

End-to-End

The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End



Harvest is now in Full Swing Picture From Ann Kerr

August

2022

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The Following are our services For August 2022

St Nicholas Witham Joint Service Holy Communion 10 am

7th August

8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St Francis

Morning Prayer

11 am St Mary's

All Age Worship

14th August

9th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St Francis

Morning Prayer

11 am St Mary's

Morning Prayer

21st August

10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St Francis

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11 am St Mary's

Matins

28th August

11th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St Francis

Morning Prayer

11 am St Mary's

Morning Prayer

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My dear friends,

I hope you have been enjoying the Summer: it seems to last longer here in Witham than 'up North.' (Its a lot drier too.) The year turns and the long warm days of summer stretch out, browning the grass, warming old bones and turning us all to a deeper shade of ourselves. As the year turns may you have that sense of life that is God-gifted, God-graced. There is a God-given goodness to the world and to ourselves which even our flawed human nature cannot take away. Though we walk heavily upon the earth, and though we struggle with many of the questions our lives throw up for us, what God has made is good. But how may we live this well?

Our faith often finds its meaning in the spaces, in the gaps that open up in us as we tell our stories of God. This growing, nurturing, becoming space is something worth paying attention to. Acts of worship cherish this space and our shared life within it. Prayer hallows it. Silence speaks of it. So does the wind. Church buildings point to its importance across the generations. But we need to pay attention to it too. To draw upon from the wellsprings of faith the things that feed us body and soul.

So what feeds and nurtures your spirit? This is not the same as having a holiday. Holidays rest us. Take us from the business of our everyday. Slow us down so that our tired and aching bodies find refreshment. Or maybe we find refreshment by doing things differently - or even doing different things. They are important. But the nurturing of our spirit is important too. It too is worth paying attention to. To be open to the holy day and not just our need of a holiday.

At the end of the long summer we plan to be at the Greenbelt Festival in Northamptonshire. Greenbelt is a major Christian festival - and there is much there to feed tired and parched souls. Maybe we could go together as a group from Witham and Villages? Or go on pilgrimage somewhere? But

in the absence of our going together this year here is a gift I brought back from Greenbelt 10 years ago. It is from Benedictus, a book of blessings for all sorts of occasions written by John O Donahue, priest and poet:

To come home to yourself:
May all that is unforgiven in you,
Be released.

May your fears yield
Their deepest tranquilities.

May all that is un-lived in you,
Blossom into a future,
Graced with love.

May this blessing bring refreshment to your soul too.

Yours faithfully,
Rev. Jonathan Pritchard
Team Rector
Witham and Villages

Readings and Collects for August 2022

7th August 8th Sunday After Trinity

All Age Worship

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

14th August 9th Sunday After Trinity

Morning Prayer

Readings

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

21st August 10th Sunday After Trinity

Matins

Readings

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

28th August 11th Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18 (from apocrypha)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The 50/50 Club July 2022 winners

1st Mr S Banks 2nd Mrs J Maylem 3rd Mr Bowsher

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY 2022

At Rivenhall Village Hall

These notes are an abridged version of the minutes

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

Also present: Parish Clerk, ECC Cllr. Ross Playle and 1 member of the public.

Chairman's Report

A series of announcements are expected soon on major planning matters affecting Rivenhall Parish.

Rivenhall Parish Council, along with many other local parish councils, as well as Braintree District Council and Essex County Council, responded to the National Grid proposals with a common theme of requesting them to think again about employing pylons up to 50 metres high for a new power transmission line across Essex. The next steps on that matter will likely be some time ahead but more immediately there are 3 other significant planning issues where news is expected soon.

Firstly, the formal planning application, the Development Consent Order, for the A12 widening and realignment is expected later this summer. As discussed at the June Parish Council meeting, when that is a live application the parish council will liaise with National Highways to ensure there is a public meeting open to all local residents in the parish to view and discuss the plans.

Secondly, it is understood that an announcement on routing for the A120 (Braintree to A12) is due soon. The county council preferred Route D passes through parts of the parish and would emerge to join the A12 between Kelvedon and Rivenhall End. The Government is considering whether that route, or one of the other 4 routes originally consulted on, will be chosen.

Thirdly, it has been confirmed that there will now be a public planning appeal inquiry into the 'Bellway Phase 4' housing development application on land off Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road. That is expected to take place later this year and it has been put to Braintree District Council that a venue local to Rivenhall (if possible) would be preferred to facilitate local residents being able to attend.

Public Forum

- * At the request of the parish council, BDC has replaced many of the litter bins with covered designs to try to stop birds and other wildlife from going into the bins looking for food – which results in litter being scattered. It was reported by a resident that one litter bin on Church Road has been incorrectly situated. BDC will be asked to relocate that bin to a new position so as not to obstruct either pedestrians or driver sightlines.
- * ECC Cllr. Playle commented re the replacement bus shelter on Rickstones Road and was informed again of RPC's dissatisfaction in that the old shelter, RPC property, was removed without consent and in the process damaged and that the replacement did not match up to the previous specification.

He also referred to the problems associated with the ongoing operation of the Local Highways Panel, and, as a separate issue, the forthcoming works maintenance at the Chipping Hill Bridge and local traffic management.

Matters for Discussion

BDC consultation on Planning Committee Members Forum

It was **agreed** to accept the BDC proposals on the assumption that RPC does not have to pre-nominate individual councillors to attend the Members Forums as attendance could then be determined by the location of any proposed planning application and availability of councillors to attend.

ECC Highways winter 2022/23 salt bag scheme

As RPC has a sufficient stock of salt it was **agreed** not to participate this year in this scheme. The issue of volunteers to distribute the salt will be further discussed at the October 2022 meeting.

BDC Rewilding Project

The parish council had previously made available to residents information regarding the BDC rewilding project, which is a district-wide scheme. 3 locations had been suggested locally which are all on BDC land, as required by BDC. These areas will be managed to encourage wildflowers. Following discussion, it was **agreed** by a vote of 6 to 1 that the following sites be notified to BDC for rewilding:

- * Area 1: A strip on the north side of the Albert Moss Playing Field in line with the three trees below the play equipment and down to the spinney.
- * Area 2: Also on the Albert Moss Playing Field within the triangle of the new tree planting inside the fence.
- * Further discussions are necessary with the RPFA before further consideration is given to the northern verge of the Village Hall car park also being included.

BDC & ECC verges policy

BDC had invited parish councils to put forward lengths of verge for possible wildflower enhancement. This needs to be on ECC highway verges which are now managed by BDC, via a new 3 year contract, on behalf of ECC. That contract is for one cut per year in the late summer to encourage wildflowers, with exceptions being for accesses and sight-lines for road safety reasons. After discussion, it was **agreed**, with 2 abstentions, that the following be nominated as suitable wildflower enhancement strips to local highway verges in the parishes:

- * Park Road – all of western side
- * Church Road - 1 strip on high straight section north of church on east side and 1 strip diagonally opposite the school on west side
- * Oak Road - 1 strip in the area where parish council trees are planted, to the south of the recycling area
- * Henry Dixon Road - 1 strip south of the railway bridge on east side
- * Rickstones Road - 1 strip on the raised bank north of Stoverns Hall

Glass bus shelter on Rickstones Road

The replacement bus shelter is now in place and ECC has committed to replacing the plastic seat with a wooden one. Councillors discussed as to whether ECC should compensate RPC for the damage done to the old shelter, which was owned by RPC, by its removal without consent. This will be discussed at the August meeting.

Three Parishes Meeting

The meeting scheduled for 4th July at Silver End was postponed; a new date has yet to be agreed.

Highway Maintenance

The repair/improvement to the Park Gate signs continues.

The continued daylight operation of the A12 lighting has not been addressed. The Chairman will once again contact National Highways about this wastage of energy at taxpayers expense and also the other 2 outstanding issues of the lack of a light fitting on the column at the Oak Road junction and the overgrown sections of the cycleway.

The BDC anti-litter signs have not all been sited at the agreed locations within the parish.

General Maintenance

- * The maintenance contractor has indicated that the posts on the Village Green will be repaired/replaced but there is a delay due to staffing shortages.
- * It was **agreed** that the hourly rate of pay for the litter pickers should increase to £10 with immediate effect.
- * There is a broken chain along the Village Green facing onto Church Road.
- * The Willow trees along Henry Dixon Road are overhanging the footway and need trimming.
- * There is an overhanging hedge at the end of the properties on Oak Road just before the hedge leading along to the railway bridge.
- * There remains the increasing problem with vehicles, some of them works type, being parked on the footways along Church Road and Rickstones Road. ECC will be asked if it is possible for official 'No Parking' signs to be erected on the verges and footways.

Planning results

22/01119/HH: Two-storey rear extension – 2 Rivenhall Fields,

Rickstones Road. Application refused by BDC.

22/00664/VAR: To regularise provision of a 3-metre wide foot and cycle path near the locally equipped area for play – Bluebells estate. Application granted by BDC, but as requested by the parish council and nearby residents, omitting the high streetlight columns.

Planning appeals

An appeal re the Bellway Phase 4 application has been lodged and will be heard later this year, details yet to be announced. It has been requested of BDC that if possible, the appeal be heard locally for the benefit of local residents who may wish to attend.

Ongoing Planning Issues

A12 widening and A120

See Chairman's report.

BDC Local Plan

The Inspector's report has been received with the welcome news that the Local Plan can now be Adopted. It will now be recommended for approval at BDC Full Council later this month.

Colemans Quarry

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 12th July.

BDLHP

There was nothing further to report beyond the fact that the meeting in June did not take place.

Information exchange and items for the August agenda

- * Cllr. Wright reported success for Rivenhall School at the Witham Area Sports Association Junior District Sports.

Dates of future meetings

2nd August at Rivenhall Village Hall and 6th September at Henry Dixon Hall, both starting at 7.30pm.

Post Meeting Note

A120 at Braintree to A12 Passing through Rivenhall and linking to the A12 at Kelvedon

Editors Note Subsequent to the information on the A120 to A12 relief road plan discussed in the Chairmans report The Highways Agency have decided not to fund this project at this time.

Recipe For August

Fried tasty Chicken. This can be done for 1, 2, 4 or as many

as you need.

- Plump chicken Fillets
- Salt and pepper for flavour
- SR flour in a bowl,
- Butter, Vegetable oil,
- Garlic, Soy sauce, vinegar, runny honey.
- Parsley

Deeply slice the fillets diagonally in both directions so you get a nice pattern, but do not cut them through.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper and rub in, turn over and repeat so you get seasoning on both sides.

Coat the fillets liberally in the flour.

Melt butter in a pan the size you need , an ounce per fillet, and add a little vegetable oil.

Fry until brown, turning until they look delicious.

You can use them like that but for added flavour:

Add another lump of butter per fillet, a clove of garlic per fillet – chopped.

Stir the butter and garlic together, add soy sauce a teaspoon per fillet.

Add a teaspoon of vinegar per fillet , then a tablespoon of runny honey per fillet.

Stir all together and keep turning the fillets until they turn a lovely golden. Use a spoon to make sure all the lovely flavour goes into all the nooks and crannies.

Add parsley to taste if you like it.

And enjoy!

Delicious with salad, with a jacket potato, mash, peas, stir fry. Or just eat it!



End to End Nature Care.

If June was a month where our activities were dominated by aquatic surveying then July was very much more focused on looking for terrestrial insects. As well as conducting our glowworm surveys in Cressing – where, encouragingly, numbers have been higher than in recent years despite the high levels of light pollution in the vicinity – we have been insect hunting around Rivenhall, Silver End and Tiptree Heath.

Our methods focus on the technique of sweep netting, using a net a little like a fishing net but with a much sturdier bag which can survive being caught on thistles, brambles and gorse while at the same time being fine enough to retain insects as small as just a millimetre long (or maybe even smaller). The net is swept vigorously back and forth, mainly through the undergrowth up to roughly waist height, and the contents then tipped into a tray for examination. What usually happens then is that the insects which are capable and ready fliers – various species of flies, bees, wasps, lacewings, etc. – zoom off before one gets a chance to really see them. Left behind however, usually alongside a few leaves and sometimes lots of seeds, can be bugs, beetles, orthoptera (grasshoppers and crickets), ants as well as spiders and mites (not insects of course). These are photographed and/or sampled as much as possible before they too escape, after which commences the real work of trying to identify as many as possible of them to species.

The bugs are particularly interesting. “Bug” of course is a term often used colloquially to refer to any insect but in its scientific sense it means insects of the Order Hemiptera, recognised by the structure of the mouthparts which are modified into a piercing organ which is used to suck plant sap or the bodily fluids of animals. Amongst these “true bugs” are the aphids, scale insects, froghoppers (the larvae of which form the foamy “cuckoo spit” found on plants in spring), shield bugs and a variety of aquatic bugs such as pond skaters and water boatmen. Other insects have also evolved piercing and sucking mouthparts, notably some small flies such as gnats, midges and mosquitos.

Another feature common to most bugs is that they go through several nymph stages before becoming sexually mature adults, In some species the nymphs can look very much like miniature, usually wingless, versions of the adult whereas in others they can appear very different. Many of our finds have been true bugs in the

large family Miridae, perhaps unsurprising, given our sampling technique, as they tend to feed on the sap of grasses and perennial plants. All our finds are noted (with the date and precise location of the discovery) and the information shared with the Essex Field Club who operate the biological records centre for Essex which provides overall information on biodiversity which feeds into planning and various other processes. So as well as keeping us fascinated and interested it goes some small way to recording the baseline biodiversity of our area.

Some of our finds are shared via our Facebook Group (End to End Nature Care, where anybody is welcome to post images or details of local observations of fauna and flora) or our website, www.e2e.silverend.org where details of our forthcoming events (see also below) can be seen. I can always be contacted on simon@e2e.silverend.org or 07947 388180 if anybody has any interesting reports or questions (such as the very exciting report of Purple Emperor butterflies seen in Rivenhall recently!).

Simon Taylor

Oncotylus viridiflavus



Stictopleurus punctatonervosus





Creeping Thistle Lacebug *Tingis ampliata*



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Presentation of Bibles to Year 6 leavers at Rivenhall School

Rev Christine Newmarch, Ann and Oliver were delighted to welcome 17 school leavers into our church on Monday morning. Rev Christine conducted a lovely short service and wished them good luck in their future schools. They were all presented with a Good News, Youth Edition Bible. After the service Oliver gave them all a short talk on the history of the stained glass and the Wyseman Monument, which everyone enjoyed. The headmistress agreed that in September, the school would once again bring the pupils into church on a regular basis..

The Bibles have been presented to the leavers for many years, and we have ex-pupils coming to church to get married who remember that special day. If you would like to donate to the fund which buys the bibles, the Treasurer will be delighted to receive your gift.





The 17 Year 6 Children being presented with their bibles

Sky Notes August 2022

As we move through August the 'string' of most of the planets in our Solar System that has been a feature of 2022 becomes more accessible by being visible in the late evening skies.

By the second half of the month at midnight Saturn is in the South, Jupiter in the South East and Mars is rising in the East. Of these planets Jupiter is easily the brightest. The outer planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are all in the 'string' too, but not visible to the unaided eye.

The Moon, just past Full, will be near Jupiter on the night of the 14th/15th.

Our local star is becoming more active now as we head towards the solar maximum expected in 2025. After many years of very few sunspots, they are now appearing regularly and this brings a greater chance of flares and other activity which eject charged particles out into the solar system, including towards the Earth. Solar mate-

rial interacting with the Earth's magnetic field can produce displays of the aurora and it is expected that more of these will be seen, perhaps down to our latitude. The website spaceweather.com is a good source for checking to see if a display of the aurora is due.

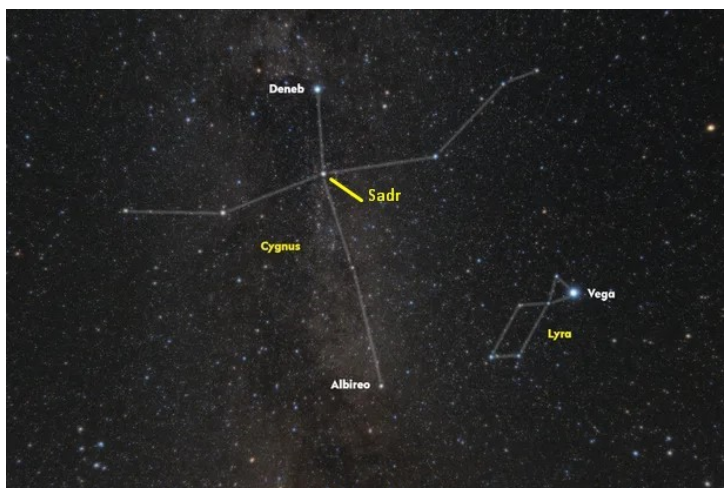
Full Moon this month is on the night of the 11th/12th August and still very low in the sky, only 17 degrees above the horizon when in the South. The date of the Full Moon will unfortunately mean that moonlight will drown out many of the meteors from the regular Perseid shower which peaks the following night.

Before the Moon nears Full, in the first week or so of August, some Perseids and meteors from other showers may be seen in the late evening or early hours of the morning after the Moon has set.

By late August, twilight has receded from the late evening sky. The constellation of Cygnus (the Swan) is high in the South at this time and on clear nights a brighter arm of the Milky Way can be seen running down the 'back' of the Swan. The main shape of brighter stars (see map) can be picked out as a large cross, with the brightest star Deneb highest in the sky. The distance to Deneb is not certain but may be several thousand light years and the star has a luminosity perhaps 100,000 times that of our Sun.

The next star along the 'back' of the Swan is Sadr, which is also distant, at about 1,800 light years away. Sadr is estimated to have a luminosity over 30,000 times than of our Sun.

The night time environment is of course much cooler than in the



daytime and here in Essex typically, comfortable temperatures to be outside for any length of time – say 10C or above – are experienced in the summer months and early autumn. With ongoing global warming trends, both the days and nights are becoming generally warmer and 'tropical nights' are increasing. These nights are when the temperature does not fall below 20C. They are still quite rare here in Essex but we can expect more in the years ahead.

Sky Watcher



A Baby Robin and a Male Pheasant Photos f Ann Kerr.

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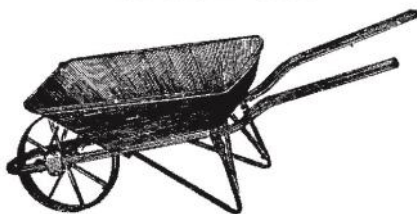
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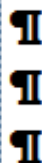
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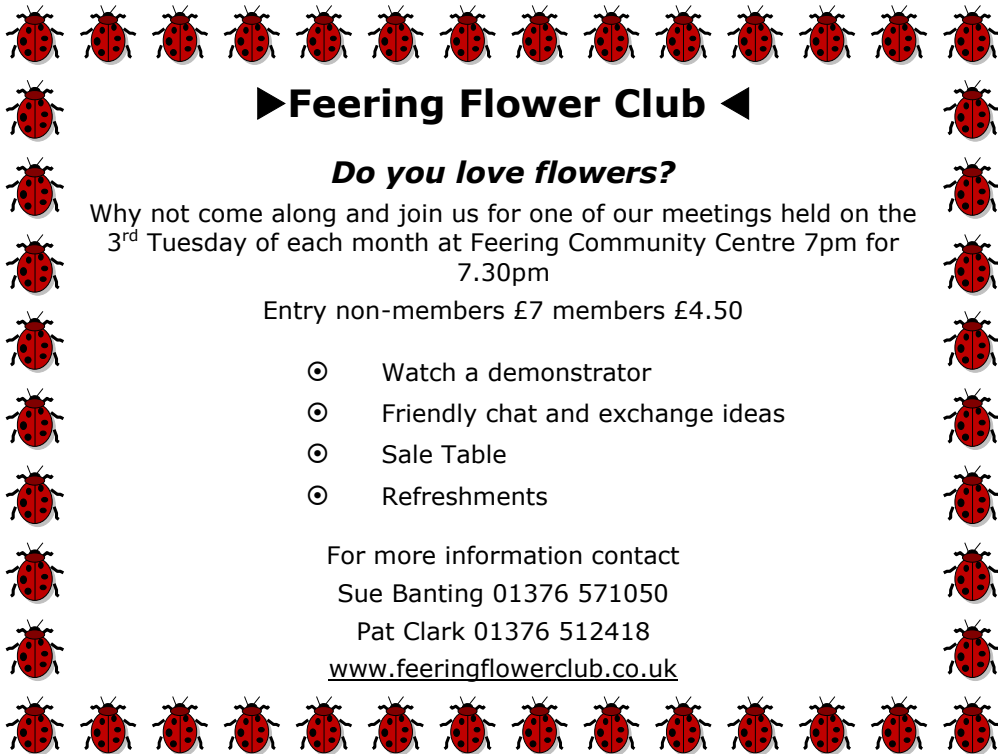
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Turning the pages of History

Research by Tracy Scott

At this present time our country is being effected by some strikes, but in 1886 we here in our parish of Rivenhall, was also brought to a stop through striking. So let's look at how this came about:

Monday 9th August, the Agricultural labours walked out on the farms in Rivenhall. This was a result of the amount paid at harvesting and became a general strike thought out the parish. About 80 men, which included village men and strangers coming in to the parish in search of work at this time of year. They declined to start or continue working on farmer's terms.

So what triggered this off: Harvesting up to 1884 the amount of pay for men Cutting, Binding and of course carrying the grain was £7 and 30 shillings plus beer money for ten acres. The next year 1885 the reduction of 10 shillings and this year a further £1 deduction was issued and of course the men refused to accept. The men employed of Mr. John Hutley (Rivenhall Farm) and Mr. George Taber (who had 12 farms) all declined to work under new pay terms.

So on that Monday morning formed a procession and visited different farms within the parish and other men joined in their strike. A mass meeting was held which resulted in them not accepting the reductions, but a willingness to accept 1885 terms. These terms were taken to Mr. Hutley and Mr. Taber, but they declined to give way. Between the times of 10–11 o'clock Mr. John Hutley rode around the village and was forced to take shelter from the labourers in the yard adjoining the Fox Inn. Our local policeman believed that personal violence would become Mr. Hutley, he telegraphed Witham station for assistance in result Supt. Ackers and 6 constables were sent straight away to the scene, but the men did not attempt to break the peace.

The following evening a meeting was called and held on the Green opposite the Prince of Wales (the green would have been near where the Rivenhall Hotel is now). Present was Mr. G. M. Ball of the National Agricultural Labourers Union, who had been invited to speak. He reminded them that 4 years ago the masters forced them to accept an extra acre for the same amount of pay that they had for previous years. With the reduction of last year and now to accept 20 shillings further he believed they were right to strike against what they considered inadequate pay for their work. Cheers from the men were loud, but he did not blame the farmer of

endeavouring to get the work done as cheaply as possible, but it was for them, who had their work to do, to stick out for their just rights and to enforce these rights in a just and upright way.

The masters had sought to take them at a disadvantage by not making known the terms which they wished them to accept, sometime before harvest commend. If they had done that there would have been a better opportunity of amicable settlement (Cheers), but the farmers had tried to put the men in a corner and force them to accept lower terms. The labourers could stand out, for they had less to lose than the farmer. (Cheers)

If the labourers had been organised a union it was very probable this difficulty would not have arisen. In response to the calls of his fellow labourers, a man named Shelley said that after the last General Election, when "Master" Kitching was returned, the labourers wages were dropped a shilling, and the election just over the labourers were frightened by threats to vote for 'Gray' (Cheers) or didn't vote at all and this was the result. The farmers wanted to drop then 20 shillings on the harvest money and the labourers only wanted what was right and they considered the work this harvest was fully worth £8, and they did not intend to take £7. (Cheers)

Mr. Ball counselled them to behave in an orderly manner and not to give the farmers the opportunity to say a word against them...a loud cheer ended the meeting.

Two days later on the 12th August, Mr. James Taber men returned to work and an arrangement had been made to take the harvest at so much an acre. Mr Taber's, Self-Binder reaping machine had started work and workforce appeared satisfied with the arrangements.

Mr. G. Potters (Hoo Hall) men standing out and was stated he offered them on the 9th at 9 shillings per acre which was refused. But by the Thursday the strike was nearly over with Mr. Potter's men returning on that evening with agreement to pay men as so much per acre with only one man refusing and went at once to work for Mr. Taber.

As a result from what happened in Rivenhall Parish this then spread around to neighbouring villages with some farmers paying £8 for the month which is what the men of Rivenhall asked for.

This information is from 1842 and now none of us like to see Oak Trees cut down, but in times gone passed that is what we did

especially when the railways came.

There was an advertisement in June of that year aimed for Railway Contractors, Builders and others informing them that an auction was to be held on the 9th June by direction of the proprietor.

Under auction was 550 Oak Trees and Felloes of length and excellent quality, felled last year. Also 210 stacks of stubs as now lying in the Vicarage Wood, near Western Arms Inn.

The company of John Coote, instructed interested parties to meet at the Lord Western Arms Inn, at 10.30 and proceed from thence to the wood. Catalogues were available.

At this time there were good thoroughfares from the Wood communicating with Witham, Rivenhall and Braintree roads.

Next month we continue with the Rectors of Rivenhall.

Rivenhall Gardening Club

On Saturday 16th July 2022, the Club held their Summer Flower Show in Rivenhall Village Hall. There were a pleasing number of entries including a wonderful display of fuchsias. Homemade refreshments were served and there was a raffle. The R.H.S. Judge was Peter Morris and Club President Mrs. Joan Cain presented the Awards.

RGC Fuchsia Cup

Fuchsia Society's Blue Rosette

Fuchsia Society's Bronze Medal

Dr. William Foster Trophy

RGC Gladiolus Cup

CYRIL PHILPOTT (5 awards)

Fuchsia Society's Crested Spoon

JENNY CLAYDON

Rose Basket

SHIRLEY BACON

Junior Class – Animal Mask

JACK DAKIN

Photography – Coastal View

1st Jenny Claydon 2nd Karen Dakin

Domestic

Ginger Cake

1st Tracy Scott 2nd Karen Dakin 3rd Shirley Bacon

Rock Cakes

1st Jenny Claydon 2nd Karen Dakin 3rd Shirley Bacon

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supported the Show in any way. This was our first Public Show since 2019 and it was good to be back.

In July a number of members enjoyed a free visit to R.H.S. Hyde Hall. Since our last visit some while ago there have been many alterations to the garden and to the facilities available. It was lovely warm and sunny day and all members who supported the trip appeared to greatly enjoy themselves.

The Club's **Annual Show** is on **Saturday 3rd September 2022** in Rivenhall village hall. This is an open show for members and for non-members who live within a 15 mile radius of Rivenhall. If you are a non-member and are interested in exhibiting please contact our Show Secretary on 01376 571551

Our next Club monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th September**, details in the September issue of the magazine. For further information about the Club and their events contact the Club Secretary on 01376 512781





The Gardening Club Fuschia Show





Our local primary school Rivenhall Church of England School has been named one of the most active in the country in a regional challenge.

Rivenhall Primary School topped the leaderboard for Essex-based primary schools in the popular Walk to School Challenge.

Pupils have been getting active on the way to school and making extra efforts to record how they get into school each morning.

It came after the school signed up for the WOW Walk to School Challenge, an initiative where the children report on how they get to school every day using an interactive tracker.

The scheme, run by national charity Living Streets, currently includes 50 schools around Essex and 1,500 across the UK.

Having previously petitioned for the use of zebra crossings, the organisation is now challenging people to choose walking as their first choice for everyday local journeys.

The WOW Challenge is part of the initiative and aims to get children active as early as possible.

Those who travel to school in an active and sustainable way get rewarded with a collectable monthly badge.

Initially, Rivenhall Primary joined the programme to teach pupils the importance of staying active and enjoying time outside. school has now topped the leaderboard and is officially the most active WOW school in Essex.

Headteacher Becky Moore said: "We felt it was really important to highlight to the children how crucial being active is.

"So, when we had the opportunity to join the scheme with the badges and regular recordings of when they walk to school or ride their bikes, it was important that we took up this opportunity and joined the programme.

"If we can get children creating healthy habits now and walking, then they're more likely to take these habits into adulthood.

"It's really important to start these habits now and by us rewarding the children and reminding them to be active, they will see them as good things they've done."



Rivenhall Gardening Club

Annual Summer Show

Saturday 3rd September 2.15pm

Come and see our Annual Summer Show held at

Rivenhall Village Hall.

On show will be a variety of

Vegetables, Flowers, Domestic, Crafts and Arts.

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Raffle

Entrance Free

The Rivenhall Races - Sat 29 October

The Rivenhall Millennium Committee is delighted to announce the return of the ever-popular Rivenhall Races. Profits from this annual event fund various charitable activities throughout the village including the senior citizens gifts and the free Christmas social.

This will take place in Rivenhall Village Hall on Saturday 29 October: doors open at 7:30 pm and the races start at 8:00 prompt. As usual we will break for a fish or sausage & chips supper around 9:00pm.

Please note the date in your diaries: we look forward to seeing you all. More details will be in the next magazine and will be posted on the Rivenhall Community Facebook page.

If anyone would like to sponsor a race (£25), please contact any Millennium Committee Member.



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	
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Organisations in Silver End

Clerk to Parish Council	Mrs B. M. Temple	618464
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Neighbourhood Police	Braintree Policing Dial 101	
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Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
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