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



# THE WALTON PIER EXPRESS AT RIVENHALL END

12 August 2017 Engine No 60163

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September 2017

50p

# **Our Services this Month September 2017**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St. Francis Holy Communion

II am St Mary All Age Worship

10<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St. Francis Morning Prayer11 am St Mary's Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St. Francis Holy Communion

II am St Mary's Matins

24<sup>th</sup> September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am St. Francis Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's Holy Communion

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# Monthly musings from your Team Vicar

I'd like to begin this month by saying a heartfelt thank you from both my wife Tara and myself for all the messages, congratulations, well wishes and other lovely things which we received upon the birth of our son Asher, who was born on 24<sup>th</sup> July. As I mentioned during Sunday services recently, things got off to an initially bumpy start, with him remaining in hospital for his first two and a half weeks. But as of the time of writing, he's been doing well since he's been home, and I would also like to gives thanks for all of the prayer which have been offered for him by so many people – it's very much appreciated.

Now September itself is an interesting month, and as I've alluded to in the past, a month which I've always seen as turning point within the year: It can be viewed as marking the end of summer (with the meteorological definition of summer ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> August), but it also seems somehow 'more' than simply the beginning of Autumn. It also begins looking deeper into the events of the latter part of the year, and before we know it we will no doubt be thinking about the season of remembrance, and the lead up toward Christmas once more too.

But before we get to all of this, let us think about what is happening this month: September is also the start of the new academic year, and following the summer holidays children of all ages will either be returning to school in the year above where they were just six weeks previously, or in some cases either moving on to secondary school, or even starting 'big school' for the first time just before their fifth birthday! Let's not also forget that there will also be both young and mature adults embarking on further or higher education, and all manner of evening classes studying anything from international cuisine to learning foreign languages.

All of this is a reminded that our education or learning need never come to an end – nor should it, whatever our age. For we are all on a lifelong journey of learning, and the well known saying of "you learn something new every day" rings true. It is important that we continue our education within the arena of our faith too. Learning new things and coming to a new or renewed understanding about all manner of aspects of our faith is one of the best ways for us to grow within it. But not only can this be incredibly interesting from an interest point of view, but education and learning can in turn also help to deepen our relationship with God, and our understanding of not only of the role which God has played within the history of human

life – if not the life of the whole planet. But also our place, and the continued role which we have both individually and corporately within the world as God's people. Learning more about our faith can assist us to reflect and grow within our faith day by day.

If we ponder on all of this, the most obvious and indeed a very good place to start is by reading our Bible. This is an excellent thing for anyone to do, and can be enhanced through reading passages alongside a good commentary in order to provide further insight into the text(s) which we are reading in terms of the author(s) of the particular book in question, understanding when it was written and to whom, along with the historical context as to why, and just as importantly what the passage might be saying to us (or to you), to-day. In addition, good preaching should combine all of these things – not necessarily at at the same time, but to varying degrees at different times, depending upon the expected congregation.

But alongside this it's also worthwhile, interesting, and rewarding to learn about other aspects of faith, alongside the views of others surrounding faith too. These include issues of ethics, church history, doctrine (teaching what we believe, and why), and the sacraments of the church – especially those given as instruction by Jesus, namely Baptism (or Christening) and the Eucharist.

Now as I've mentioned in the past (before I was off on paternity leave), earlier this year during Lent, we ran a course in the parish studying the Beatitudes using the 'Pilgrim' course material, of which Bishop Stephen is a co-author. And so following this, and later this month we will begin another six week course within this series, but this time looking at the Eucharist (or Holy Communion). This is delightful opportunity to think about this most central act of worship together, and it's place within our lives. Importantly - You're invited to take part. But my question for you is when would you like it to be? Would a couple of hours during the day be easier for you to get to than if it were in the evening? Or perhaps you feel the opposite due to regular daytime commitments? Or perhaps a Monday is better for you than a Tuesday? And so on.... I would be delighted to hear from as many people as possible to find out when they would most like to come along, so as to make sure that as wider number of people as possible are able take part. So please do let me know you're feelings about this.

And as a final thought, if the idea of further study about our faith is something you'd be interested in another way, do also let me know as there are other things which you might be interested in, such as

the Chelmsford Diocese run Course in Christian Studies (CCS), or perhaps you're not Confirmed, but would like to find out more – again if this is the case, please do get in touch whatever your age.

Our learning in all sorts of way ought to be life-long, and this includes our learning of and growing within our faith – whatever our age may be. So may I wish you a lovely beginning to the season of Autumn when it arrives, and I pray that each of us may learn more and more about God's love for us all, day by day.

Paul Watkin.

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# From the Registers July / August 2017 Weddings:

Internment of Ashes—None Funerals None Baptisms None

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# The 50/50 Club June 2017 winners

1st O Clarke, 2nd J Gladwell, 3rd K Spalding

# **Collects and Reading For September 2017**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

All Age Worship

# **Readings**

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

### Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 10th Sept 13th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

# Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

### **Collect**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord

# 17th Sept 14th Sunday after Trinity

Matins

# Readings

Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

## 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.

# 24th Sept 15th Sunday After Trinity

Holy Communion

# Readings

Jonah 3:10-4:11 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

# 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.

# RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

### NOTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st AUGUST

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott (Chairman), Wright, Knubley, Anderson, Turner, Clark and Prime.

Also present: Parish Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

**Public Forum** 

The following matter was brought to Members' attention:

Footpath Riv.48 has been cut but unofficially re-routed.

### Matters for discussion

 Solar powered streetlight at junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road

This was again deferred until the September meeting.

ii. Rectory Lane - 'Quiet Lane', further details

According to ECC the "Quiet Lane" status is still progressing. Cllr. Anderson has communicated with ECC re the Parish Council's original request, which ECC has refused, that Rectory Lane be stopped up to prevent through traffic use at the Forest Road end. A further meeting is to be arranged with local residents, ECC and RPC representatives with a view to possibly initiating action via the local magistrates Court under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk write to the ECC officer for the BDLHP in support of Cllr. Anderson's actions.

iii. Cutting of grass at the front of the Village Hall

**It was agreed** that the RPFA should contact the council's maintenance contractor with the request that he cut this grass on their behalf.

iv. 30 mph limit at Colemans Bridge A12 slip road

Little Braxted PC has asked if Rivenhall PC could submit a scheme to the BDLHP for a 30 mph restriction from the A12 Colemans Slip Road along to the existing Witham 30 mph limit.

**It was agreed** that the Chairman refer this matter to the BDLHP to gauge their response before making any official scheme submission.

# v. <u>Highway & PRoW matters</u>

- \* Once again the overgrown hedge along Oak Road has been reported to ECC.
- Various overgrown footpaths have been reported to ECC for attention.
- \* The owner of the American Diner on the A12 has requested information regarding the disappearance of his sign which had been located on the council's bus shelter. This has not been removed by the council and there is no knowledge as to its whereabouts.

# vi. General Maintenance

The purchase of spring flower bulbs will be considered at the September meeting.

# **Planning Applications**

17/01092/FUL: 163 dwellings – Phase 2 Land at Forest Road.

**It was agreed** that the council's response to this planning application should be as follows:

- 1. The application includes 163 properties, whereas the original outline planning application was for 148. The council requests that there should be a Deed of Variation for S.106 monies for these additional properties in favour of Rivenhall Parish and that these monies should provide for vehicular restrictions along Rectory Lane and for improvements to Oliver's Lane (part of the John Ray Walk) to prevent its use by motorcyclists.
- 2. There is no reference to the Rivenhall Parish Plan in this current application.
- 3. The provision of allotment land shown in this application is beyond the initial Phase 2 boundary and was previously included within Phase 3.

# Planning Results.

**16/00273/NMA**: Anglian Water consent due to water main – 318 Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

# **Ongoing Planning Issues**

# I. A12 & A120

Projects A120: ECC has reported from the public consultation that the highest ranking re-routing for the A120 is Option C,

the second being Option E. A12: The next Forum had been scheduled for 3rd August.

### II. BDC Local Plan

The council's responses were submitted to BDC by the deadline of 28th July, as per the July minutes.

### III. Rivenhall Airfield Waste Site

There are 2 further ECC planning applications as follows: *ESS/36/17/BTE* – Full planning application to increase stack (chimney) height from 85m to 103m. (35m above existing ground levels to 58m above).

ESS/37/17/BTE – Continuation of IWMF permitted by ESS/34/15/BTE without compliance with conditions 2 (application details), 14 (stack design and cladding), 17 (combined heat & power plant management plan) and 56 (maximum stack height) to amend details resulting from the increase in stack height. Given that observations needed to be received by ECC by 17th August,

**it was agreed** that the Clerk request an extension of time for the receipt of representations until 18th September so that full consideration can be given to the many documents at the September meeting. (Post meeting note: ECC agreed an extension to 4<sup>th</sup> September).

# IV. <u>Coleman's Farm Quarry</u>

A further ECC planning application as follows:

ESS/39/14/BTE/LA3/2 – Temporary use of Braxted Road access for all site deliveries until 31st December 2017

It was agreed that the council object to this application by insisting that the original planning agreement should be adhered to and questioning why the quarry has been allowed to open and trade before all the original planning conditions have been complied with which included agreed details for the main access on to Little Braxted Lane and then the A12.

V. BDLHP All schemes remain as reported at the last meeting except with regard to the 7.5T weight restriction along Oak Road, which has now been formally deferred by ECC pending decisions by Highways England regarding the A12.

# Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.

1. BDC is consulting on the proposals under the Community Governance Review until 30th September.

The proposals for Rivenhall are that the established and proposed new extensions of Eastways Industrial Estate be merged and included within the Witham parish boundary;

also that the development site North of Forest Road should also be included within the WTC parish boundary.

**It was agreed** to locally advertise details of the BDC consultation exercise and consider any response at the September meeting.

 The Public Inquiry into the closure of the Potters level crossing (and other crossings in Essex) is scheduled to commence at 10.00 am on Wednesday 18th October 2017 in the Chelmsford City Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford. There will be a Pre-inquiry meeting on Wednesday 9th August 2017.

All previously written representations will be forwarded to the Inspector.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk notify the Inspector's Programme Officer that a Parish Council representative may wish to speak at the Inquiry but information is required regarding the date and timescale when the Potters level crossing will be considered.

3. ECC has made an Order for the temporary closure of Rivenhall Footpath 60 from its junction with Holly Walk north to its junction with Footpath 58, from 30th July 2017 for up to 6 months.

# Information exchange and items for the August agenda

- \* There was a personal assault which took place in the Tarecroft Wood car park off Rickstones Road and was reported to Essex Police who subsequently attended but were unable to take action.
  - The Clerk will request that Essex Police arrange for patrols of this area along with Rectory Lane where it is suspected drugs are being sold on a regular basis.
- \* Connecting of local Footpaths within the northern area of the parish is being further investigated by the Chairman in his ECC councillor role.
- \* Various traffic problems continue to be highlighted along Oak Road leading to and from the A12.

# Ten minute public feedback

- \* The overgrown footpath leading off Henry Dixon Road.
- \* Grass cutting at the Village Hall.

# **Dates of future meetings**

Tuesdays  $5^{th}$  September at Henry Dixon Hall and  $3^{rd}$  October at Rivenhall Village Hall, both at 8pm.

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# **Sky Notes September 2017**

The bright "classical" planets (all those out as far as Saturn) have greatly differing orbital periods resulting in times when some are visible, all can be seen at the same time – or sometimes none at all. This month is one where they are all fairly elusive. In the morning, Venus, Mars and Mercury are grouped quite close together, but all low in the East and in the pre-dawn twilight. In the evening sky, Saturn is now sinking into the South West but might be seen close by the young Moon on the 26th if the sky is transparent.

Throughout the coming autumn, the 5 classical planets will remain bunched relatively closely in the sky near the Sun. Such alignments can lead to all sorts of claims about enhanced influences on the Earth and even warnings of dire consequences. However the gravitational pull of all these planets put together is tiny compared to just the regular pull of the Moon which produces our tides. This is simply because despite it small size, the Moon is so close to us.

The total eclipse of the Sun on 21st August across the USA proved to be every bit as spectacular as had been hoped for and was well covered by the media in the UK. For the few minutes of totality, all of the Sun's bright surface was blocked by the Moon and the tenuous but super-hot solar corona was observed, as well as a number of pink coloured prominences leaping up from the solar limb. Observers who were interviewed on TV commented on the powerful feelings that a total eclipse produces. In the last minute before totality, light levels fall dramatically, unlike in any other natural event. This can produce an instinctive feeling of fear. We are used to it slowly getting dark after sunset each day, but not suddenly. Then when the Sun reemerges people will often shout out and cheer. We can imagine our ancient ancestors did the same, except without knowing the physical reasons for an eclipse their feelings must have been that bit more powerful.

The peak of the Perseid meteor shower in August was blighted by a lot of cloud – indeed August had relatively few clear nights compared to the early part of the summer. Nevertheless there were some clear patches allowing meteors to be seen locally.

Full Moon takes place on the 6th September and New Moon is on the 20th. On the 22nd at 9 pm comes the moment of the Autumn Equinox when day are night are roughly equal across the world. By the end of the month it is fully dark by 9 pm. The bright summer constellations are still on show during the late evening, moving into the Western sky. The Southern part of sky is dominated by the Square of Pegasus. To the East, the constellations traditionally associated with Autumn are well up before midnight including Taurus and Perseus. Scanning these constellations with binoculars on a clear dark night away from lights will reveal many clusters of stars. These are stellar nurseries at various stages of development, the most famous being the Pleiades, visible as a misty patch even to the unaided eye. The Pleiades are over 400 light years away and dominated by hot luminous blue stars, very different to our own Sun.

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# **End to End Nature Care.**

The high summer season for glow worm spotting has now passed but again we enjoyed contributing to the Essex Glow worm Survey by conducting counts in our designated area within set time windows. Our area includes part of the Braintree branch railway line and the fact that glow-worms seem to prefer inhabiting the environs of railway lines is widely recognised, although nobody is able to offer a complete explanation of this and it would make a very good subject for a thorough research project. The beetles (yes, they are not actual worms), Latin name *Lampyris noctiluca*, are found all along the Brain valley and in our searches we have found them throughout, from Freeport (though with all the development they may not be there any longer) through to Witham, where there is a monitored population on part of the River Walk.

The females glowing a surprisingly bright turquoise colour to attract non-glowing males, and the larvae having the rather surprising habit of paralysing and eating snails, these really are fascinating insects and we are fortunate to have them living nearby but it is impossible not to speculate as to how long they may remain. On the one hand there is the simple pressure of the demands we as humans place on our landscape and with the ever increasing population locally and intensive management and use of the land, this may have an impact (and while one could not consider an area to be more heavily impacted than a railway line, the verges tend to be left unmanaged for long periods and this could be one reason for the glow-worms presence

there). More specifically, something we have noticed increasingly during our surveys is the increased used of artificial lighting. This is facilitated nowadays by the availability, reliability and efficiency of LEDs and although the spectrum and colour of these lights is different to that of the female glow worms, there is speculation that it will distract or confuse males meaning they will not find the females and hence mating will not occur. Adult glow worms do not feed and live for just a few weeks so the window of opportunity is short. Our surveying and that of others across Essex and the UK will monitor the glow-worm population and see if there is any impact.

The Brain Valley is also noted as a site for tufa, where lime-rick springs deposit calcium carbonate and cement the soil substrate together forming rocky layers which have a very open texture. This was exploited and used years ago in the building of St. Germanus church in Faulkbourne, where the material can be observed very well. We have been hunting for existing tufa deposits throughout the valley and although they are certainly present they are largely under the surface now and would require use of an augur to be surveyed in detail. There are some interesting peaty areas dotted around the valley where active springs are certainly present.

Also on a geological theme, some readers may be aware of the relatively recent geological history of Essex and the fact that the Rivers Thames and Medway have changed their courses over time to partly shape the landscape and underlying geology of our county. The Essex Rock & Mineral Society have this year started a series of evening meetings at Tollgate Hall in Stanway and on Thursday 21st September at 8pm their Chairman, Ian Mercer, will be giving a talk entitled "The Thames Through Time" which should prove very interesting indeed (see <a href="https://www.erms.org">www.erms.org</a>).

Sadly we finish our summer events on Wednesday with a visit to Coleman's Reservoir to do bird and then batwatching at 7pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. After that there is a little break until our first winter indoor event, the Science & Nature Quiz, at 8pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (venue to be confirmed). For more details visit <a href="https://www.e2e.silverend.org">www.e2e.silverend.org</a>, where you can also see some photographs from this year's outings, or contact Simon on 01621 810141 or 07947 388180.

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# Ann Clarkes Recipe's for September

# Two fishy recipes to serve with hot toast and home grown tomatoes!

My favourite thing as the nights start to draw in-

**Potted Shrimps** – served on toast, with sliced home-grown tomatoes!!

- 1 lb shelled shrimps,
- \* 8 oz butter
- \* 1 teaspoon ground mace (or cinnamon, or nutmeg)
- \* Pinch Cayenne pepper

Chop half the shrimps, finely then mix with the remaining whole shrimps and stir in the mace. Melt 6 oz of butter in a pan, add the shrimps, stirring over a low heat until they have absorbed all the butter. Stir in the cayenne pepper. Turn the mixture into ramekins or small dishes and press down. Melt the remaining 2oz butter and pour over each ramekin to seal. Allow to cool and place in the refrigerator overnight.

Serve with hot toast! And baby tomatoes.

# **Bloater (or Smoked Mackerel) Savoury**

A spicy paste, popular in Edwardian times using bloaters. I use Mackerel Fillets

- 4 mackerel Fillets Cooked (easily available in any supermarket)
- \* 2oz butter
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- \* 2 egg yolks
- \* A squeeze of lemon (I use Jif) Twist of pepper

Flake the flesh, add the butter and mix wel. Stir in the sauce and pepper.

Add the egg yolks and lemon juice. The recipe says sieve to a smooth paste, but I prefer it rustic!

Lovely on hot toast, or crusty bread.



# **Forthcoming Church Events:**

1<sup>st</sup> October Harvest Services 9.30 a.m. St Francis & 11.00 a.m. St Mary's

**Pet Service** 3.00 p.m. St Francis



# Scottish Country Dancing

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# **Coffee Morning**

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or email guntongerry@aol.com or visit the table tennis page on the
village hall website www.rivenhallvillagehall.co.uk

# Bingo!

Saturdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm Rivenhall Village Hall, Entry 50p Everyone Welcome Call Jack on 01376 514255

# Riventots Pre-school

Rivenhall Village Hall (Term Time) Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 3.30 p.m (Mon 9.15–1.30) Lunch if required 12 noon – 1pm Call Ruth on 078 111 04813 or email r.clary@tiscali.co.uk

# Barn Dance

# Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October In Village Hall Tickets £10

Accompanied children up to 12 years old - £5

Ploughman's Supper included Bring your own drinks

# Raffle

Starts at 8 p.m. - Doors open 7.30
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Jenny on 01376 513659
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Pauline Marshall (Booking Secretary), Graham Cairns, Ken Cockrell, Michelle Garrad, Clare Knight, Lauren Pemberton-Skingley, Jack Prime, Frank Ramsden, Don Scott, & Jenny Turner

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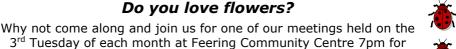




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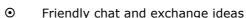






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### RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

A larger number of visitors than usual visited the Club's Summer Show on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017. There was an increase in the number of entries and a lovely display of fuchsias and summer flowers. Homemade refreshments were served and there was a raffle. Thank you to all who supported the event. The RHS judge was Mr. Ash Hofert and our President, Mrs. Joan Cain, presented the following awards:

RGC Fuchsia Cup
The Fuchsia Society's Blue Rosette

The Fuchsia Society's Crested Spoon

**Dr. William Foster Trophy** 

BRIAN CRADWICK (4 awards)

**Junior Class A Bookmark** 

EMMA HOPEGOOD

Rose Basket

DAPHNE BURTON

The Fuchsia Society's Bronze Medal The Webdale Trophy

CYRIL PHILPOTT (2 awards)

**Photographic** 

1<sup>st</sup> KAREN DAKIN 2<sup>nd</sup> DAPHNE BURTON 3<sup>rd</sup> JENNY CLAYDEN

**Domestic Sausage Rolls** 

1<sup>st</sup> KAREN DAKIN 2<sup>nd</sup> DAPHNE BURTON 3<sup>rd</sup> PAT CLARK

**Ginger Cake** 

1<sup>st</sup> FAITH MURTON 2<sup>nd</sup> PAT CLARK 3<sup>rd</sup> JENNY CLAYDEN

The next Club meeting will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.30 pm in Rivenhall village hall. The speaker will be Andrew Babicz who will talk on Seasonal Container Planting. Competitions will be: Horticultural – 4 runner beans. Domestic – chocolate victoria sandwich. Flower of the Month. Entrance is £1 to include refreshments. For further details contact the Club Secretary 01376 512781.

# Turning the pages of History Research by Tracy Scott

This month September in 1895 I came across an article about the allotments near the Oak in Rivenhall. A field of eleven acres has been let by Mr. Joseph Smith, jun., J.P., C.C., for allotments, at a reasonable rent. Some of the allotment holders found that the land would have been adjoining their homes, so it must have been a great value to them.

When researching, I come across many road accidents etc.., which I don't usually report...but I came across this from the same year which I found of interest. The Mail Coach that run between London and Colchester was on the return and had just changed horses (at the Fox) and just as they started off the leaders were startled by a large dog running across the road. The horses rushed forward and dashed into a brick wall while smashing one of the fore wheels and front of the coach. The horses were quickly secured and found not to be much injured and no one was hurt. With the coach damaged the Driver went back to Witham and chartered a brake (a horse drawn buggy) from the White Hart Hotel, so the mail could proceed with its journey.

Two years earlier in 1893 Rivenhall had three cases of the English Cholera in the village. A death of an aged man was certified as cholera nostras was reported.

Silver End 1933 saw the British Legion – Women's Section go on an outing to visit the Poppy Factory at Richmond and other places of interest in London.

In 1928 we see the opening of Silver End departmental store on the 29th September, 8 am. This store covered everything you needed from hardware, drapery, millinery, gents tailoring, provisions, butchery, and horticulture and even oriental food! Demonstrations and Free Gifts were given on the opening day.

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### THE BEST OF FRIENDS

Two well-bred English women of a certain age, friends for many years, meet once a week in Oxford in order to go shopping; that done they then always reward themselves with tea at Fuller's.

On one occasion, they had settled at their table and ordered their tea and slices of the famous walnut cake, when a look of horror

passed across the face of one of the ladies. Clearly deeply troubled, shew turned to her companion and said;

"My dear, the most dreadful thing has happened, we have been friends for so many years, we see each other regularly and speak often, but suddenly and unaccountably I have forgotten your name. I am sure that it will come to me in a moment but could you possibly just tell me what it is? I really am most dreadfully sorry....."

Her friend stared at her in silence, frowning and obviously thinking very hard. The pause lengthened as she gave all her attention to what her companion had just said. Finally after the wait had lengthened to some minutes, she replied: "when do you need to know by?" **Thank you Margaret** 

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# The Rivenhall Golf Day

Winning Team David's Plods
(David & Alison Holborn, Jules & Andy Cole)

Runners Up Colchester's Finest
(Geoff Davey, Peter Linscott, Bob Halls and Carol Birkett)

Best Individual Jules Cole

Longest Drive (Men) Steve Dudley

Longest Drive (Ladies) Alison Holborn

Nearest the Pin Steve Eales

Putting Competition Peter Carter

The 10th Rivenhall & Silver End parish Golf Day took place at the Rivenhall Oaks Golf Centre on Saturday 12th August.

The first 'tee off' was at 1pm with eight four ball teams participating on both the Oaks and the Acorns courses.

We were blessed with fine weather which was a huge relief after all the recent rain!

'David's Plods' captained by David Holborn won the team shield and the individual winner collected the Shirley Anderson Memorial Trophy.

The Team runners up and all the individual winners listed below all collected bronze golf medallions and received prizes at the awards presentation before sitting down to our customary dinner and

refreshments. The dinner was held in the rather splendid, newly refurbished Oaks Clubhouse facility and our special thanks go to Kelly Hunter, Sam Vidler and all the staff who assisted us before the event and during the day. Our thanks also to Ann Kerr who worked tirelessly on the organising and fundraising plus Len Robinson plus Geoff Davey.

Finally thanks to everyone including our local company sponsors who donated prizes for the raffle and helped generate valuable funds for our parish churches.

Colchester's Finest with Martin Lampshire presenting their certificates



# Quiz Night

Friday 17th November 2017

Do you Need more people to make up a team? No Problem we can sort it out on the night



Tickets £10 including Fish and Chip Supper Available from Ann on 515437

Table of 6-8 People - Grand Raffle on the Night

All Proceeds to Rivenhall and Silver End Church Funds

# Silver End WI

Silver End WI meet on the third Monday of the month at St Francis Church Silver End starting at 7:30.



July's meeting saw members enjoy an evening of strawberries cream and wine. Our speaker was Barry Day Manager of Morrisons in Witham, this visit followed on from a meeting at the store when Marie and a Brenda met with Barry to discuss food waste and sustainability. Barry's attendance was very well received. Septembers meeting is wine tasting. Octobers meeting will be the table top sale where members and the wider community can enjoy an evening of getting some early gifts for Christmas, including Avon, flowers, handbags, cards, baby bits chocolates etc. Look forward to seeing you.



Rivenhall Gardening Club Annual Summer Show Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Home made teas

Raffle

Entrance Free

# Henry Dixon Hall Rivenhall End 50 Years - Open Weekend

16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am - 4pm

It is now 50 years that the Henry Dixon Hall was opened to replace the Workman's Hall which was pulled down to make the London Road into the A12 we have today.

Come and learn about the groups and events that take place here including: Model Aircraft, Astronomy, U3A.

Take a look into the past history of the Workman's Hall which was given to the village by Dr Henry Dixon in 1872 and some of the past history of Rivenhall End and its folk.

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# FAMOUS RIVENHALL RACES



Now in its fifteenth glorious year, the Famous Rivenhall Races will be held in Rivenhall Village Hall on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Octo-ber**. Profits from this popular evening help fund various charitable activities throughout the village including the senior citizens gifts, Santa's Musical Sleigh, carol singing round the tree on the green with the Chelmsford Silver band followed by the **FREE** Christmas get-together in the village hall.

Tickets are £9.00 and can be purchased from Bob Turner, Jack Prime and Lilian Pearce (Rivenhall Millennium Committee).

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

Doors open at 7:30 pm and the races start at 8:00 pm prompt.

### WITHAM SINGERS

Do you enjoy singing? Witham Singers are always on the lookout for more members, both male and female. We sing a variety of songs from Wagner to Westlife. We rehearse at the United Reformed Church in Newland Street on Monday evenings 7.00 to 9.00, and have three concerts a year. Now is a good time to join - the new term starts on 18 Sept. Remember: singing is good for you. Research has shown it improves both physical and mental health! Contact Ron Fosker 01376 512582 or rfosker@btinternet.com

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# Saturday 9th September, 2017

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More Details From Martin Andrews 07432 708220

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# QUIRKY QUIZ

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# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September In Village Hall

Starts 8 p.m. - Doors open 7.30 £2.50 p.p. Maximum 6 per team Bring your own drinks & nibbles Raffle

For tickets please contact:- Pauline on 01376 512836

Jenny on 01376 513659

Or any Committee Member
This is a RPFA (Village Hall) Event

Committee Members:- Mick Marshall (Chairman), Hayley Larkin (Treasurer)

Pauline Marshall (Booking Secretary), Graham Cairns, Ken Cockrell, Michelle Garrad,

Clair Knight

Lauren Pemberton-Skingley, Jack Prime, Frank Ramsden, Don Scott, Jenny Turner

Non-Committee: - Debra Goate' (Clerk & Caretaker)

# **Organisations in Rivenhall**

Clerk to Parish Council	Keith Taylor	516975	
Email parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net meets every first Tuesday			
Age Concern (Witham area)	Margaret Prime	514255	
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 La	ura Pearson	01376 741317	
Facilities			

### **Facilities**

Hire of Village Hall Pauline Marshall 01376 512836
Or email rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com
Hire of Henry Dixon Hall Tracey Taylor 571551
Mobile Library Sept Wed 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Beech Road 4.10 to 4.30. p.m.
Post Office in Village Hall Every Friday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

# **Organisations in Silver End**

Clerk to Parish Council	Mrs B. M. Temple	618464	
Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk			
Bowls Club	Roy Howard	583222	
Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960	
Neighbourhood Police	Braintree Policing	Dial 101	
Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	583913	
Friendship Club	Ruth Aitkin	583846	
Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Sn	nith 583055	
Gardening Club	Liz Woor	585586	
Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959	
Neighbourhood Watch	Judy Hill	07896 975839	
Scouting Group	Denise Sullens Smith 583055		
St Mary's Church (R.C.)	Vivian Phillips	583598	
Tennis Club	Jason Cairns	584581	
Workers Educational Assoc.	Brian Gillion	583706	
Luncheon Club	Helen Thomson	583255	
Doctors Surgery		583387	
Silver End Heritage Society	Jackie Nesbitt sec	585702	
Silver End United Football Club	Mark Edgell	01376 584639	
Web Site www.silverendunitedfc.co.uk			
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I wonder how many of you know that Rivenhall End has a thriving population of Lizards? Here are some wonderful studies made by Dave Atkinson.

Also from Dave a picture of one of our two resident Kestrels that inhabit the field running down to the Railway line from Hoo Hall. Plus the Caterpillar of the Cinnabar Moth (pictured) that Dines on Ragwort.

