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







The Combines were out very early this year these picture were taken on the 15th July, is this the earliest harvest that there has been? Our Harvest Festival Service will be on 11th October 9.30 am St Francis 11 am at St Mary Rivenhall

September 2026 50p

The following are our services For September 2026

6th September 2026	**14th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11 am St Mary's	Matins
13th September	**15th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
20th September	**16th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11.00 am St Mary's	All Age Service
27th September	**17th Sunday after Trinity**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion

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View from the Villages' – 'The right glasses!

I am writing this month's article a few days after the much publicised 'solar eclipse' that took place on August 12th. This cosmic phenomenon was to be 90-96% visible in the UK – a rarity that will not now happen again in this country for another 55 years! As I will not be around in 2081, I was therefore very excited to witness this one.

I have to say though, how underwhelmed I was by the whole event! I actually went to bed that night hugely disappointed (a feeling which might have been somewhat alleviated had I remembered to stay up for the meteor shower which apparently was impressive!)

Admittedly, the anti-climax I felt was my own fault – because I had forgotten to purchase the special 'eclipse glasses' that would have made such a difference. I did try the alternative recommendation of colander and paper – but that really didn't work.

Thankfully, I am now over my disappointment (helped slightly by the fact that others had also felt the same). But it has made me reflect on how we generally view and see things in life, which is so important if we are truly to get the most out of life (or as Jesus would say, "to have life in all its fullness"). Because when we see through the lens of love (which encompasses mercy, forgiveness and grace) – it is



transformational – both to those who are seeing, and that which is being seen.

Unfortunately my lack of 'eclipse glasses' did hinder my experience of the recent solar eclipse, but there are much more important things in life than an eclipse…… and being able to see all those through the eyes of love, will never disappoint……

With love and prayers

Rev Jane x

The Solar Eclipse as Viewed in Majorca Spain



Picture from Peter Hope's Niece Susan

'PRAYER HOUR' 2026

First Monday of every month

July-Sep	Terling
Oct-Dec	Silver End

Readings and Collects for September 2026

6th September 2026 14th Sunday after Trinity

Matins

Readings

Exodus 12.1 -14
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

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..

13th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Readings

Exodus 14:19-End
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

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.

20th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

Al Age Worship

Readings

Exodus 16: 2-15
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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.

27th September **17th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Readings

Exodus 17: 1-7
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

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.

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The 50/50 Club August 2026 winners

1st Gardener 2nd K Rowe 3rd D Atkinson

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Gardening Club 2nd Tues;

Carpet Bowls Thursday evenings.

Saturday afternoons - 7th Day Adventist Church

Coffee mornings have now returned on Fridays:
good fun for all with bingo sessions, raffle and cake etc etc run by our volunteers 9 to 12 noon

Bingo sessions Saturday Night run by Jack Prime…

RPFA will be holding a Xmas bazaar

on Sat 28th Nov in the village hall from 11.am until 2.pm. Anyone interested in a table there will be a fee although cost not decided yet. Table holders will have access from 9.am Also hoping to have Santa in his grotto…

We will also be arranging a quiz night during October final date to be arranged. watch this space?

If **you are interested in hiring the hall or joining any of the above groups, please contact the bookings secretary for further details email: rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com**
Or Call 07738 705585

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In aid of St Francis, Silver End & St Mary's, Rivenhall

Wine Tasting At Stovens Hall Farm

Thank you to all who attended our wine tasting on August 9th a lovely afternoon spent with fellow wine lovers. We sampled a selection of sparkling wines from New Hall Vineyard, with tasting notes presented by our very own sommelier Noah. We thank our hosts Ann and Wilson Kerr for the use of their garden. If you do like wine the vineyard is well worth a visit on one of their open days.





News from around the Team Villages

We now look forward to October when we will have our Autumn Fair, if you or anybody you know has a craft and would like to have a table please let us know. We charge £10 a table. This will also provide those of you with a good eye to make sure you have entered our photographic competition (Details on Page 16), we have two age groups under 16's and adults. There will be a prize for the winner. Twelve of the photographs will make up our calendar for 2027 , which will be on sale in time for Christmas stocking fillers.



For this event if you feel you can help on the day and or provide a cake/s. We particularly need help in our vestry .

There is always something happening in our Benefice that is worth taking part in or going along to support. On the weekend of 15/16 August All Saints Church in Terling presented a Flower Festival. This lovely church in the centre of Terling hosted several floral displays from residents, local businesses and community groups. A village community coming together for the good of their village church offering refreshment as well as a lovely fragrant afternoon.

The sponsored arrangements were given a theme to follow of '100 years' and there were displays featuring Winnie the Pooh and Paddington, a tribute to Eric Morecambe, and an appropriately designed arrangement from the local tennis club, Cricket Club and the All Saints Bell ringers. On offer also was some history on the church itself which was very interesting.

Mabel and Friends. a new specially dedicated doggy daycare, just outside Terling Village which offers everything from dog sitting to

training classes, puppy classes, a veterinary nurse and grooming parlour all under one roof, sponsored a display.

The Village WI group dedicated their arrangement to our late Queen, Her majesty Queen Elizabeth featuring lovely delicate pink roses, as did the Royal British Legion who also paid tribute to our late Queen Elizabeth but added the much enjoyed Afternoon Tea with Paddington Bear that took place during our Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022

In September the village will also organise a 'Trifle Festival' where tasting is definitely part of the day. Make sure you don't miss out…… (see Poster above)

Silver End Village Walking Group

And a Special Visitor

Our village of Silver End has a walking group that meets on a Thursday morning at 10am at the village library. From there on they stroll and chat over several different routes through and around our village.

The group, originally formed by the late Hazel Kettlewell, continue to miss her input in their weekly meetings but continue in her name. They hope to be able to plant a tree in her memory later in the year, with the dedication undertaken



by Rev Jane Quinton our village team Vicar.

Whilst gathering for their walk one Thursday (6th August), Witham MP Priti Patel was in the village inspecting the local park and the situation with the pond when she noticed the walkers group and came across to speak to them all. She was happy to pose for a photograph at the library, where the walkers meet at the end of their walk for tea and biscuits.

A group of ladies of all ages, sometimes with dogs, happy to enjoy nature in the countryside around our village which is always a very good stimulus for mental health and keeping active.

End to End Nature Care.

Despite the heatwave, throughout August we continued to meet every Wednesday evening and even managed to do some pond dipping. With such warm temperatures and no rain it has been a desperate time for many freshwater habitats, as any readers with a pond in their garden will no doubt attest. Our part of Essex is, however, well supplied with freshwater springs. Many will appreciate that Spring Lodge in Witham is so-named in recognition of the town's heritage as a minor spa resort. In the mid 1700s it was promoted by a small group of people including one James Taverner, a doctor, who received the honour of having a pub named after him. Built beside the roundabout near the Safeway (now Morrisons) supermarket on the old Crittall factory site, 'The Taverner' did not last long for whatever reason and briefly converted to a 'bar & grill' before being demolished to be replaced by flats.

But we digress (they did very good whitebait too as I remember). There are springs all along the Brain valley between Braintree and Witham, some being so-called 'petrifying' springs where items left in the water solidify by becoming coated in a layer of calcium carbonate (lime). This process can also bind soil or gravel together creating a 'rock' called tufa which can be dug out of the ground and used as a building stone; numerous blocks of it can be seen in the walls of Saint Germanus Church in Faulkbourne. There is a spring on the north side of Witham, in the river walk area approaching Ebenezer Close at the end of Church Street, the flow from which did not alter at all during the famous drought of 1976.

Why all this talk of springs? Aside from trying to sound a positive note in the light of the hot, dry summer we have just experienced,

the Group visited a site on Tiptree Heath where just a couple of years ago the Essex Wildlife Trust dug a new pond. As luck would have it, they actually managed (and I am told it was pure luck) to dig above a spring, such that when visited on 5th August the water level was not appreciably lower than it should be. Water plants abounded as did aquatic insects: pond-skaters, backswimmers, diving beetles and abundant larvae of mayflies, dragonflies, damselflies and mosquitos/midges while the adults flew above the water. We were also delighted to find several immature newts. These amphibians breed in ponds and then the adults vacate the water to leave the young to develop, which they do in much the same way as frogs and toads. The young we found still had gills but also had tiny limbs and well-developed tails. They are sometimes referred to as 'newtpoles' although the more correctly accepted term is efts.

With the evenings becoming darker earlier and earlier our weekly outdoor excursions on Wednesday evenings draw to a close this month, with just two events scheduled on the 2nd and 9th (see below). After that we start monthly indoor meetings at Silver End Congregational Church Hall on Silver Street, usually on the third Wednesday evening of each month, the first being scheduled for 21st October. Full details of these will be announced soon on 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.

Simon

02 Sept	19:00	Ambling on Rivenhall Airfield, possibly looking for fossils. Meet at the Allshots Enterprise site (CO5 9DF or TL830201).
09 Sept	EARLY 18:30	St. Nicholas' churchyard, Witham. Evening will probably be concluded by a drink in the pub.

Rev. NOAH COCKETT

Noah Pictured Below at a recent Wine Tasting in Rivenhall acting as Sommelier



It's all official now following Rev Jane's announcement regarding Rev Noah's new appointment, The Parish of Rivenhall and Silver End wishes to express our warmest congratulation to Rev Noah .Noah has been taking services at the churches in the Witham and Villages team ministry since June 2024 and his last service will be at the end of the month (30th of August) at Fairstead, it would be lovely if as many of our parish could attend to wish him well. Here follows thw official announcement:-

The Revd Noah Cockett, currently curate in the Witham and Villages Team Ministry (Colchester Archdeaconry) has been appointed as Vicar of Southend All Saints and Priest-in-Charge of Prittlewell St Luke. Noah will move into St Luke's Vicarage at the end of next month, ahead of his marriage to his fiancée at the beginning of September. He will be collated/licensed on 1st October by the Bishop of Bradwell. Further details about the service will be confirmed in due course. Please pray for Noah and his fiancée, and for the people of St Luke's, All Saints, and Witham and the Villages in this season of new beginnings.

More About Noah

Being a priest in the Church of England isn't about leaving behind the parts of you that make you, you. In fact, it's often the

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Revd Noah Cockett, who serves in the Witham & Villages benefice says;



"I'm a priest - and a fair few other things besides - but lately I've found myself drawn into the quiet, steady craft of woodturning. It's become something of a companion to me.

I first met my wood turning instructor at a craft show during my first Christmas in my parishes. We fell into an easy conversation about her bowls and the extraordinary wood she works with. I still remember being captivated by a purpleheart bowl; there was something about it that lingered long after I'd walked away.

The following year, when several trees came down in the church grounds, I couldn't bring myself to let that wood simply disappear. It felt like there was more life in it yet. So, I went to her, hoping to learn how to shape it into something new.

Some of what I make finds its way back into church life, which feels fitting. But I've also begun carving out a small space of my own, with a lathe and a bit of time on the weekends, to explore projects just for the sake of them. I've recently finished a cylindrical watch box for my dad, which truly stretched me… not least because I had to learn to turn a bowl right-handed!

Next, I'm planning a simple bowl for my keys. I'm torn between cocobolo and ebony - though I suspect the wood itself will have the final say."

If you've ever wondered whether there might be a place for your gifts, your interests, and your whole self in ministry… there is.

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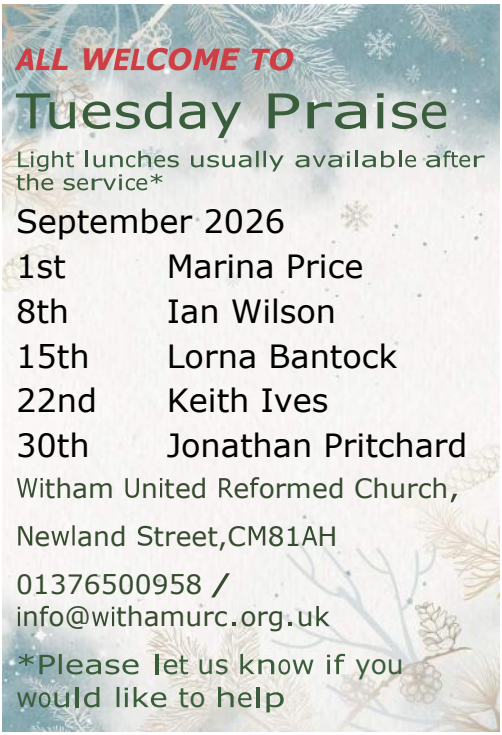
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Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

BACK TO SCHOOL

In 1974 I was 10 years old and in the September that year I was starting my last year at Rivenhall Church of England School. I am sure some of our readers were there at the same time.

We had a very sad event in November '74 of the loss of young Gregory Hammond when he was knock over by a car not far behind me as I cycled to school, and still today I think of that morning.

To me that year was like yesterday, a very enjoyable year before going to Bramston Comprehensive School, which I didn't really enjoy other than swimming, metal and woodwork!

Each year the headmaster Mr. Coleman wrote a report for parents for the Academic year and this month we are looking at the Headmaster's report for the academic year 1974/75. This was kept by my mother and I believe this is the only one she kept as I cannot find another…maybe it is because she was mentioned in despatchers!

1974

September:

Term began on 3rd September when 5 new children were admitted, bringing the roll to 64. The swimming season closed early, on 12th September, mainly due to inclement weather.

October:

The School Harvest Festival and Prize Giving was held in the School on 3rd October. The Principal Guest was Mr. Eric Wilkinson, Safety Officer, Braintree District Council, who distributed book prizes, certificates and trophies. The raffle for the harvest loaf realised £6.30 towards the children's Christmas Party. The produce was later distributed by the Head Boy, Head Girl, the Captains amongst the elderly patients of St. Michael's Hospital, Braintree.

It being General Election day on 10th October, the Church Hall was not available for school meals.

School was closed for half term from 26th October to 3rd November inclusive.

November:

There were complaints from Rivenhall End parents about their children on the way to school being so drenched by passing vehicles that they had to return home to dry. This underlined the need at that time for better footpath provisions along Oak Road.

On 21st November we were all saddened by the death of Gregory Hammond in a road accident.

December:

A delegation of Managers from Silver End and Rivenhall Schools, and the respective Headmasters, met representations of the Amey Roadstone Corporation at their gravel pit to discuss safety in general and, in Rivenhall's case, road safety.

The School Christmas Concert and Nativity Play were performed twice on 17th December. The resulting collection, amounting to £17, was donated to Oxfam.

The School Christmas Party was held in the school on Friday, 19th December, with tea at the Church Hall.

1975

January:

School re-opened for the Spring Term on 7th January with a roll of 68.

Mr. E. Baker, Witham, commenced five weeks observation and teaching practice on 13th January.

February:

The children were engaged in sponsored activities which they had suggested themselves and by this means raised £155.92p in aid of the Essex Physically Handicapped Association.

March:

Almost £100 worth of musical instruments, donated by the P.T.A., arrived from the contractor.

April:

The Summer Term opened on 14th April with a roll of 66. (3 new children were admitted but 5 had previously left the village and the school).

The school team took part in the postponed Six-a-Side Football Rally at Howbridge Church of England Junior School, Witham, on 18th April.

May:

Preparations made for swimming season – footbaths replaced and a new liner fitted to the pool (the previous one having given 10 years' service).

Magic Lantern Puppet Company gave a performance to the children. Area Education Officer called in to discuss traffic problems outside the school.

School closed for the Spring Bank Holiday in the last week.

June:

Mrs. J. Wright appointed swimming instructor and swimming commenced at the beginning of the month.

High Jump competition at Howbridge Church of England Junior School on 16th June and District Primary Schools Sports at Kelvedon on 25th June. School Sports on the school playing field on 18th June.

School Choir took part in the Chelmsford Music Festival at the Civic Theatre, 24th June.

Educational Visit to Parkeston Quay and Harwich on 26th June.

July:

A School Team took part in the District Primary School's Rounder's Rally at Powers Hall County Primary School, Witham, on 3rd July.

School Swimming Team took part in two galas – at Terling Pool on 8th July, and Powers Hall County Primary School, Witham, on 3rd July.

The juniors attended a short concert given by the Essex Youth Orchestra in the Public Hall, Witham, on 15th July.

Open Evening for parents was held at the school on 15th July.

School closed for the summer holiday 17th July and soon afterwards the infant classroom was re-decorated.

Parent Teacher Association

Once again our thanks are due to the Parents Teacher Association and its Committee for a year of devoted service. Help has been given over the year in a number of different ways – financially towards the children's Christmas Party, help in

providing refreshments on Sports Day, and the provision of nearly £100 worth of musical instruments.

Our thanks and best wishes go to the retiring Officers of the Association – namely, Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor has been associated with the school for over 20 years and has a distinguished record as helper and supporter over this period – something we deeply appreciate.

Headmaster

D. K. Coleman 9th October 1975

Going back to March 1974 our class under Mr. Emery went on the train to London to visit The College of Arms in Queen Victoria St. EC4V 4BT and a day I will always remember. I still have the letter from them, as we all sent a drawings to thank them for letting us visit. I remember doing one of the church, with the Cherry Trees that were there at the time which were near to the school hedge.

I cannot find my school report from the year of leaving Rivenhall School, but for those who know me I am sure agree that reading my report from 1971 aged 7 years and 2 months! Infant Class… not much has changed!

Speech – Recitation – Narration

Tracy can converse sensibly, but dose not apply herself to putting her ideas on paper.

Reading

Steady improvement.

Written Language – Handwriting

Little written work finished, but letters more carefully formed.

Number

Slow improvement. Tracy could get much more work done.

Art – Handwork

Fairly good.

Music

Very good. Tracy is interested and enjoys music.

Attendance: Good Punctuality: Very Good

Conduct: Usually very good, but Tracy has a little stubborn streak.

All the Graduates had to be in the Albert Hall, not later than Response: Very polite, but inclined to "dream". (Not much change here!)

General Remarks: Tracy has spell of good work, followed by periods of indifference. It is difficult to judge when this may be due to indisposition.

Signed A. L. Costello.

Head Master: D. K. Coleman – Work hard, Tracy

When at Bramston School a teacher asked me why I loved Maths more than English – well I said: you don't have to worry about grammar, how to pronounce a word or how to spell it! Looking at my old maths books (yes, I kept them all), I hadn't realised how good I was at Multiple Fractions etc.., So, if you always wonder why my grammar etc.., is not good, you now have the answer!

September 1964 Rivenhall Review

In the 1960's the growth of Universities went from 22 to 45 which was a great jump in education and started to give more opportunities in different subjects. Now it is stated that we have in the UK 160 to 164 recognized universities with nearly 3 million students. So in the early 1960's to get into a London University would not be as easy as it is today.

So this entry in the September Rivenhall Review from 62 years ago gives us a glimpse of how it use to be for the London University Graduates.

My Most Vivid Memory

By a Proud Mum

It was a glorious day in May when we set off for our day in London to see our daughter and 1399 other London University Graduates presented to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, in the Albert Hall.

We had arranged to meet Margaret our daughter, at South Kensington tube station at 11.30am, and as we arrived half an hour early, we wandered around. Actually, she also arrived at 11am, so we must have spent the next half hour dodging one another.

We had an early lunch, then strolled through Exhibition Road to Kensington Gardens.

1.15pm and the doors closed for us at 1.50pm. As it was only about 12.30pm, we decided to sit down in Kensington Gardens for a time, and see the 'sights'. The sun was warm and the flower gardens were a picture.

It was most amusing watching the Graduates having their photographs taken in their gowns, especially some of the males who pranced around like peacocks, whilst their sisters, or girlfriends arranged their gowns first this way – then that.

All mothers, sisters, and girlfriends, of course, were done up in their Sunday Best – it was like watching a fashion parade.

At 1.45pm we entered the Albert Hall. It was very quiet except for little whispers here and there. It seemed so high up that I felt like jumping over the top, but this feeling passed off after a few minutes.

The Band of the Welsh Guards, looking magnificent in their red uniforms, were playing some delightful music, and, set out in rows on a raised dais in front of them, were little golden chairs, and an armchair for Her Majesty, the Queen Mother.

At 2pm the audience stood up whilst the following procession entered the Hall:- Standing Committee of the Convocation, Chairman of Boards of Studies, Masters of the City Livery Companies, Heads of Institutions with Recognised Teachers, Heads of Senate Institutes, Heads of Schools of the University, Representatives of Local Authorities, Members of the Senate, Deans of the Faculties, Members of the Court, Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the Senate.

Then the Lady-in-Waiting, and the Gentleman-in-Waiting took their seats on the platform.

At 2.25pm the audience rose again as the Chancellor's procession entered the Hall. The Principal came first, followed by the Convocation Mace, The Chairman of the Convocation, The Vic-Chancellor, The Chancellor's Mace, and last of all, Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, attended by a small page boy. She was attired in a lovely straight dress of gold, and on her head she wore a black mortar board.

The National Anthem was then played.

It was Her Majesty's wish that the audience should remain seated whilst she delivered the Charge to the Graduates. She spike

through a microphone and there was a little titter when she said, "Many of them had now become 'Bachelors'."

After this, the Graduates were presented to Her Majesty by the Deans of their respective Faculties, in reverse order of precedence. The Secretary to the Senate and the Academic Registrar announced the names of those presented.

The Bachelors bowed or curtsied. It was interesting to see how the various girls performed this feat. Some curtsied low, others bobbed, some gave only the very slightest nod. I quite expected to see a shoe part company from its owner, but everything went off without a hitch… The best curtsy of all was given by a Nun.

Another titter went around the Hall, when Albert Hall was presented. Even Her Majesty seemed to enjoy the joke!

The orchestral played very softly during the presentations and half way through there was an Orchestral Interlude. At this point, Her Majesty chatted to the Principal.

After all the Bachelors had been presented, the Chancellor, who is the Queen Mother, shook hands with the Masters and the Doctors of Philosophy, and the Higher Doctors were hooded by the Chancellor. She then shook hands with each one of them saying, "By authority of the Senate, you have admitted a Doctor in our University".

The platform was a blaze of colour, with the red of the band, the red of the Doctor's gowns, and the red and gold of the members of the Courts and the various coloured hoods of the Graduates.

At the conclusion of the presentations the National Anthem was sung. The Procession then left the Hall in the reverse order of entering, whilst the audience remained standing in their places.

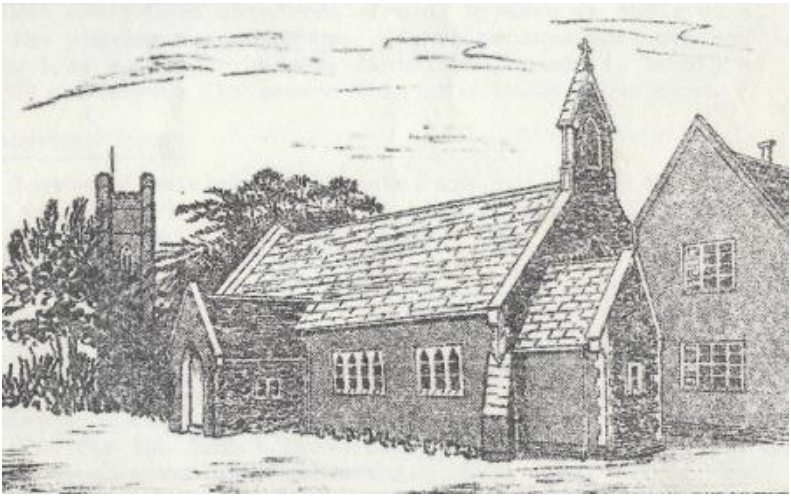
I felt quite sorry for Her Majesty, the Queen Mother. I could imagine how her head must be aching after nodding to 1400 graduates, and this she dose twice a year.

I seemed to be walking in a dream-world as we left the Albert Hall, but soon came down to earth with a bump as Margaret rushed up to us and said, "Oh, for a cup of tea Mum, I've got a splitting headache".

We went and had some tea, then Margaret took us in her car for a hectic ride round London to the tube station.

We returned home pleasantly tired; very happy and proud. This had been a really memorable day, and even the weather had co-operated.

The author of this 'My Most Vivid Memory' is unknown. This was part of a monthly competition where they were given the title and if you got yours published you won 10/6d.



This is the picture on the cover of Rivenhall Review's monthly magazine during 1964 of Rivenhall School. In the background you can see the tree's that were in the Churchyard of the time.

NOTES OF RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH AUGUST 2026 IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL

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

Present: Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Cairns, Macrae, Wright, Abbott, Prime and Hammond. Also present was our clerk Amanda Brown.

Chairman's Report: Bob Turner attended the Braintree Association of Local Councils meeting on 28 July at which there was a lengthy discussion on the new bin collection. There is concern that the new bin collection system does not have the required physical capacity for some large families.

Witham has an increasing issue with youngster antisocial behaviour. Concern was raised about non-arrival of scheduled buses through Rivenhall. Bob attended the Local Plan meeting at Braintree on 30th July: BDC are still promoting the Kings Dene site. Bob obtained some "No to Kings Dene" posters from Kelvedon Parish Council which have been erected in Rivenhall.

District Councillors Report: Local Plan - At the BDC Local Plan Committee (LPC) meeting of 30 July, the 2,000+ objecting representations were "noted" but no changes were made to the draft Local Plan. New Kings Dene maps were shown and the plan has now been made larger with 5,600 new houses plus an industrial area. Furthermore, Over 1,000 of those representations related to the Kings Dene new town of 5,600 houses and industrial. Additional areas are to the south of the A12, between Rivenhall End and the Fire HQ and also crossing Rivenhall Brook, to Oak Road, joining Rivenhall and Kelvedon. There seems to be little or no opportunity to consider these additional extensions to Kings Dene. Officers acknowledged the difficulties that some residents have encountered with the new bin collection system, and that the capacity of the mixed recycling bin on a 4-week cycle is not sufficient for larger households. Waste Incinerator - there are reported Anglian Water pressure issues to residents caused by the incinerator though it is not known if any issues affect Rivenhall residents. Essex and Suffolk Water has introduced a hose pipe ban.

Planning: We agreed to write to Sarah Ashton - Head of BDC Planning and to the BDC Chief Executive concerning lack of transparency and minimal consultation on Kings Dene. The intended ECC approved stop-up of Rectory Lane has not taken place, and the intended cycle route is incorrect. We objected to a consultation on a notice to carry out work on a protected copper beech tree at 11 Foxden, Rivenhall End because the work would be too severe.

Civility and Respect Pledge: Rivenhall Parish Council agreed to sign-up to this.

Parish Council's official notice board (on the village shop): We reviewed quotations and agreed to accept the lowest.

Ground Maintenance Contract: Only one of the three tenderers bid for the work completed our schedule, so we could not compare the bids. We have asked all the tenderers to complete their bids by filling our schedule: we also have another potential tenderer.

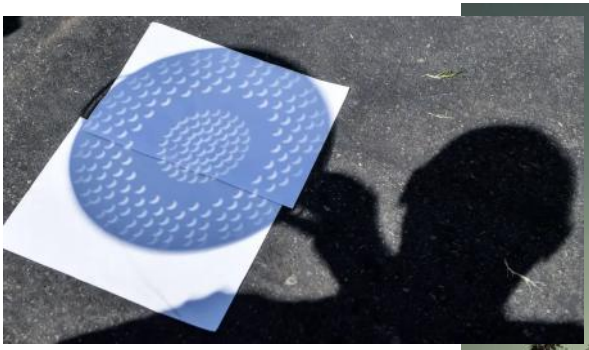
The Indaver Community Fund Group: Our representative Jean Cairns reported great disappointment over the process for allocating funds: councillors agreed and we will write to explain our concerns.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tue 01 Sep	7:00 pm Henry Dixon Hall
Tue 06 Oct	7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall
Tue 03 Nov	7:00 pm Rivenhall Village Hall

The Solar Eclipse

Here is another Picture of the Solar Eclipse this was taken through a Sextant at Tollshunt





Major hence the sun appearing a green colour. Also the Eclipse projected through a Cullender.





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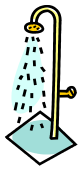


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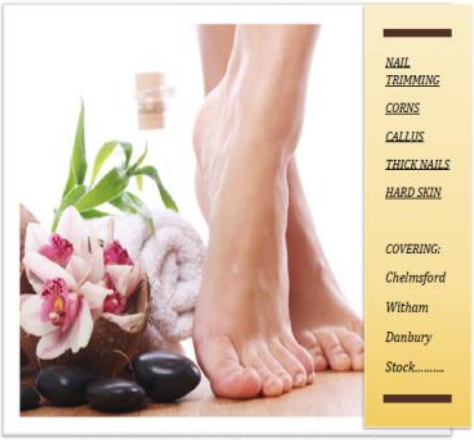
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Organisations in Silver End

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Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
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Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960
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Friendship Club	Maureen Green	585275
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