

# WHAT'S THAT TUNE?

## Family Music Quiz

**Saturday 26th March**

**Silver End Village Hall**

**7p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Start**

**£3 per team member**

**(max 6 per team)**

### Licensed Bar

Due to licensing restrictions only drinks purchased on the premises may be consumed. We reserve the right to refuse entry if drinks are brought onto the premises and to confiscate and dispose drinks not purchased from the bar.



## Window on Silver End

### Useful numbers:

Doctor's surgery	583387
Village agent	0800 9775858
Parish Clerk	587976
Braintree District Co.	552525
Police, Braintree	551312
SE Primary School	583353
SE Library	584754
Braintree museum	325266
Job Centre Plus	557200
Gas escape	0800 111999
Water emergency	0845 714 5145
Essex County Council	08457 430430

**Items and advertisements for the next issue should be sent to the Parish Clerk by email by February 25th for inclusion in Spring issue due out March 26th**

parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you do not have access to a computer please send in writing to the Parish Clerk at the Children's Centre.

Winter 2011

# Window on Silver End

## Silver End Parish Council

How to become a respected Parish Councillor (an overview)

### Firstly, who can become a Parish Council Councillor?

**Qualification** You can be a candidate if you are 18 or over, on the electoral register, or have lived, worked or owned property in the parish in the last 12 months, or you must live within 3 miles (4.8k) of the parish.

**Disqualification** You cannot be a candidate if you have a paid job with the Parish Council, are bankrupt or had a previous 3 month or more prison sentence.

**Guidance** To be accepted as a candidate for election you will need a proposer and seconder who live in the Parish. Elections are held every 4 years, the next for Silver End is in May 2011.

### How can I be a good Councillor?

All Parish Councillors have the opportunity to attend training courses held in the Braintree district, paid for by Silver End Parish Council (SEPC)

The basic qualities for anyone to hold public office are :

**Selflessness** You should act only in the public interest.

**Honesty & Integrity** You should not be in a situation where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.

**Objectivity** Decisions should be made on merit alone.

**Accountability** You should be accountable to the public for your actions

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## Parish Councillors:

Iain Ashford

Adrian Fecitt

Dr. Ronald Feltham

Paula Gilligan

Philip Hughes

Anthony Manning

Jackie Nesbitt

Alan Waine—chair

### Parish Clerk:

Bea Temple

See page 12 for contact details

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## Parish Plan News letter – progress update

### Greener Silver End Group

We are making progress on our first two projects. First, we are looking to convert the disused Joseph Gardens play area for use as allotments by local people. We've completed a consultation of people who live nearby and a large majority of responses supported this. The Council have said they are willing to lease us the land so, while there's still a lot to sort out, we hope to get this up and running in the New Year.

The second project is a for community orchard; it looks like we can get funding next year to begin to develop a site. We are hoping to work closely on this with Silver End School.

The ball is rolling, why not join the game?

Contact us at: 01376 583477 [green-silverend@care2.com](mailto:green-silverend@care2.com)

### Silver End Heritage Society

In October, Jackie Nesbitt presented a slide show of photos of old Silver End, from the collection held by Alan Waive. This was supplemented by additional images brought in by members of the audience. It was a very interesting evening, giving an opportunity to see how some parts of Silver End have changed over the years. There was also an opportunity to talk about some of the familiar faces and discuss where they may be now.

Due to the success of the evening we hope to do it again with some different photos, so watch this space. We would like to copy any photos that you may have to start a record of the village. If you have an interest in recording our historic village or would like any more details of our activities please contact:

Brian Gillion phone 01376 583706 email [brian@wea.silverend.org](mailto:brian@wea.silverend.org)

### Silver End BMX / Skate Park

Sorry it's been a while for updates on the BMX / Skate park, but since the Children's Centre lost funding for their Youth workers I have had to try and manage on my own, along with my full time job. The basic plan we agreed with the Children was going to cost around £100,000

We have some funding, but there have been a few problems. One was Braintree District Council (BDC) marking the land as potential development area; thankfully this decision has been reversed. I am now working with BDC to try and push this along; hopefully things may start to happen later this year.

I have secured some funding from BDC, and from Black Water Aggregates, and we are looking for further funding opportunities; unfortunately my application with the Big Lottery Fund did not succeed. We are over half way with funding, fingers crossed for the rest of our application! We haven't forgotten about you! If you would like to get involved and help in any way, please contact the Parish Clerk and she will pass on your detail to me. Cllr Adrian Fecitt

This magazine is supported by the Silver End Parish Council, who also fund its production, but it does not necessarily support comments made by other providers to the content of articles.

## END TO END NATURE CARE

Winter provides some unique opportunities to the naturalist particularly, in our region, the presence of overwintering birds. However, the long, dark evenings can be frustrating although looked with a positive mind they also provide the time to reflect on the past year and start making plans and preparations for new seasons ahead. These ideas provide the theme for the Group's activities over this winter period.

Looking forwards, we have again spent an evening constructing bird & bat boxes, which should be put up in position as early as possible in the New Year to allow potential occupants to be accustomed to their presence. If anybody would like one, do get in touch; even if we don't have what you are looking for in our stock, we will gladly build one if we can and supply it free of charge if you are local. On 1<sup>st</sup> December we held our winter (it's a little early to use the word "Christmas") social evening. As part of the evening we cheered ourselves up by discussing plans for activities in the spring and summer next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions feel free to communicate them to Simon.

Conversely, looking back over seasons past, on the evening of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January next year we are holding a photography evening when all are invited to bring along images they have taken (ideally on disc or memory stick though hard copies are also welcome) and to give a short discussion concerning them. Natural history subjects are preferred but really any interesting theme will be welcome. You do not have to be a regular member of the group to join in, so any local enthusiastic photographers will be very welcome. Again, details are below. For further information on these or any other of the group's activities contact Simon on 01621 810141 or 07947 533180 or look at our website <http://www.e2e.silverend.org/>



Making bird boxes



Surveying river life a Saffron Walden

## Silver End Friendship Club

New members are always welcome, Membership is £5.00 per year plus £1.00 per meeting. Contact: Roy Ockelford on 01376 584236.

MONTH/DATE	TIME	PROGRAMME
January 7th	2.00pm	Bingo
January 14th	2.00pm	Bingo
January 28th	2.30pm	<b>AGM &amp; Tea Party</b>
February 4th	2.00pm	Bingo
February 11th	2.00pm	Bingo
February 25th	2.00pm	<b>Silver End School Choir</b>
March 4th	2.00pm	Bingo
March 11th	2.00pm	Bingo
March 25th	2.30pm	<b>Martin Allen</b>
April 1st	2.00pm	Bingo
April 8th	2.00pm	Bingo
April 15th	2.00pm	Bingo
(Thurs) April 28th	2.30pm	<b>Royal Wedding Tea Party with Ian Jordan</b>

### HELP DURING WINTER & SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Could you, or someone you know benefit from being included on a list of people to be contacted during spells of extreme weather conditions. In the event of very heavy snowfall or extremely low temperatures we will just give you a quick phone call to check you are ok and have everything you need (i.e. working heating and basic food supplies). This is a free & confidential service. We may also be able to help you with accessing grants for heating and insulation for your home. If you would like to find out more, please contact your Village Agent, Lydia Howat on the freephone number: **FREEPHONE 0800 977 5858**

EMAIL: [lydia.howat@vaessex.org.uk](mailto:lydia.howat@vaessex.org.uk)

## First Silver End Scouts

You may expect the Scouts to concentrate on doing activities in the dry and warm during the Autumn and Winter month – but not at Silver End.

Since September, **some** of the things they have taken part in are the following:- An afternoon was spent at a local stable, horse riding. Each Scout got the opportunity to ride the ponies, take part in various games, and be a 'handler'. This built up their confidence both on horse back and controlling them under the guidance of the instructor.



One Friday evening at Scouts, they went on a hike to nearby woods. After the 3 mile walk, in the dark they were split into teams for various games and activities around the woods; ranging from Team Games to individual challenges.



One of the big autumn activities was a day at a local activity centre. Here, the young people aged 10 – 14 had four different activity sessions – some wet and some dry. Nerves and confidence was tested on the leap of faith; climbing a telegraph pole and leaping to catch a trapeze a few meters away. The other dry activity was fencing;

not banging poles in the ground, but with swords. After safety talks and training, short fights took place at the end. It proved to be a very physical sport and far more energetic than any of them thought it would be. The wet activities were kayaking in the lake (most did fall in) and the highlight of the day which was Jet Skiing. With an instructor on board, they were taken around the lake and then allowed to take control and drive it for themselves. A truly exhilarating experience!

There have been two camps in the Autumn. The first in October, is an annual event called Jamboree On The Internet, talking to other Scouts from around the world in secure and moderated Scout Chat areas to learn about



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## Services and Free Things to collect at Silver End Children's Centre

### What's free to collect at the centre?

Parent's Guide to Money



Bounty Packs



Bookstart Packs



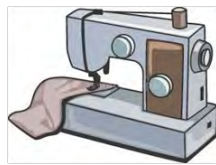
Free Condoms  
(if you have a c-card)



### What services do we offer?



Computer Access



Sewing Machines



Cooking  
Courses/Facilities



Outreach Workers



Baby Massage

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**Personal Judgement** You should take account of views of others, but should reach your own conclusions and act accordingly.

**Respect** You should not discriminate against any person, regardless of their race, age, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

**Uphold the law** You are expected to act within the law in accordance with the trust the public has placed in you

**Leadership** You should ensure that resources of the Council are used prudently and in a way to secure public confidence.

Many of the above principles would not only make good Councillors but are the building blocks for **good citizenship**.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, why not attend some of the public SEPC meetings which are held on the second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

You will be able to see and hear what transpires and at the end of the meeting have an opportunity to discuss things with Councillors and the Clerk. Further details about SEPC are available from the Clerk

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Web: [www.sideofthehill.com](http://www.sideofthehill.com)  
Tel: 01376 539 370 email: [info@sideofthehill.com](mailto:info@sideofthehill.com)

**Parish Plan** - Cllr Gilligan reported that the aim is for the Plan to be printed in January.

### General Reports

Cllr Fecitt reported that Speedwatch are asking for a contribution towards the scheme of £200 next to help cover the cost of insurance and maintenance of the equipment.

Cllr Ashford reported on a Greener Silver End meeting. Moving forwards with allotment project behind Joseph Gardens and there is a possibility of funding for this and an orchard near the school.

Cllr Hughes reported that BDC have changed the rulings relating to petitions but as these are not retrospective the enquiry regarding the village hall can continue, although no date has been set as yet; the meeting to discuss the future of the village hall was cancelled due to bad weather and is to be re-scheduled in January.

Cllr Waine reported that the hole that has been repaired outside the Co-op has started to break up after the snow and all of the road markings are disappearing. Clerk to notify Henry Davidson.

### CCTV

Cllr Ashford reported that he is waiting for a quote following his site meeting with the Co-op. There is a possibility that they may monitor for us and report any criminal activity to the Police as it happens.

### Silver End Calendar

As Cllr Manning was not present at this meeting it was agreed that the item should be moved to the next meeting.

### Christmas Celebration 2010

A huge success despite the bad weather and the event had to be held in the village hall.; however the band did not take part.

**Full Minutes of Parish Council meetings are available in the Library.**

### To contact the Parish Clerk:

Telephone :

01376 587976 Fri 10.00—12.00 answer phone at other times

Email:

Parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk

Appointments can be made to see the clerk at the Children's Centre on Fridays, between 9.00 and 2.00 - call to ensure a room can be booked.



# Silver End Gad Abouts DAY TRIPS FOR ALL

Jan 26th - **Milton Keynes**

Feb 23rd - **Finchingfield for lunch**

March 23rd - **Basildon**

April 17th - **London (zoo if anyone wishes)**

May 29th - **North weald Market**

June 22nd - **Bury St Edmunds**

July 20th - **Ramsgate**

Aug 10th - **Southend**

Aug 26th - **Clacton airshow**

Sept 28th - **Canterbury**

Oct 19th - **Hempstead valley (shopping centre in Kent)**

Nov 23rd - **Ipswich**

Dec 7th - **Covent Garden**

For details phone Graham on **07938 474536/01376 332113**

local pickups can be arranged.

Trip dependant on a driver being available.

### BBC "First click"

**Are you over 55 and want to learn how to use a computer from the beginning?**

Join the "First click" course by contacting:

Jane Carey at the Children's Centre in the Village Hall

or call 01376 587960



### Greener Silver End

Are you over 70 or on Income Related Benefits?

Are you worried about fuel bills this winter?

You may be entitled to FREE Home Insulation

Call the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012 to find out more information and to book a no obligation survey.



## Silver End District



Girlguiding in Silver End provides a girl only space for young people from age 5 onwards. We currently have groups for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and Rangers.

2010 has been a very special year as we celebrate our centenary. As a district we have taken part in many events such as Witham Carnival and WOW100 (a fun filled day including inflatables, crafts, donkey rides, snakes and lizards, bungee trampolines and a performance by Josh Dubovie plus more!)



We all attended Remembrance and proudly paraded our flags behind the military vehicles in honour of those who died.

Rainbows have enjoyed a Princess Party at Hedingham Castle and were Princesses at the Pantomime in December. Meanwhile, Brownies had a great time visiting the fire station and got soaked playing with the hoses! Guides didn't miss out; they enjoyed a campfire and cookout and got to dress up at the centenary ball! Guides and

Rangers attended Camp100; Rangers had a Bedazzled Party to raise funds and travelled to Birmingham to Clothes Show Live and Cadbury World!

For Christmas we have a party for everyone with food and an entertainer. (We hope Santa has time to visit!) We are also preparing for our District show, the Christmas Celebration. There will be songs, poems, acting plus dance!



Now you can see just a handful of the exciting things we do we hope you will want to join us! If you do, get an adult to call 07977 418192 or email [silverenddistrict@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:silverenddistrict@yahoo.co.uk) to speak to Samantha, District Commissioner. All out volunteers are fully CRB checked and would love to see you there!

Planning applications were discussed and comments/objections raised.

### Silver End Calendar

Cllr Manning suggested that SEPC produce a calendar (starting 2012) that offers local businesses an opportunity to advertise locally and also provides important contact numbers. Ideally the adverts pay for the cost of the calendar. All agreed that Cllr Manning should produce a costing and possible sample in time for the next meeting.

### CCTV

The Co-op has expressed a wish to work together with the parish council on the installation of any new cameras/systems. Cllr Ashford has been invited to join them for a site meeting.

### Christmas Celebration 2010

The Clerk confirmed that Angela Dade has very kindly agreed to organize the event again this year. Cllr Waine reported that she is liaising with the school; Nicki Bassett is helping her; a band has been booked; he and Terry Want are going to look at the lights and replace any bulbs. Parish council volunteers will be needed to put lights in the trees; the Co-op has agreed to put the lights on their shop. Cllr Waine asked the Clerk to book the hall in the event of bad weather. Cllr Ashford reported that the current lights are very old and ideally need to be replaced with LED. He will look into this in early 2011.

### Silver End Parish Council 18th December - Latest approved minutes

#### Report from the Police

The Clerk confirmed that PC Cheryl Croxson is now responsible for Silver End and has been invited to PC meetings and asked for a crime report in her absence. Nothing has been received. Cllr Gilligan reported that PC Croxson now has a huge area to cover and feels it is unlikely that she will be able to attend meetings. The PCSO is on long term sick leave. Clerk asked to write to the Inspector saying that a personal visit would be much appreciated but that in a visit's absence a report could be sent monthly for each meeting.

#### Reports

##### Window on Silver End

Cllr Nesbitt asked the Clerk to report that the deadline for items for the winter issue is 10<sup>th</sup> December. She also asked for it to be recorded how grateful she is to everyone that volunteered to deliver the magazines. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward a brief extract from November's and December's meetings for inclusion in the magazine – copy to Cllr Waine.

## **Silver End Parish Council 10th November - Latest approved minutes**

### **Matters arising:**

The Clerk reported that a new volunteer has started at the Luncheon Club. Cllr Waine asked for the Clerk to minute the parish council's thanks and congratulations for the re-launch of Windows on Silver End. The production and distribution were fantastically dealt with.

**Report from the Police** - No report received and no apologies offered.

**Village Agent** - Lydia Howatt, addressed council stating that she is keen to put a phone system in place to keep in contact with elderly residents in the village during severe weather.. In order to do this she asked for SEPC's backing to assist individuals if needed. Four councilors volunteered. The Chair thanked her for attending and she left the meeting at this point.

### **Reports**

**Silver End PC website** - Meeting to be arranged with new volunteer.

### **Window on Silver End**

Feedback has been very positive and residents and councillors all appear impressed with the first edition. Deadline for the next edition is 10<sup>th</sup> December with distribution aimed for early January.

### **Parish Plan**

Cllr Nesbitt reported that the last meeting has been held it is simply a case of waiting for final print of the plan.

### **Outstanding issues with Essex County Council**

The Clerk plans to have a real push to get works completed and will bring a list of outstanding items to the next meeting.

### **General Reports**

Cllr Ashford reported on the latest Greener Silver End meeting. There is a possibility of a community orchard near the school.

Cllr Fecitt reported that the Friends of Silver End School would like to be included within the village as much as possible. He has suggested that they write an article for the magazine.

Cllr Hughes reported that the parking survey on Valentine Way/School Road is now complete and BDC have confirmed that the village hall will not be closed. Two issues have been taken to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; the first is the mishandling of the petitions and the second is the mismanagement of the process of encouraging a third party to take over the management.

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each others' culture, lifestyle and how they go about their Scouting. Contacts are made from all continents of the world. Computing and other 'tech base' activities were on offer including making pod cast, digital photography, music making, consol games, Scalextric and radio controlled cars.

The weekend after JOTI was the annual 'London Weekend', based this year on music and movies. The 22 girls, 11 boys and Leaders travelled into the Capital by train to the O2 Bubble where the morning and early afternoon was spent in the British Music Experience learning the history of music in the UK from the 40's to the present day. They saw 'old devices' such as Walkmans and Beatboxes – which many Scouts had never seen before! The Gibson interactive gallery was popular; as it was here they could play guitars, drums, sing and mix music. There was also a dance lesson booth where the young people learnt the dance moves to popular songs from the past 60 years. All of the interactive stuff was recorded on their 'Smart Ticket' so they could watch or listen to themselves via the internet when they got home.

After finding fame, it was then off to a famous landmark as the Scouts had special permission to go to 10 Downing Street. This was a surprise activity for them. They all got to pose for photos on the steps, and for one Scout, David Brown, he was invested in front of the famous black door. It was then off to the Hostel, via Bucking Palace, for rest food and to watch a film.

Sunday begun with a guided tour of the London Film Museum. They learnt about how props were made and used, saw some of the sets and artefacts from films such as Star Wars and Thunderbirds and saw the History of British Film Making by such studios as Pinewood. The final activity was to go to famous film landmarks such as where Bridget Jones was filmed and to Platform 9 ¾ at King Cross. It was a fun, educational and active weekend that everyone enjoyed. Planning for next year's trip to London is already well underway.

If you would like more information on the Scouts or to enquire about joining take a look at their website at [www.silverend-scouts.org.uk](http://www.silverend-scouts.org.uk). Membership is open to girls and boys aged 10 – 14.

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Children's Centre	Jane Carey	01376 556871 / 07876 656 043 jane.carey@4children.org.uk
Christian Fellowship	Silvia Wheatley	01376584201
Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	01376 583913 sharon@silverend.org
District Councillors	James Abbott & Philip Hughes (Green Party)	01376 584576 James_abbott@btinternet.com
Drama Club	Joan Hollocks	01376 584606
East Essex Caving Team	Nigel Wright	01376 583869 Chris.jnwright@tiscali.co.uk
First Responders	Melvyn Gymer	01376 585535 mgymmer58@btinternet.com
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Friendship Club	Jan Ockelford	01376 584326 ocksmail@btinternet.com
Gardening Club	Cynthia Wright	1376 583485 cynthiawright@btinternet.com
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Jack & Jill Pre School	Michelle Dunn	01376 583048 youngmichelle@tiscali.co.uk
Luncheon Club	Helen Thompson	01376 587976
Mums & Tots	Elizabeth Bradley	01376 583618 Beth4red@aol.com

Naturecare	Simon Taylor	01621 810141 / 07947 388180 <a href="mailto:simon@e2e.silverend.org">simon@e2e.silverend.org</a>
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Silver End School	Carolyn Joyce	01376 583353
Silver End United football	Mark Edgell	01376 584639
St Francis Church	Church Warden	01376 513375
St Marys RC Church	Vivian Phillips	01376 583598
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Western Arms Football	Kim Hollocks	01376 584606
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