

End-to-End

The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End



I was reminded of the John Rutter Hymn
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
When on a walk in Messing Wood I came upon these
beautiful water Lilies!!

October

2021

50p

The Following are our services For October 2021

3rd October

9.30 am St Francis

11 am St Mary's

3 pm St Francis

10th October

9.30 am St. Francis

11 am St Mary's

17th October

9.30 am St. Francis

11 am St Mary's

24th October

9.30 am St. Francis

11 am St Mary's

31st October

11 am St Mary's

3 pm St Mary's

Harvest Festival

18th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

All Age Worship

Pet Service*

19th Sunday of Trinity

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

Festival of St Luke

Holy Communion

Matins

Last Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

All saints Day

Joint Service of Holy Communion

All Souls Service

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Reflections from Paulie on his time in Rivenhall

In November 2011 I was licenced as the Priest in Charge to the Parish of Rivenhall & Silver End – my first incumbency following my curacy, and knowing from the beginning that the parish was almost certainly going to join with Witham to become a new team. This move also gave me a new home, and as readers will know, since being here I also got married to Tara at St Mary & All Saint's Church in 2012, and we have gone on to have three children together as well.

But following the retirement of a nearby colleague from within our deanery just a couple of years later, parish plans within the area evolved. So in 2014 along with Terling, Fairstead, Faulkbourne and White Notley all six villages came together with Witham itself to become the new Witham and Villages Team Ministry. Part of this new way of working together saw me also assuming pastoral responsibility for St Etheldreda's White Notley. Though from then until now I've ministered at different times, in varied ways, and to different degrees to the congregations of all seven churches from across the team.

But now, almost ten years on from when I first arrived here, the time has come for me to move on to pastures new. Knowing that one's time in any place where one ministers is limited, is of course part of being a parish priest for many clergy, and though the move to somewhere new brings the anticipation of new things, there is always a very real mix of emotions when it's time to move on. New challenges and opportunities can be a good thing for both oneself and parishes in all sorts of ways. But more often than not, there is also a feeling of loss for both the leaving clergy person, as well as for the people of a parish when one leaves them behind. The Parish of Rivenhall & Silver End being no exception for me.

Over the past almost ten years I have had the privilege to minister with and alongside some wonderful people – both lay and ordained; as well as having seen a number of other clergy colleagues both come and go. I have also had the joy

of getting to know and walking alongside in life with so many others from within our whole benefice. I don't want to single anyone out by name here as the list would be so very long, and I don't want to risk missing anyone out either! But I'd like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere, grateful, and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has welcomed both me and my family over the years as we've made the parish our home. The villages of Rivenhall & Silver End are very special places, with wonderful people who live, visit, and give their time here.

People who have heard me regularly preach, will know that one of my (many) favourite quotes from scripture, comes from the very end of Matthew's gospel: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matt 28:19-20).

As we do our best to live as disciples of Jesus in the contemporary world, we are called not to focus attention on ourselves, but to signpost others toward the constant and eternal love of God offered to all people through Jesus. As I leave, may I commend each and every one of you to continue to do this too: Expressing God's love through real welcome, the celebration of the diversity of both humanity and the natural world, and by love and service in action. The sharing of the words of the gospel itself can then naturally follow.

When people move on in life, none of us remain with one another in the way that Jesus does in our own lives through the Holy Spirit. But I will be taking you all with me in my heart, and will be praying for you all over the months ahead, as I am now. May I also I humbly ask that you pray for both myself and my family as we prepare to make the move 'up north' soon. As I prepare to leave, I also pray that each and every one of you know the daily presence of our Lord all your life through; whatever the future ahead may bring.

The Rev. Paulie Watkin

Readings and Collects for October 2021

3rd October 18th Sunday of Trinity

Readings

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 1:1-4 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

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.

10th October 19th Sunday of Trinity

Readings

Amos 5:6-7 -10-15

Hebrews 4:12-end

Mark 10:17-31

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

17th October Festival of St Luke (from Monday 18th)

Readings

Isaiah 35:3-6

Psalms 147 1-7

James 2 Timothy 4:5-17

Luke 10:1-9

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,

give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.

24th October Bible Sunday

Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-11

2 Timothy 3:14-4.5

Job 5: 36b-end

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our
learning:
grant that we may in such wise hear them,
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that by patience and comfort of thy holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

31st October All Saints Day

Readings

Wisdom 3:1-9

Revelations 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

Collect

O almighty God,
who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys

which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The 50/50 Club September 2021 winners
1st P Hope 2nd M & D Porter 3rd M Noy

Rev. Paulie Watkins Last Services at Rivenhall

As detailed in last month's magazine and in this month's lead Article Rev. Paulie is moving to Yorkshire. His last services will be at St Mary's Rivenhall on the 31st of October 2021.

ALL SAINTS DAY OCTOBER 31st 11 am St Mary's

This will be a joint service and all members of the community may like to attend to say farewell to Rev. Paulie.

ALL SOULS SERVICE 31ST OCTOBER 3 PM ST MARY'S

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST SERVICE WITH PAULIE

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

These notes are an abridged version of the minutes

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

Also present: Parish Clerk and ECC Cllr. R. Playle.

Public Forum

ECC Cllr. Playle reported on the consultation by the Police & Crime Commissioner, the ECC Library strategy, highway verge cutting dates, the ECC bus shelter contract advertising and the Local Highways Panel scheme for the new footpath along Church Road, which ECC is recommending to delete. The Chairman questioned why this was the case given that the proposed new section of

public right of way was consistent with ECC policy to assist modal shift, it would improve safety by removing the need to walk in the road in an area of fast moving traffic and had been under discussion for about 20 years.

Matters for Discussion

Tree Planting

The Chairman is in discussion with BDC re the 3 Parishes' tree planting potentially being on BDC land. A suggestion, in principle, is that planting could be along the north side of the Playing Field.

The Clerk will also contact 2 local landowners asking if they have any suitable land suggestions for local tree planting, for example, alongside the Rivenhall Brook.

The Chairman reported that BDC will be contacting parishes shortly regarding wildflower planting.

New litter bin at the recycling site

BDC has state that RPC will have to meet the cost of a new covered litter bin at the recycling site. The Chairman has asked BDC whether this cost can be funded from the BDC councillor grant.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 – Suggestion of commemorative mugs for Primary School children

The 3 Parishes Group has suggested that mugs be presented to the children attending the local primary schools. It was **agreed** that The Clerk will contact Rivenhall School asking for their views on this suggestion.

Highway Maintenance

A reply from Highways England about additional warning signs on the A12 prior to the Oak Road slip states that, in their opinion, no additional signage is required regarding either the 30mph restriction on Oak Road, or the right-angled exit from the A12. Members remain concern at the poor safety record and damage to property at the junction.

No reply has yet been received from Essex Police re the request for speed and weight restriction monitoring along Oak Road.

BDC has notified that the rural highway grass verges in the area will be cut during the period 4th to 8th October 2021.

The ECC advertised Oak Road drain repairs were not actioned; the Chairman is to ask ECC why advertised roads works, the dates for which are relayed to local residents in good faith, so often do not take place as advertised.

The Chairman is completing his annual autumn monitoring of all the streetlights within the parish and will report all those not functioning to ECC Highways. There are several columns still not replaced having been destroyed by vehicle impacts.

General Maintenance

The Chairman reported that he had inspected one of the planters on Church Road that had been damaged and unfortunately it was beyond repair and so he had removed it. The suggestion that spring bulbs could replace this planter was **agreed**.

It was reported that on occasions the BDC Clean Team are not emptying the partially full litter bins, the Clerk will report this to BDC.

The maintenance contractor will be requested to undertake the following:

Clean the steps and ramps from the A12 down to Henry Dixon Road and the area near the layby in the underpass and to remove all debris;

trim back the brambles etc. overgrowing Footpath 1 along the SEND School boundary on Rickstones Road.

Planning Applications

21/02165/HH: 307 Rickstones Road – extension of existing dropped kerb and enlargement of off-road parking area.

A 'No comments' reply has been sent to BDC.

Planning Enforcement

The Chairman is to press BDC for action re the following:

- The temporary footbridge built by Bellway on Rectory Lane which is made of scaffolding poles
- Whether there is an access being created/used from the A12 to the rear of a property in Foxden.

Ongoing Planning Issues

A12 to A120 widening

Highways England are now considering all the responses to the consultation process held during the summer.

BDC Local Plan

The question regarding the positioning of the Green Buffer Zone between Witham and Rivenhall remains outstanding. The Chairman has asked BDC about the further documents that were produced following the Local Examination on this matter.

Rivenhall Airfield waste Site (IWMF)

- (a) **ESS/34/15/BTE/10/1:** pursuant to Condition 10 (Archaeological recording) of ESS/34/15/BTE.
- (b) **ESS/34/15/BTE/66/01:** pursuant to Condition 66 (Plan of action or alternative use or a scheme of rehabilitation) of ESS/34/15/BTE.

As both these applications were received very late for the RPC meeting, the Chairman will formulate and circulate a suitable reply for councillors to agree and for the Clerk to forward to ECC.

Information exchange and items for the October agenda

- * Witham Town Council has embarked upon a Neighbourhood Plan process and has suggested a meeting with RPC councillors to initially discuss a boundary for the plan. A date is to be agreed. It was agreed that at that meeting it would be reiterated by RPC representatives that Witham's Plan should be contained within Witham's boundaries that **no further change will be**

agreed to regarding the existing boundary between Witham and Rivenhall. 2 areas of land at Eastways and at Forest Road had only in recent years been transferred to Witham due to major development taking place there.

- * The pole to support the CCTV camera at the Tarecroft Wood Car Park has now been put up.
- * The Chairman reported that the RPC Facebook page is now up and running.
- * Cheques for the Christmas Tree and the Royal British Legion wreath will be required at the next meeting.

Dates of future meetings

5th October and 2nd November in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings starting at 7.30pm.

Rivenhall Parish Council now has a facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/RivenhallPC>

Sky Notes October 2021

With the Autumn Equinox having taken place, the hours of night exceed the hours of daylight by October. The clocks go back to GMT at 2am on Sunday 31st October and with that sunset is as early as 4.30pm by the end of the month, although sunrise moves back to just before 7am.

Jupiter and Saturn are past their best but still prominent, in the South in the evening. By the end of the month they are getting low in the South West before midnight. The waxing gibbous Moon will be passing below the pair on the nights of the 14th and 15th.

Jupiter is easily the largest planet in our Solar System and has had a huge influence on the evolution of the Solar System and continues to do so due to its gravitational influence. On 13th September, a Brazilian astronomer spotted a bright flash in the clouds of Jupiter, evidence of an

impact of a small asteroid or comet. Jupiter regularly sweeps up such objects, the most spectacular example of which occurred in 1994 when Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 was first shredded into pieces by Jupiter's gravity and then the fragments impacted the planet, leaving big bruises in Jupiter's thick atmosphere that lasted for months.

The October Full Moon can be viewed on the 20th and will attain 42 degrees above the horizon when in the South – so almost exactly half way up the sky to the zenith (overhead). This is another 'Harvest Moon'. Looking to the East at 9pm, the Moon will be above the horizon for a week from Full Moon onwards, moving northwards each successive evening.

Venus remains very low in the West after sunset throughout October but might be seen due to its brightness. The young crescent Moon will be close to Venus on the 9th., best seen from 6.30pm onwards.

The Taurid meteor shower becomes active through October, peaking in the first half of November. Although the Taurids are far less numerous than the Perseids in August or the Geminids in December, they can be observed at a reasonable time as the source constellation of Taurus reaches a good height in the sky by late evening. Taurid meteors move relatively slowly across the sky compared to most other shower meteors – and less than half the speed of the fastest.

The first half of the month will be best for dark skies star gazing. The 'asterism' (shape) of the Great Square of Pegasus sits high in the sky and due South at 11pm. The star at top left of the square is closest to us at 97 light years away and the star at bottom left furthest at 333 light years away – so the light we see from that star started on its journey towards us in 1688. In astronomical terms that is a relatively short period of time, but in human terms it takes us back to soon after the publication of Isaac Newton's Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy, which for the first time set out using mathematical methods how stars, planets and other

objects such as comets move with respect to each other under the force of gravity.

Sky Watcher

Jacket Potato

A lovely quick meal for the autumn months

In the picture are some ideas for the fillings: Bolognese topping, Coleslaw, Baked Beans and Cheese, and Scrambled eggs!

Maybe a couple of ideas you may not have thought of.

Firstly, Maris Piper is a good potato to use, or of course sweet potato is a good alternative.

Microwave for about 10 minutes to cook quickly, but cook in the oven for that delicious crispy skin, which is so good for you and where all the goodness and roughage are,

Wet the skin of the spud, then oil and salt it decisively all over.

Bake for about 50 mins – 1 hour

Broccoli and leek with cheese and walnuts

While the potato is cooking cook the broccoli and leek to your taste – 3 or 4 minutes and drain. Add a knob of butter to the pan and melt, then add the vegetables and stir.

When the potato is cooked, cut the top with a cross and tumble the vegetables on top. Grate a cheese of your choice on top. Try stilton, or roquefort maybe- crumbled. Pop the potato back in the oven for 5 minutes to melt the cheese. Scatter with walnuts if you like them!

Smoked mackerel and horseradish butter.

Cook the potato as above. Get a fillet of smoked mackerel, one per potato, and remove the skin and shred the flesh into

chunks. Melt a knob of butter in a small pan Add the mackerel, then add a spoon of crème fraiche or sour cream. Stir well and season. Cut the potato and add the topping. Sprinkle with paprika, add dill or gherkins or you favourite garnish and enjoy! My favourite!

The ingredients are not exact! Add more or less to your taste!

**Commemoration of All Soul's
Sunday 31st October at 4.30 p.m.**

This will be Rev. Paulie's last service with us

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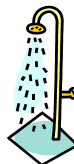
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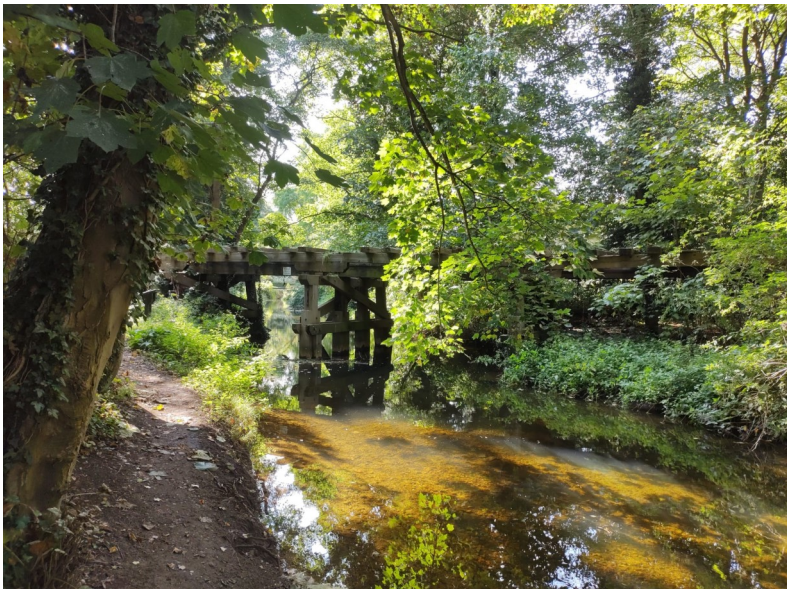


These beautiful pictures were taken by a friend of mine on the Humber River in Yorkshire





On a Visit to Southwold recently someone took this picture of me (Peter the Editor) a bright spark in the village (You know who you are) suggested Id got a banana stuck in my head very funny.



The Wickham Bishops Trestle Viaduct Scheduled Ancient Monument

The Timber Trestle Viaduct was acquired by Essex County Council in 1993 and was restored in 1995 with help from English Heritage and the National Lottery. The Viaduct crosses the mill stream and has 10 trestles, approximately 36m in length overall. It is linked, by an earth embankment, to the other section of the viaduct which crosses the River Blackwater and comprises 11 trestles some 50m in length. This second, southern span is on private land but can be viewed from the information board further along the path towards station road. The fact this cheap and quick to assemble wooden structure was in use for 120 years and is still standing today is testament to it's sound construction.

Passenger traffic on this line was never great and the expected development of Maldon Docks never materialised (thank goodness!).

The line running at a loss, was finally closed in 1964 as part of the Beeching cuts and two years later, in 1966 goods traffic also ceased. Parts of the line were sold off and today just a small part of the line remains which forms part of the lovely Blackwater Rail Trail walk that is managed by Essex County Park services.



Judith Hill of Silver End was presented with an award by Essex County Neighbourhood Watch



One of the last Trains to run on the Witham to Maldon Branch Line in 1964 before the complete closure of the Branch in 1966. How the people of Maldon would love to have a railway into the town today!



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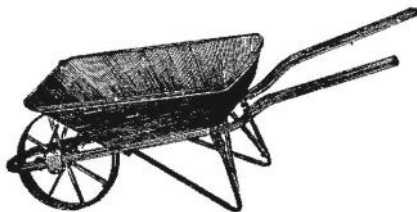
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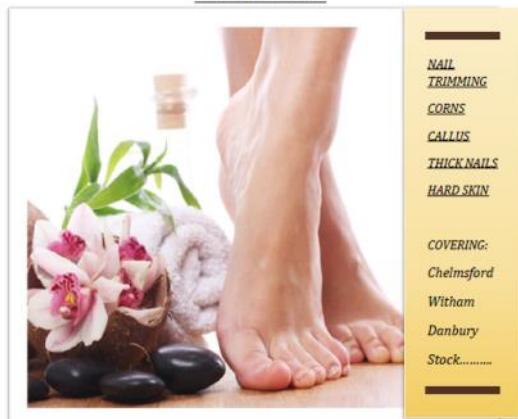
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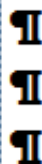
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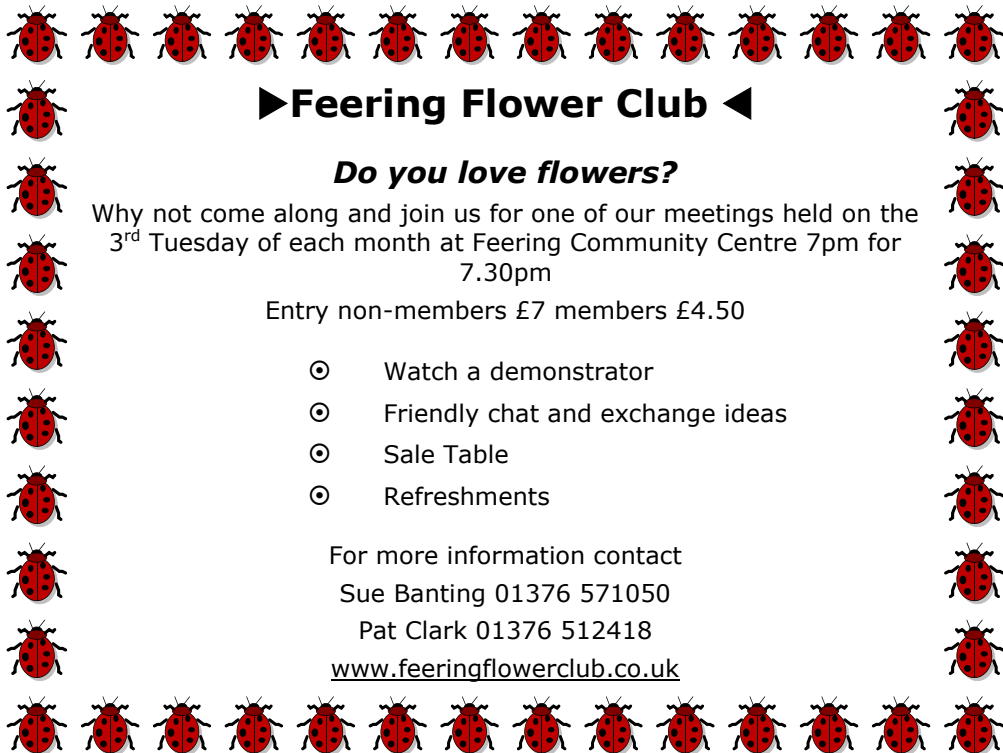
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Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

"Reader reflect as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now you soon must be
Therefore, prepare to follow me
Repent in time make no delay
I in my bloom was called away"
"Through grace ye are saved"

This is the inscription on the head stone of Emma Taber who died 18 years of age in 1860 and Was the daughter of Mr. George Taber of Rose Cottage, Braxted Road. This is one of many interesting scripts on gravestones in Rivenhall churchyard from the past folk of the village life. Many of ours and other churchyards around the UK with ageing headstones are now battered by rain/snow/wind and strong sunlight that we are no longer able to read the script that were inscribed on these stones. Between the 1970's -80's the Essex Society for Family History with great organisation went around most of the Essex churchyards etc and recorded all burials as most places did not have records of where folk were laid to rest. Many of these had no headstones or indication of where these were. I have looked at most these graves inscriptions over many years of clipping around them and with the help of the records, they have made, I have filled in the missing parts in my notebooks that have been weathered over 40 years later and here are some of them.

Thomas Adams died in 1780 aged 30 years. 'Remote from kindred here I lie. God had decreed that I must die. My marriage bed is in the dust. I hope to rise among the just repent. In time make no delay. In my bloom way called away.

William Butler died 1878 age 39. 'Thy brother shall rise' Also of little Annie (1877) age 4. "The child though dead is yet alive and only fall (--). There remaineth therefore a (res-) to the people of God. Also, wife Sara Ann died 1921 aged 81

Mary Emily Hammond age 22, 1868. "Remember now the creator. In the days of thy youth. Religion should your thoughts engage. Amidst your youthful bloom. Twill fit you for declining age. Of or the early tomb".

John Polley laid to rest with his wife Catherine who died 1911 age 62.

John died age 83 in 1929. "Life's Labour done. Resting. Till He come".

William and Ada Stevens were buried on the same day in December 1931. "Of your charity pray for the souls of William Stevens and Ada on whose soul's sweet Jesus have mercy. Who departed this life on the 3rd and 5th Dec, 1931 both aged 78" They had connections with Rivenhall, thou lived in Witham, near Chipping Hill. Mr Stevens was the President of Witham Cricket Club.

The photo is of William Wybrew and his wife Sarah head stone.

Sacred to the memory of William Wybrew late of Porters Farm Kelvedon who departed this life April 16 1865 aged 63 years

"Affliction sore long time I bore:
Physicians were in vain: Till
God did please to give me ease.
And free me from my pain"
Also of Sarah his wife who died
January 19 1871 aged 77 years



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Archaeological Digs around Rivenhall

As many of you will be aware there is much digging going on in the fields between Rivenhall End and Kelvedon. These works have attracted several comments from residents so I will try to summarise what is actually happening. Firstly, these works are not related to any future Housing developments but are related to the route approved for the new A12. Before Highways England can begin construction all areas of land affected must be examined by Archaeologist, to record what might have been there in the past.

We are unlikely to hear of anything that might be discovered until the work is finished, as this would alert the vast army of metal detectorists, some of whom are less than scrupulous in their activities. Residents of the village have evidence of detectorists trying to survey fields around Rivenhall Farm in the dead of night! This can be a particular problem for farmers as they dig and leave holes in the field that farm animals can fall into, resulting in damage their legs

So why are they digging all the way up to the railway line you may ask? Highways England have purchased all the fields between the railway line and the Existing A12 to be used as what is called "Back Fill". This is soil that is either removed during construction or used to build up areas that are low lying. On the Southern edge of this area a new road to connect into Kelvedon will be constructed to accommodate the widening of the A12 to 3 lane.

I hope this will go some way to explain all the activity and trench digging that is going on.

Peter Hope Editor

THE QUEEN'S 2022 PLATINUM JUBILEE

As you may be aware in 2022 Her Majesty the Queen Celebrates 70 years on the throne. To mark the occasion the Rivenhall Millennium Committee is hosting community cream teas on Rivenhall village green on **Sunday 5th June 2022** between 2:00 and 5:00 pm; we will also have a large raffle.

In the week leading up to this we are having another village scarecrow competition and next year's theme is "Royals". Winners will be announced during the cream teas on the Sunday. If other village groups would like to join us with stalls or to hold events, please contact J. Prime Secretary 01376 514255 or Bob Turner

We are currently enquiring whether the Chelmsford Silver Band is able to join us on the village green that afternoon - watch this space !

Autumn Security Considerations

As darker nights roll in heralding the approach of winter here are a few things that you can consider and include in your general maintenance at this time of year that may make your home less attractive to thieves.

Put that light on! - 31/10/21 the clocks go back, check and reset the time of your timer plugs, lights, and other security devices. **Remember to a thief a house in darkness is empty.** Some of the things you do to create the illusion you are in when your home is unoccupied are: - lights on in rooms that you would normally occupy, TV simulators, a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone.

External lighting and CCTV - Make sure that external lighting and CCTV is working and clean.

Hedges, Trees and plants - A consideration when gardening - most **thieves like to work unobserved**. Have your plants or shrubs grown and are they now obstructing CCTV or lighting, does it now prevent neighbours and passer-by's

from seeing your frontage? If so a spot of pruning would be advisable, to the front it is recommended to keep hedges and shrubs to about 4' (1.2m) and with trees prune lower branches where suitable to allow that visibility of your property.

Sheds and gates - keep them closed and locked when not in use, review and maintain the locks as required. Alarms on sheds and outbuildings are a good idea.

Property marking - tools and lawn mowers going away for the winter, if you have not done it already make a note of the model and serial numbers and consider a property marking product.

Heating Oil - with the value of fuel it is worth considering its security. In the more isolated parts of the countryside it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves, but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses. There are several security devices available that will protect your fuel supplies - details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. One such system is Tank Commander www.commandersecurity.co.uk which has "Secured by Design" accreditation <https://www.securedbydesign.com/> . Products like this will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and notify you by phone and/or audible alarm. There are also other similar security products that can add onto an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others may protect the filler cap and there are of course the conventional locks. Another consideration would be concealing it with landscaping and spiky planting around the tank, restricting access to it with gates or fencing, and where possible locating the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ and <https://www.securedbydesign.com/> .

Naturally we also ask you to report any unusual activity to police in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or "Do it online" www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/ or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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THE 2021 FAMOUS RIVENHALL RACES

THE 2021 RIVENHALL RACE NIGHT

It is with great regret that the Rivenhall Millennium Committee has had to cancel their annual autumn fund-raising Race Night this October.

Rivenhall Village Hall is operating with a capacity limit of 50 people (including group organisers).

Our race nights are always a sell-out and are much enjoyed by so many people, but this limit means that it is not economic for us to go ahead. We hope to be able to resume Race Nights in 2022.

Sorry Folks!

(The Rivenhall Millennium Committee)

SANTA SLEIGH, CAROLS ON THE GREEN etc

The Rivenhall Millennium Committee's winter festivities are all planned and ready to go!

We **will** erect, light and decorate a Christmas Tree on the village green.

We **will** be giving Christmas Cards to every family in Rivenhall parish

We **will** be giving our usual Christmas gifts to over 70s residents

We **will** take out the Santa Sleigh (weather permitting)

We **will** hold our annual Christmas Tree carols on the green with the Chelmsford Silver Band (weather permitting)

If the Rivenhall Playing Field Association allows us normal capacity use of the village hall, we will host our annual free get-together following the tree carols. This will include mulled wine, pastries, fruit juices, raffle etc with the Chelmsford Silver Band leading the singing.

RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

It was with great anticipation that the Club held their meeting in Rivenhall village hall on Tuesday 14th September 2021, the first since September of last year. Over twenty members were able to attend, pleased to be meeting up with one another. Chairman Mrs. Tracy Scott welcomed everyone and gave a brief resume of the time since last September and an idea of our plans for the remainder of the year.

Our speaker was Nick Dobson who gave an illustrated talk on International Flowers, that is the flowers that represent the various countries of the world and which occasionally appear on their national flags. He spoke about the origins and often very ancient history behind many of the representations. The audience participated in a short quiz and impressed Mr. Dobson with their knowledge!

COMPETITION RESULTS

For this meeting and subsequent ones for the remainder of the year the Domestic (cookery) Class has been replaced with the photographic Class — your garden or flowers or similar.

Horticultural

1st Cyril Philpott 2nd Maurice Bacon 3rd Karen Dakin

Flower of the Month

1st Maurice Bacon 2nd Cyril Philpott 3rd Pat Clark

Photographic

1st Karen Dakin 2nd Susan Donnell (two entries)

The Club's next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 12th October 7.30pm** in Rivenhall village hall. Free entry and for this and subsequent meetings refreshments will be provided in the usual way. Competitions will be Horticulture — any vegetable. Flower of the Month. Photographic. Plus the results of the Club Pumpkin Competition.

Our speaker for the meeting on the **9th November**, will be Jackie Froggatt who many of you will know. Jackie is

a magistrate and will talk of her work as 'Chairman of the Essex Family Panel'. It should be an interesting evening and we look forward to welcoming both members and visitors. For further information contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781.

Witham Choral Press Release

The singers of Witham Choral are absolutely delighted to be back together and working towards a Christmas concert on Saturday 11 December at 7.30 p.m. at Witham United Reformed Church in Newland Street.



"Our concert is very much a celebration of Christmas music," Musical Director Patrick McCarthy told us. As well as excerpts from Bach's beautiful Christmas Oratorio, we shall be singing plenty of carols and inviting the audience to join in the well-known ones. It will be a chance for choir members and the local community to raise the roof together and forget all the difficulties we faced during the last Christmas season."

The performance will feature soloists Gill Wilson (soprano) and Catherine Wood (alto), and members of the Colchester Philharmonic will provide the musical accompaniment. A concert not to be missed!

Tickets are available from Witham Tourist Office in Newland Street CM8 2FE telephone 01376 502674, from the Witham Choral Chairman Revd Stephen Northfield on 01245 380958, from choir members on at the door.

www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk

Organisations in Rivenhall

Clerk to Parish Council	Keith Taylor	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
Gardening Club	Liz Woor	585586
Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
Neighbourhood Watch	Judy Hill	07896 975839
Scouting Group	Denise Sullens Smith	07952 992782
St Mary's Church (R.C.)	Vivian Phillips	583598
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Site www.silverendunitedfc.co.uk		
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