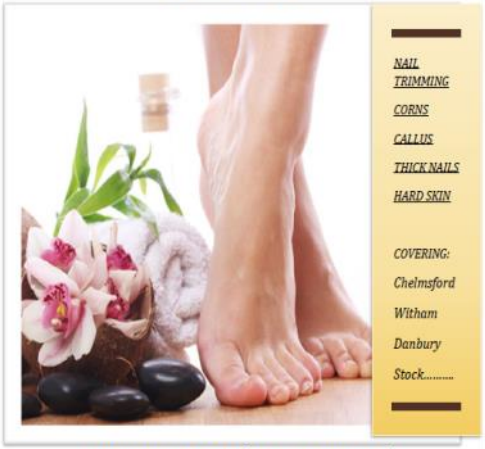
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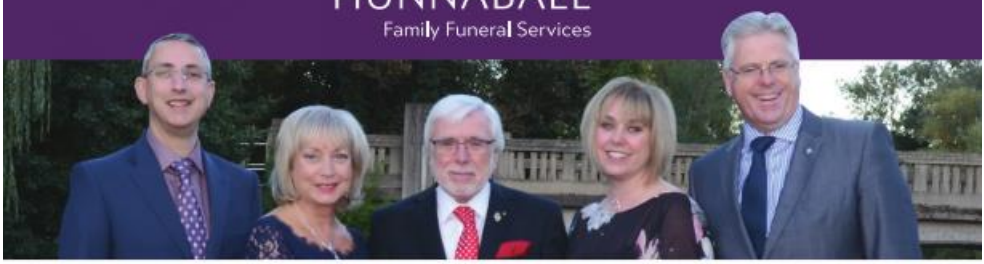
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