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



Some Pictures from the Clacton Air Show on 22/23rd August 2024
(Lancaster Bomber top picture two Spitfires and a Blenheim Bomber lower picture

September 2024 50p

The following are our services For September 2024

1st September	**14th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	All Age Worship
8th September	**15th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
15th September	**16th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
22nd September	**17th Sunday of Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
29th September	**18th Sunday of Trinity**

9.30am Benefice Holy Communion - Noah's First Holy Communion as Celebrant St Nicolas Witham NC Pr: Mthr Hannah Grivell

Church Contacts

All Contact should be Via the Churchwardens

Parish Priest	Jane Quinton	01245 210930
Churchwarden	Denise Lane	07398 154289
Churchwarden	Marie Galley	07767 888198
		Email mariegalley8@gmail.com
Rivenhall Contact	Carole McCarthy	01376 512781
Silver End Contact	Ruth Aitken	01376 583846
Rivenhall Website		www.stmarysrivenhall.co.uk
St Francis Silver End Website		www.st-francis.org.uk/

'View from the Villages' – *Living the dream*

I sit writing this month's article having returned to a state of silence in the house once again! As for the last couple of weeks the television has been on in the lounge, providing constant background noise of the Olympic Games - something which would suddenly draw me from my study every time I heard the pitch of the commentator rise several decibels. And goodness how exciting and emotional it has been! Surely I am not the only one who has been moved, literally to tears, by the pure drama of the Games – from the nail-biting silver medal finish of swimmer Adam Peaty, to the inch perfect gold-winning stroke of the women's quadruple skull rowers: and the gold medal climb of 19 year-old Toby Roberts, who had dreamed of winning the boulder and lead event after seeing it at the 2012 Olympics when he was just 7; to the encouragement and standing ovation that Himalayan runner Kinzang Lhamo received from the crowd as she came in to finish last in the marathon.

What a joy and inspiration it has been to witness the kinship of those taking part in the Games. Something which the IOC president summed up perfectly at the closing ceremony, when he spoke of how the Olympian athletes had *'showed what greatness humans are capable of……..having lived peacefully together under one roof in the Olympic village…. embraced each other…. respected each other…. Even if countries were divided by war and conflict these athletes had created a culture of peace'…* concluding: *'Thank you for making us dream. Thank you for making us believe in a better world.'*

I thank God for those times when we get these wonderful glimpses of how the world can be……the

way God created it to be……..

Indeed, may the glimpse of the world that these Olympians have provided as they have been living their own dream at these iconic games, inspire us all to seek to live what is God's dream for His world

– where we all live at peace with one another.

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

1st September — 14th Sunday of Trinity

All Age Worship

Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8th September — 15th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Collect
Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

15th September 16th Sunday of Trinity

Matins

Readings
Isaiah 50:4-9a
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Collect
Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

22nd September 17th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings
Job38:1-11
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-end

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.

29th September 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice Holy Communion - Noah's First Holy Communion as Celebrant St Nicolas Witham NC Pr: Mthr Hannah Grivell

Readings
Genesis 28:10-17
Revelations 12:7-12
John 1:47-end

Collect
God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,

that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WITHAM AND VILLAGES MOTHERS' UNION

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

Thursday 26 September Annual Mothers' Union Service in St Nicolas Church, Witham at 2pm folllowed by tea. The service will be led by Deidre Schnaar our Licensed Reader. All member and friends welcome.

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,

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. Clubs and organisations currently using the hall are:

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



Andrew Lipski
Community Engagement Manager
Will be doing a Talk at Rivenhall Village Hall Tuesday 17th Sep 6.30 to 8.pm. About the roll out of the Gigaclear network in our village and the surrounding area.

rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com

Or Call 07738 705585

****

The 50/50 Club August 2024 winners

1st J Bell 2nd D Atkinson 3rd R Niven

****

NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th AUGUST 2024 IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Also Present: Locum Clerk Mr I Brown, Essex CLR Ross Playle and three members of the public

Apologies: James Abbott

Public Forum: Request that Rivenhall PC object to the Busgate proposal by Rectory Lane. Noisy, sunken drain cover in Oak Road, Rivenhall End (will be reported to Highways). Eastlight not cutting a strip of their grass (will be reported to Eastlight).

Chairman's Report: The landowner suggested development sites in Rivenhall and the surrounding villages would destroy these communities. New garden villages with their own facilities and infrastructure is the best way forward. After much chasing, Eastlight have finally cut their small green in Rickstones Road but left numerous lumps of wet grass. ECC have cut back verge grass in Rickstones Road to improve sight lines (they left one "blind spot that a local resident kindly cut-back).

Essex County Councillor's Report: An additional £25m has been granted for highway resurfacing, re-painting and vegetation cutting. Potholes continue to be fixed but Rivenhall damaged road signs still require reinstating.

District Councillor's Report: Local Plan Review -11 sites have been "offered" in Rivenhall out of 300 in the District. BDC has voted to support grass-root sports and to support farmers to not to take their land out of food production: however no funds are offered.

Clerk's Report: ".gov" e-mails are coming to councillors shortly, and talks continue with local parishes on Speedwatch.

Planning Matters: The Parish council unanimously agreed to object to the Busgate option for the Phase 4 development by Rectory Lane. BDC made aware that the construction yard for the recent development has not been removed and is an eyesore: also the proximity of football pitches to a footpath and proposed bus route are safety concerns.

Response to BDC Local Plan Review: There will be a

public viewing of the development proposals in the Village hall on 23 August, followed by councillors discussion on its response to BDC. Fliers to be produced and distributed.

Code of Conduct: Councillors agreed to formally adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct.

Re-Wilding on the Village Green: a report by James Abbott was discussed, but it was agreed to concentrate on the existing roadside re-wilding areas.

Grounds Maintenance: ECC to remove dead Rowan tree: await this work before considering a replacement. Vegetation to be cut back around bench outside the village hall.

A Permanent Parish Clerk: Councillors unanimously approved the contract for our new Clerk. Mrs Amanda Brown is now the Clerk for Rivenhall Parish Council. None of the recently interviewed candidates had the training, competencies or any experience of the clerk's role: our Clerk will write to them accordingly. Our Clerk will again advertise the post through the Essex Association of Local Councils to seek an appropriately qualified clerk.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tue 03 September 7:00pm Henry Dixon Hall

Tue 01 October 7:00pm Rivenhall Village Hall

Roadside Re-Wilding on the Village Green



A walk to the Highest Peak in the Atlas Mountains Mt Toubkal In Aid of Farleigh Hospice

Foreword by P Hope Editor

As many of you know my dear wife Clare who died in November 2019 spent her last three days in Farleigh Hospice, and I have been in awe of the amazing care she received during this difficult time. Not only did she spend her last days there but the staff engaged with me and the family through out the period of 3 months before hand to help us on this difficult journey. I was therefore delighted when my niece (Joanne Lacy) whose middle name is Clare decided along with her eldest daughter (Ashlea Lacey) to go on a mission to walk to the top of the tallest of the Atlas Mountains.

Jo and Ash continue the story:

So, after 86,000 steps (almost 60km!), up to 5000 calories burnt each day and the equivalent of over 600 flights climbed, we safely conquered Mount Toubkal, the highest mountain in North Africa (in the High Atlas Mountains) , on 12th August 2024

It was the most amazing trek starting from the village Imnil at the bottom of the mountain. It took 8 hours of an uphill climb to get the base camp at 3200 meters. We camped in tents and after very little sleep, we started the climb to the summit at 430am with head torches. It was a gruelling 7 hour climb to get to the top sometimes having to scramble over boulders and navigating narrow paths on the edge of the mountain with huge drops. As we climbed the altitude meant that breathing was very laboured and some of the group felt very sick. With the help of our amazing guides everyone made it to the top at 4167 meters. The views were breath-taking and the emotion poured out of many of us.

The descent was very tough as all the rocks that we had climbed up had to be tackled, with the addition that it was now raining making them slippery and it was daylight so the enormity of the height and huge drops became very clear. It took 6 hours to get back to base camp with some very challenging moments.

We then camped in the wind and the rain and in the morning started the walk back to the village which took 7 hours.

There are some very achy bodies but we have had the most amazing experience. We have met some lovely fellow hikers and the support from all our family and friends and the knowledge that we were raising much needed funds for Farleigh got us to the top.

Thank you to all of you for your amazing support and generous donations. The hospice needs our help to be able to carry out the amazing work that it does. It is not too late to donate to help us get to our target!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/joanne-lacey-1716408869119







Pictures are 1. Jo and Ashley at the top of Toubkal. 2. The base camp from which the day up and back to the summit was made and 3 the group who were carrying out the challenge at the top.

End to End Nature Care.

This little article for the September edition is always a tricky one as it falls between two stools, September seeing the last of our 'summer' evening outings and generally with nothing further planned until the first indoor evening meeting in October.

For our last summer evening we will meet slightly earlier than usual – at **6:30pm** – on **Wednesday 4th September**, outside the Western Arms pub. We will be heading out around the Pits to explore the late summer flora and fauna in the area before, hopefully, popping back to the pub for an 'end of season' drink.

August saw us follow something of an ecclesiastical theme, with visits to the churchyard at St. Nicholas', Witham and the garden of the old Rectory next to Rivenhall Village Hall. Both were general visits to begin to develop a baseline of what plants and creatures can be found there. Of course, a single evening visit is just going to scratch the surface of the biodiversity of any site but we have to start somewhere.

Helen and Charles were very welcoming hosts at The Rectory and we hope to survey there fairly regularly as they are keen to develop the garden as a haven for wildlife. While they have some distinct assets - with mature trees, a small pond and unmown lawn sections, for example – there are some issues to address, such as the extensive areas covered with horticultural membrane by a previous owner. We found some snails, various bugs and beetles, and a selection of arachnids including spiders and harvestmen. Helen has been excited by the presence of hedgehogs in the garden but this has been a little overshadowed by the recent arrival of badgers.

St. Nicholas' churchyard was very dry when we visited and while there are unmown areas they do not appear to have been left for the whole spring and summer as the plants present were somewhat stunted. It is an interesting place nonetheless, from an historical as well as a biological perspective, and we spent an enjoyable if slightly chilly evening there, sweep-netting the vegetation for insects and reading the various headstones, while simultaneously being serenaded by the practising bellringers. The large lime tree near the Church Street entrance has recently shed a large bough which unfortunately appeared to have landed on a noticeboard and demolished it. The tree looks to be in quite good health otherwise.

The parish are evidently putting together a biodiversity management plan for the site, so we will hopefully have some input to that.

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 simon@e2e.silverend.org or on 07947 388180.

Simon

- **The History of St. Francis Church, Silver End**

The building, now extended and converted for use in worship, was originally a barn built in 1690. Along with the creation of Silver End garden village in the 1920s the church was a part of the dream of the industrial philanthropist Francis Henry Crittall, in his words: 'to make a pleasant village amid trees and fields with modern dwellings, ample gardens, playing fields and parks' for the workers in his factories. F.H. Crittall also supplied the thatched lychgate, which along with the green and the church itself form one of the most attractive features along the main road running through Silver End village.

F.H. Crittall, an innovative window manufacturer supplied the distinctive metal-framed windows and doors in the Art Deco style, which are a main feature of this barn conversion. Mrs. F.H. Crittall donated the beautiful stained glass window depicting St. Francis of Assisi, in 1929. The thatch is long straw.

The aluminium cross, manufactured by Crittalls in 1968, was placed in the original position of the doorway. That in turn was moved to the end of the building and formed the entrance to the porch.

Inside, the natural finish of the light wood panelling is reflected in the materials of the furnishings and complimented with tapestries behind the altar along with hand-worked kneelers. The church was constructed to seat a congregation of one hundred on individual rush chapel chairs.

The original ceiling is recorded as a deep blue. Though this was changed to a pale blue in the early 1980s, the gold and silver stars above the chancel have been faithfully restored. In the days of the midnight blue ceiling the tye beams which are now stripped back to a natural finish, were painted red. The original gold bands at either end have been retained.

The wooden theme is reflected in the design of the rustic font which was a gift made to the church by Mr. Uriah Shelley, of Boucher's Farm, Rivenhall. It is recorded as being fashioned from an oak tree planted near the then small hamlet of Silver End, in the twelfth century. That is the same century in which St. Francis of Assisi was born.

The altar rails, reading desk and pulpit, all in a natural wood finish, were produced by workmen of the Crittall Manufacturing Company and designed by W.F. Crittall in conjunction with the main designer of the church, Mr. G.C. Holmes.

The building was presented as a gift to the Church of England during a service of dedication to St. Francis, by the Crittall family, in 1930…."



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.

Doors open at **7:00 pm** and the races start at **8:00 pm** prompt.

For £25 you can name and sponsor one of the eight races – please contact any of the Millennium Committee.

DANIEL ROBINSON & SONS

Incorporating
W C BROWN & SONS

Independent Family Funeral Directors & Monumental Masons

A professional, caring, 24 hour service

Private Chapel of Rest
Fleet of air conditioned limousines
Horse drawn funerals available
Traditional and contemporary funeral services to suit your wishes
Funeral pre-payment plans
Arrangements may be made in the comfort of your own home, if preferred

Haslers Lane	7 Manor Street	31 High Street
Great Dunmow	Braintree	Halstead
Tel: (01371) 874518	Tel: (01376) 320582	Tel: (01787) 475533

www.drobinson.co.uk

COLEMANS COTTAGE FISHERIES

Lakeview Tearooms

Come and enjoy the view whilst having a bite to eat



Open Thursday to Sunday 9am to 1pm
Breakfast, Lunches
Bar, Snacks
Call 01376 516383 if you want to arrange a Private Event

For more information go to:
http://www.colemansfisheries.co.uk/witham/cafe/
Colemans Cottage Fisheries
Little Braxted Ln, Witham CM8 3EX
FREE PARKING 01376 516383





SpeedyBroadband.co.uk

Sick Computers my Speciality

- Home Networking Problems Sorted Out
- Computer Viruses Removed
- Operating System Upgrades
- Upgrade to Windows 10

FOR YOUR FREE SURVEY AND QUOTATION CONTACT

Peter Hope

Peter.hope@speedybroadband.co.uk

Tel: 01376 502605

Mob: 07904 235101

Website

www.speedybroadband.co.uk

ANGLIA TREE SERVICES

Specialist tree surgery

Residential & Commercial Customers

CROWN REDUCTION • FELLING • TOPPING

HEDGE TRIMMING • ALL GARDEN WORK

STUMP GRINDING

For a quick, tidy and friendly service call:

Tel: 01621 892831

7 DAYS A WEEK •EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE•FULLY INSURED

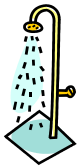






Philip Little

Property Maintenance Magician



Local service at local prices

Knowledgeable and friendly



07973 129808 or 01376 515257





Good Life Care

Contact Information:-
Email
info@goodlifecare.co.uk
Call Us
01376785670 or 07940 373598
Find Us
40, Stilemans Wood
Cressing, Braintree, CM77 8GR



CQC Registration: 1-6614223440

Beautiful Rooms For Rent In Witham & Braintree

We have 4 Lovely houses
2 in Witham—2 in Braintree
With and Without en-suites
£90—£130 per Week
(All inclusive of Rates, Light, Heat, and with Broadband)
See our Website:- www.jbwpartners.co.uk
Email :- jbwpartners@gmail.com

Or Call John
07850 161 629

▶Feering Flower Club◀

Do you love flowers?

Why not come along and join us for one of our meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Feering Community Centre 7pm for 7.30pm

Entry non-members £7 members £4.50

- ⊙ Watch a demonstrator
- ⊙ Friendly chat and exchange ideas
- ⊙ Sale Table
- ⊙ Refreshments

For more information contact
Sue Banting 01376 571050
Pat Clark 01376 512418
www.feeringflowerclub.co.uk

Jeremy Larke

Television services



Telephone: 01376 513645
Mobile: 07947 601619
Email: telerepair@aol.com

All Television Systems Catered for Freesat, Freeview, Sky

- Installations & Repairs To all makes and models
- Full Plasma & LCD Fitting Service
- Wall Mount Brackets Supplied and Fitted
- Aerial & Satellite Dishes Fitted
- Freeview, Freesat & European Channels
- View and Control Your Sky in Other Rooms
- Aerial and Telephone Extension Points Installed

Don't Delay Call Today

Solilaqui
Reiki Holistic Treatment Services.

Sally uses a combination of Usui Reiki; Colour Therapy and Sound Healing to help guide you towards your authentic self. Reiki can help you feel more focused and balanced: Physically Emotionally, and Spiritually. DM via IG or Facebook, or WhatsApp message for more info and to book your bespoke session. Witham.
Appointments available: Afternoons and evenings, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday.
07790 898749

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063654446897
https://www.instagram.com/solilaqui_reiki_warrior/?e=48a12099-f705-4f8f-b654-89345b93444f&g=5



TUESDAY PRAISE
For September
at Witham URC
EVERYBODY WELCOME

TUESDAY	Speaker
3rd Sept	Keith Moscrop
10th Sept	Pastor Phil Noel
17th Sept	Revd Howard Schnaar
24th Sept	Revd Lorna Bantock

TIME: 12.30 - 1pm

Refreshments available afterwards

Simple Crime Prevention

As my parting article before I retire, I thought that I would remind you of some simple things that may deter the villain. You may be surprised to learn that the point of entry for a large number of burglaries is via an insecure window or door, so simply remembering to lock up is an easy win something we can all do to reduce the risk.

Most burglars are opportunists, they leave home with the intention of committing the crime, but it is unlikely that they have already chosen their target. Take away what attracts them to your property, and you may not become that target. Some attractions to the burglar may include: - open or insecure gates or readily available access to the rear of the property, overgrown shrubs at the front that provides concealment, weak or neglected doors windows and locks, insecure doors to the house, garage or outbuildings (with a multi-point locking system have you locked it correctly i.e. lift the handle and turn the key or thumb turn, and remove the key), when its dark the lack of lights inside and outside your home, and a bike left lying on the lawn is not only at risk of being stolen but also the thieves gaze may go further and spot a vulnerability elsewhere with your home. Intruder alarms, and CCTV if obvious are also a good deterrent especially if neighbours already have them.

Most burglars will target an empty home. Become an illusionist make your home appear occupied even when you are out, a burglar is more than likely to only see your home in one moment in time. Simple things like lights on timers and imitation TV lighting i.e., "Fake TV" for the evenings, you can now even programme your lighting and other appliances on an App via IT connected devices, these and other connected devices should now comply with UK PSTI legislation: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-product-security-and-telecommunications-infrastructure-psti-bill-factsheets .
During the day leave a radio on, boots outside the back door, vacuum cleaner out with the lead going out of sight (not plugged in though), newspaper over the arm of the chair with a drink on the table and a pair of spectacles, the list goes on, these are the things that make your home look like someone is in somewhere. Don't leave garden tools out in the garden though or you may find the burglar uses them, lock them securely away in a secure shed or garage (use a shed alarm too).

For further advice see:

https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice

Many thanks for reading my articles and I hope that they have been of value to you. Kind regards Stephen Armson-Smith

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

On Saturday 13`h July 2024 the Club held their Summer Flower Show in Rivenhall Village Hall. It was well attended and home-made refreshments were enjoyed. there was a raffle and a splendid display of flowers including some beautiful Fuchsias. Our R.l I.S.Judge for the afternoon was Peter Morris.

AWARDS GIVEN:

RGC Fuchsia Cup	Rose Basket
Fuchsia Society Blue Rosette	MAURICE BACON
Fuchsia Society Bronze Medal	
Dr. William Foster Trophy	Fuchsia Society Crested Spoon
CYRIL PIIILPOT	JENNY CLAYDON
Webdale Trophy	Club Gladiolus Cup
The Ratcliffe Plate	SHIRLEY BACON
CYNDY HUTLEY	

Congratulations to all the Winners!

Our next meeting will he on **Tuesday**

loth September, 7.30 pm in Rivenhall Village Hall when our speaker will be Simon Taylor from the End to End Nature Care Group. His subject will be `Insects". Competitions will be: Horticultural — any vegetable. Domestic — 3 Rock Cakes. Flower of the Month. Photograph of the Month. All are welcome.

Before that meeting, however, we shall he holding our **ANNUAL SHOW** on **SATURDAY** 7`h **SEPTEMBER 2024** opening at **2.15 pm in RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.** This is an open Show for members and non-members who live within a 15 mile radius of Rivenhall. If you are a non-member and interested in exhibiting please contact our Show Secretary a.s.a.p on 01376 512781 for details and information. "There will be a raffle, teas and homemade cakes, a sale table and of course a wonderful array of flowers, cookery and artwork. It will be a good afternoon and we look forward to seeing you.



Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

This month we will carry on from the July's issue with Eustace III and Mary's daughter Matilda marriage to King Stephen and the turmoil this couple go through to protect the English Throne. As we know from that issue Eustace retired from being the Count of Boulogne to become a monk. This

action lead to him give his estates in England to his only child his daughter Matilda. She was around 20 years old when her father died and was Countess of Boulogne after her mother died in 1116.

Now we are going to talk about 2 Matilda's here. Queen Matilda the one that is married to King Stephen I and his cousin Empress Matilda and both of the ladies will battle against each other. So I will try and make it easy to make sure you follow which one is Our Matilda connected with Rivenhall Place.

First let look at how Matilda married Stephen of Blois, France. At the age of 2 years Matilda was betrothed to Stephen aged 8 by King Henry I of England who was their Uncle. Stephen was sent to England at a young age to be raised at the English court as one of the Nobles.

November 1120 young Stephen along with many other noblemen including Henry I only legitimate son William Adelin, Duke of Normandy were to sail on the White Ship. We don't know why Stephen did not go on the ship. Some say over crowding or illness, but it struck a rock off the coast of Barfluer, Normandy and all on board died when the ship sunk in very cold waters. This left Henry with one legitimate daughter Matilda and near on 18 illegitimate other children! And it will be this daughter we will meet later on.

Our young couple marriage took place in Maidstone in 1125, this bonding gave them much power with Stephen being the grandson of William the Conqueror and Matilda his great-niece and in at that time period the 2nd wealthiest family in England, with both having lands abroad, England and Matilda's Scottish line through her mother. Though it was a arrange marriage it was one of love and had been noted by many reports of that time.

Christmas 1126, Henry I got the all of his Baron's to pledge that Empress Matilda (she first married Henry V of Holy Roman Empire and after he died 1125 her father married her to Geoffrey Plantagenet, Count of Anjou) would be his heir to the English throne on his death and these Baron's took an

oath to support this action and this did include Stephen as one of the Baron's.

But when Henry died on the 1st Dec 1135, Stephen broke his oath and put his claim in to be King. On 26th December (St. Stephens Day, named after the Christian Deacon in Jerusalem known for his services to the poor) our Stephen became king in Westminster Abbey, which the foundations were from his Grandfather. He pledged 'All the liberties and good laws' to the people of England.

You may wonder where our Matilda was at this time. Thou they were given a house in London to live in by Henry, she was in Boulogne and expecting their third child William. She made her way to England after his birth in 1136 and receive a lavish welcome. Her coronation was on Sunday 22nd March that year.

As you can imagine Empress Matilda was not happy! First of all she had to battle to control Normandy for stepping stone to invade England to take her crown from her cousin Stephen. She had support from her half illegitimate brother Robert 1st Earl of Gloucester. In 1138 Robert got an army to sail and invade from Normandy to Dover which Robert had a hold. King Stephen appointed his wife our Matilda to regain Dover. She managed to get a large army on the landward side, and ordered her men of Boulogne to form a great fleet of ships and block the garrison so Robert Earl of Gloucester's men could get any supplies either way. Matilda commanded her men herself and laid siege to the castle. With result that Robert's men surrendered to Queen Matilda.

1139 the Empress herself invaded and that is when civil war broke out between the cousins. This resulted in neither of them having superior hold as the barons did not fully back the battle Anarchy between the two of them. But our Queen Matilda was stronger opponent than her husband. Between 1139 and 1141 there had been many different battles etc.., but in Feb 1141 Empress Matilda forces captured Lincoln Castle and Stephen and his men went to besiege it but they were attacked by the Angevin Knights by the command of Robert

Earl of Gloucester and the Welsh, the result of King Stephens men being outnumbered with fierce fighting on the streets. Stephen was captured and chained. Later was taken to Gloucester Castle and then on to Bristol Castle. Our Queen Matilda was in Kent and as soon as she heard made an army and made her way to Bristol with William of Ypres, who was a great supporter of her and Stephen.

Meanwhile, the Empress had gained support of the church and with the help of the younger brother of King Stephen – Henry, Bishop of Winchester she was acknowledged as 'Lady of the English' by most of England apart from Kent. She needed to win over London which supported her cousin, but finally opened their gates to her, but the mood was hostile. She was not liked for many things including her demands for money which angered London citizens. But she never let them forget that their King was in chains.

Queen Matilda sent representatives to the Empress to release her husband from the filthy dungeon at Bristol Castle and even offering herself as hostage and riches. She also went as far to say she would make sure he would give up the throne if she done this…but her words failed. So she marched an army to London and raged, plundered and arson around the city walls. The Citizens of London watched in terror as Queen Matilda's troops lay siege to the Tower of London and following that Empress Matilda was driven out of the City.

By now the Empress was abandoned by Henry, Bishop of Winchester and because of this, got her troops together and marched to besiege Winchester. Not far behind her our Matilda with an army gathering as it went and over 1,000 Londoners angered by what happened under the Empress. When they got to the Bishop Castle which now was under siege by the Empress forces…this siege lasted nearly 2 months until disease and starvation lead to the Empress escape. Her forces were routed by the Queens army and Robert Earl of Gloucester was captured and this made problems for the Empress as she would do nothing without her minster.

Queen Matilda made sure that Robert was treated most re-

spectfully unlike what they were doing to her husband. After long accusations of near nine months King Stephen was restored and Robert was released on 1st Nov 1141. When King and Queen entered London it was to a Triumph.

In 1142 the Empress tried again and occupied Oxford and sent England back into civil war. Queen Matilda raised an army for Stephen so he surrounded Oxford and blockaded the castle for 3 months in the view of capturing the Empress, but on a very cold snowy night in December she escaped by being lowered by rope and wearing white to camouflage so she would not be seen in the snow. She passed through enemy lines and with the aid of ice skates crossed the River Thames and made her way to Wallingford Castle where she was greeted.

This was not the first time she thought well on how she would escape, as earlier conflict she disguised herself as a corpse to get out of Devize Castle, Wiltshire.

After this the Empress did not give in to her claim to the throne up until when her half Brother, Robert Earl of Gloucester died 31st Oct 1147 at Bristol Castle. So the Empress left England and her son Henry took up the challenge for the throne himself.

Next month we will look at Matilda's and Stephens's lives away from the battlefields, their children, buildings and their deaths.

Provision of Additional Burial space at St. Mary's Church Rivenhall

The parish of Rivenhall and Silver End hearby give notice that we have made an application to re-open an are of the Rivenhall Church yard for Burials details of the application can be found below.

Ref: 2022-072413 Church: Rivenhall: St Mary & All Saints

Diocese: Chelmsford

Archdeaconry: Colchester

Form 4A

(Rule 6.2) Public Notice

(general form)

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Chelmsford

In the parish of Rivenhall and Silver End

Church of Rivenhall: St Mary & All Saints

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:

Reopen area of churchyard

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at St Mary & All Saints

23 Church Rd, Rivenhall, Witham CM8 3PQ

(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and of any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public and if the petition is submitted through an online system, those documents must also be publicly available for inspection online.)

Petitioners:

1. OLIVER CLARKE, PCC MEMBER

2. THE REVD DR JONATHAN PRITCHARD, RECTOR

3.

Date 11/08/2024

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter or email stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at

Chelmsford Diocesan Registry

Winckworth Sherwood, Arbor,

255 Blackfriars Road, London,

SE1 9AX

chelmsfordregistry@wslaw.co.uk

so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than 10/09/2024. A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.

Date Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:27 PM


"FANTASTIC CONCERT"
"VOICE OF AN ANGEL"
"MAGICAL"
AN EVENING WITH
NANCY
May
CLASSICAL SOPRANO
An evening of beautiful music for everyone to enjoy
6 SEPT 7:30PM 2024
ST MARY & ALL SAINTS
RIVENHALL, WITHAM, CM8 3PQ
TICKETS £15
ticketsource.co.uk or Nancy-may.co.uk/events
Denise Lane - 07766607187
Marie Galley - 07767888198
@nancymaysoprano

Yoga Moments

Hatha Yoga class

Via Zoom or in person

- MONDAY 9.30am Witham Methodist Church
- MONDAY 7pm Witham Methodist Church
- WEDNESDAY 10.30am Kelvedon Institute (small hall)
- WEDNESDAY 7pm Rivenhall Village Hall

(suitable for all levels including beginners)



One to one yoga therapy classes tailored to your individual health issues

Yoga, mindfulness and meditation can bring many benefits to your life

- Build stength and flexibility
- Relieve pain
- Ease stress and anxiety
- Enables restful sleep
- Helps with many health issues
- One to one classes with Mine

WWW.YOGA-MOMENTS.CO.UK

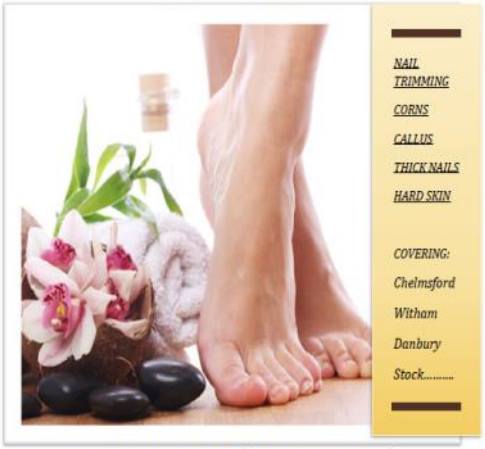
BRITISH WAVES OF YOGA TEACHER

Call Mine Hilmi on 07811 203 981
or email mineyogamoments@gmail.com
to book your place

FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER

THE SMAE INSTITUTE

HOME VISITS



JAMES NEWMAN (MCFHP,MAFHP)
TELEPHONE: 01376 519036
MOBILE: 07793971351

Brookend
VETERINARY PRACTICE LTD
62 Braintree Rd Witham

CARING FOR THE PETS OF WITHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR 30 YEARS

Late night surgery Monday's and Wednesdays till 7.30pm

Surgery Opening hours:-
Monday to Saturday for appointments
Monday and Wed 8.30 am –7.30 pm
Tues, Thurs & Fri 8.30 am—6.30 pm
Sat 8.30 am to 12 Noon

Tel: 01376 500038

www.brookendvets.co.uk


YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED
TO ATTEND OUR
HARVEST SUPPER
AT ST FRANCIS CHURCH
SILVER END
SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024
6PM
PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUPPER
AND ENTERTAINMENT
FROM TOM AND FRIENDS
TICKETS £5
STRICTLY BOOKED AND PAID
IN ADVANCE FROM
DENISE OR LIZ
PLEASE TELEPHONE LIZ
01376 584694
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
Baked Beans
Butter
SparkleBox © Copyright 2009. SparkleBox Teacher Resources (www.sparklebox.co.uk)

SILVER SINGERS

MEET ALTERNATE MONDAY EVENINGS 7PM

ST FRANCIS CHURCH SILVER END

ALL WELCOME

JOIN US FOR A VERY INFORMAL

SING-A-LONG

ENTHUSIASM MORE IMPORTANT THAN TALENT!! SONGS OLD AND NEW

NEXT MEET 3 SEPTEMBER

HAVING A LITTLE PROBLEM WITH YOUR COMPUTER

- Is your printer no longer printing?
- Is your Wi-Fi not connecting?
- Is your computer running slowly?



Then I'm your IT guy! Sam Little

Contact me on – 07805 647444

Or email me –

Aerial Photography
Barns
Chimneys
Roof Tops

COST EFFECTIVE, SAFE ACCESS, ROOF TOP INSPECTIONS BY DRONE WITH NO NEED FOR SCAFFOLD, TEMPORARY WORK OR STRUCTURES REQUIRED.

HIGH SIGHT

NON DISRUPTIVE, FAST AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, SAME DAY REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPAIRS

FULLY CAA AND CIOB REGISTERED, QUALIFIED AND INSURED SERVICE. CARRIED OUT BY EXPERIENCED SURVEYORS.

Call to discuss your requirements;
Chris; 07817219133
Jim; 07966403783
email; highsightse@gmail.com

Historic Buildings Monitoring
Building Inspections
Estate Records

Organisations in Rivenhall

Clerk to Parish Council	Kevin Money	516975
Email parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net meets every first Tuesday		
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

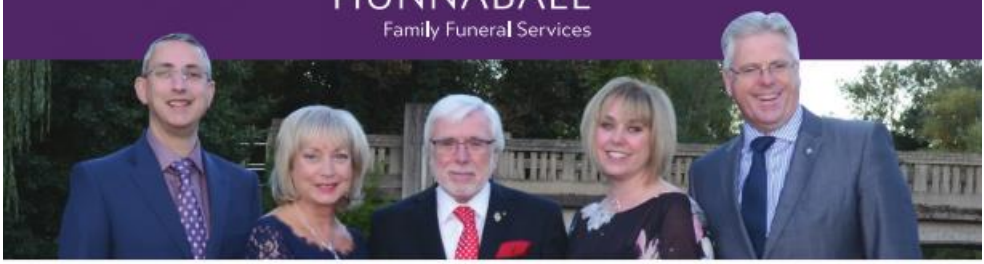
Hire of Village Hall	email rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com	
Hire of Henry Dixon Hall	Tracy Scott	571551
Oak Store Rivenhall "Open All Hour" Tel AJ		01376 538838

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 Green	585275
Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	07952 992782
Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
Neighbourhood Watch	Judy Hill	07896 975839
Scouting Group	secretary@silverend-scouts.org.uk	
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	07707 084608
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 2pm to 6pm Thurs/Saturday 9am to 1pm

HUNNABALL
Family Funeral Services



*Here **whenever** you need us*

Funerals | Memorials | Pre-paid Funeral Plans

Hunnaball of Witham
Old Bank House, 95 Newland Street, Witham CM8 1YZ
01376 511592
www.hunnaball.co.uk

JANET C. DAVIES
Lady Funeral Directors



Our Ladies in Hats

"funerals with a gentle touch"

Funerals | Memorials
Pre-paid Funeral Plans

Janet C Davies of Kelvedon
233 High Street, Kelvedon CO5 9JD
01376 573691
www.hunnaball.co.uk

DRH LANDSCAPES LTD

Since 1987

Quality Comes 1st

Award Winning Garden Design

Telephone: 01376 514 142 / 01245 890 248
www.drhlandscapes.com





Garden Design and Build

Full Complete Hard and Soft Landscaping Service

Driveways and Patios

Wall and Fencing

Hedge Cutting and Pruning

Artificial Lawn and Turfing

Tree Services

Private and Commercial Landscaping and Ground Maintenance

77-83 Harcog Centre, Maldon Road, Witham, Essex CM8 1HP.