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Quendon & Rickling  
Parish  
and Church

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## NEWS

November 2022

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*2022 Harvest Team  
See article inside!*



**Priest in Charge of the parish of Quendon and Rickling, Coordinating Chaplain Stansted Airport (2 days per week)**

The Rev'd. Peter Allen, The Vicarage, 5, Meadowford, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 3QL

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                                  **Rickling:** TBA

**Treasurer -**           **Quendon and Rickling:** Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

# From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Peter Allen,

Priest-in-Charge of Newport with Widdington, Quendon and Rickling.

Letter from Peter

November always heralds Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, a time of year when I'm reminded of George who served in the Army during the Second World War and who once vividly recounted to me an horrific experience he had which had etched itself indelibly upon his memory. The raw and painful emotion displayed by George as he retold his story wasn't easy to witness and seemed especially sad as it was being displayed by a man who by this time was aged eighty years and not given to displays of this nature.

George's story, which I heard some years ago now made me acutely aware that as we quite rightly remember the fallen whose names are written upon war memorials all across the United Kingdom, there are those for whom the experiences of conflict don't come into focus on one day each year only. Sadly not long after hearing George's story he had a fall coming out of the local community centre and he never recovered from his injuries; he died not long after. It seemed to me an undeserved way to leave this life for a man who in his younger life gave so much, saw so much, and then carried so much.



As the years continue to pass and the men and women of George's generation become smaller in number, remembering the cost of conflict is as important and relevant as ever. The scars that George carried speak also of the scars the world continues to carry not only because of the two world wars of twentieth century, but also from every conflict in every place at any time, including in our own day. Our remembering shines a light on any and all conflicts, in which many, whether service personnel or civilians are losing their lives and many more Georges are being created. If our hearts feel any compassion and pain as we watch ongoing conflicts on our television screens, how much more does God's. I know for many war and conflict call into question the whole idea of a loving, caring God or whether there is a God at all.



Yet for others it is only the belief of there being a loving, caring, and just God that keeps hope alive that God's good desire for all his creation will win out over our the worst the dark side of humanity continually expresses into the world.

Further to this hope, Christianity is a faith which understands God to be present in some way within the suffering of the world, which in the end comes down to the suffering of real people, innocent people, vulnerable people. That this is so is most clearly seen in the person of Christ, who is mysteriously fully divine, yet fully human, who himself was plunged into some of the worst pain humans can inflict on other humans. In Christ we see God on the receiving end and sharing in the suffering of the world, and from within its unspeakable pain and degradation bringing hope that the kind of pain humans inflict on each other will not be the final state of humankind. The resurrection of Christ illustrates and points to a future resurrection of humankind to a life that will not be plagued with such conflicts, pain, injustice, and tragedy. Basically God in Christ has shown us the end he has planned for humankind, where justice, love, mercy, and peace, will be the victors, and he calls us to follow Christ in living now with this vision of hope in view and working with God's Spirit towards this end in our own lifetime.

May we all remember this Remembrance Day with sober reflection on the cost to so many and discover in Christ the God who shows us a better way, calls us to work for peace, and who keeps hope alive in our hearts.

With love and prayers for all, Pete

## Remembrance Sunday

10.50am by the memorial in Newport churchyard  
followed by a service within church.

6pm Quendon church

All Welcome



## Church Services in the Benefice

### Sunday 6th November

9.30am Communion Newport  
11.15am Shoe Box Sunday Widdington Village Hall

### Sunday 13th November

10.50am Remembrance Sunday Newport  
**6pm Remembrance Sunday Quendon**

### Sunday 20th November

9.30am Communion Newport  
11.15am Communion Widdington

### Sunday 27th November - (1st in Advent)

9.30am Morning Worship Newport  
11.15am Communion Widdington

### Sunday 4th December

11.15am Christingle Widdington

### Sunday 11th December

10am Messy Church Christingle Newport  
6.30pm Carol Service Newport

### Sunday 18th December

9.30am Sunday Club Nativity Service Newport  
3pm Carol Service Widdington  
**7pm Carol Service Quendon**

### Sunday 24th December

3pm Crib Service Widdington  
**4pm Crib Service Rickling**  
5pm Crib Service Newport  
11.30pm Midnight Communion Newport

### Christmas Day

**9am Christmas Communion Quendon**  
10am Celebration Service Newport  
11.15am Christmas Communion Widdington (Lloyd)

## Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the October 2022 Winners

1st	A Bishop	£32
2nd	C Mackrill	£21
3rd	M Tissot	£10

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club generates a source of funds for the Village Hall and both our two churches, All Saints, Rickling and St Simon & St Jude, Quendon.

## Monthly Litter Pick

"Thank you heroes!" was the comment made by passers by during the October litter pick.

We don't see ourselves as heroes, just proud villagers who want to keep the environment looking clean and tidy. Can you spare a few minutes (well 30-50 actually) once in a while to help keep our village looking pristine.

The next litter picks will be;

November Saturday 5th

December Sunday 4th

Meet at the Cricketer's @ 10:00

Please let us know ([tddqrpc@gmail.com](mailto:tddqrpc@gmail.com)) if you can participate. Picking sticks, hi-viz vests provided. We'll even buy you a coffee in the pub afterwards.

Thank you.

The Parish Council



**Social  
activity**



**For anyone!**



**Oops. Wrong "litter"**

# HENHAM

# Christmas

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### FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

### 1pm to 8pm

*Held in two halls for twice the shopping experience*

## OSCA Hall & Henham Village Hall

£1 donation at entry will see you into both halls for double the shopping and double the festivities

**All proceeds go to Bowel Cancer UK**

**•Stalls available include•**

*Home & Lifestyle, Candles, Chocolates, Jewellery, Cards, Soaps, Christmas Decorations, Jams/Chutneys, Handbags & Accessories, Stitched Items and many gift ideas.*

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# Mahler 9

**Gustav Mahler**  
*Symphony No.9*

Conductor  
**Robert Hodge**  
Leader  
**Phillippa Barton**

**West Road Concert Hall**  
**Saturday 26 November 2022 7.30pm**

Tickets: £20 Adult, £10 Student, £6 under 14  
Available from [www.ccsso-online.org/](http://www.ccsso-online.org/) /  
ADC Ticketing 01223 300085

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JOSEPH HAYDN  
**The Creation**

Saffron Walden Choral Society  
Chameleon Arts Orchestra

Richard Carr *harpsichord*  
Rebecca Bottone *soprano*  
Bradley Smith *tenor*  
Morgan Pearse *baritone*  
Quintin Beer *conductor*

**Saturday 12 November 2022, 7.30pm**

**Saffron Hall**

Ticket Prices £20, £28 & £35 (under 25s half-price)  
Tickets available from: [www.saffronhall.com](http://www.saffronhall.com)

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## Parish Information

### Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. If any newcomers to the village have not received a copy of the pack, do please let the Clerk know on the contact details below and a welcome pack will be provided. If an e-mail address is provided the pack can be sent digitally.

### Allotments (part of the Quendon Hall Estate):

- Peter Warwick, No.5 Thistley Crescent, Green Road, Rickling
- Telephone: **01799 543526**

### Highway Problems

The Essex Highways website is available for anyone noticing a problem to report it: <http://www.essexhighways.org/Report-a-problem.aspx>  
A tracking facility for all reported faults is available.

### Contact our Parish Council

Details of Parish Council meetings may be found on the village web-site <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk> and on village notice boards. All are welcome to attend.

The Parish Clerk is Keith Williams

Email: [quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com)

Telephone: **01279 814473**

### Contact our District Councillors

Email: [cllremanuel@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cllremanuel@uttlesford.gov.uk)

Telephone: **01799 543487**

Mobile Telephone: **07801 039550**

Email: [cllrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk)

Telephone: **01799 540411**

Mobile Telephone: **0745 4687748**

See also monthly report in every issue of *The Link*.

### Contact our County Councillor

Cllr Raymond Gooding

Essex County Council

County Hall, Duke Street

Chelmsford, CM1 1LX

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Telephone: **01279 813103**

Mobile Telephone: **07778 643759**

### Contact our Member of Parliament

Kemi Badenoch, MP

House of Commons,

London, SW1A 0AA

Email: [kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk)

Telephone: **0207 219 1943**



## From the Parish Council Chair

Dear Villagers,

Welcome to autumn – season of changing leaves, cosiness and complaining about the nights drawing in...

We had a productive **Autumn Daze** event back at the start of October with the now – almost – traditional pumpkin competition being augmented significantly by several local craft stalls, food trucks, and apple pressing. A whopping 18kg specimen saw Jo Kitcat carry away the Pumpkin Cup – what's your secret, Jo? We and a gang of burly youths also pressed about forty litres of apple juice. Many thanks to all who came along to take part, set up and run stalls and cleared away afterwards.

A reminder to all who are walking dogs to keep them under control especially around other dogs. Keep your **dogs** close to you and on a lead if they get particularly excited – it's hard to estimate the effect of your dog on others! Oh – and do dispose of their excretions properly, as a reminder you can use standard litter bins for disposal of it, if a dog waste bin isn't close by. Better still: take it home and dispose of it yourself.

We were expecting to begin consultation on the development sites (**Call for Sites**) for the Local Plan this month. It was pushed back to December, but now that date has been significantly delayed itself. We understand that the planning and local plan teams at UDC have lost a number of people, and it'll take time to build the team up again. As mentioned before, it's worth a delay to get this stage right. The overall timeline of the Local Plan will be pushed out as a result, I'm afraid, probably to the end of 2023 or even the start of 2024.

That delay brings to the fore the state of our own **Neighbourhood Plan** (NhP). This has stood us in good stead as a bulwark against speculative development since it was adopted over a year ago. However the sites identified in the NhP have largely been developed, so the Steering Committee is beginning a process of reviewing the Plan, with an additional aim being to include additional sections where appropriate. Needless to say this will take some effort and if spread around becomes bearable. If anyone would like to get involved with this review (and learn about the significance of the Plan and contribute to making it as effective as possible), then do please get in touch through our Parish Clerk (details on page 4 and on the noticeboards).

As regards the grassy **wildlife areas** around the village. Now is the right time to cut back the grass to ensure that wildflowers have set their seed for next year, so we have commissioned a firm to come and cut and cart away the grass which will be done in the next few weeks.

We have also got the green light to do some work to improve the health of the pond on the Green and the one on Brick Kiln Lane. Earlier in the year we commissioned a survey on the state of these ponds, which is available on the website (<https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk/local-information/village-ponds/>) and we are looking for volunteers to come forward and lend a hand with getting some of the reed out and cutting down excess vegetation. Please contact me ([tddqrpc@gmail.com](mailto:tddqrpc@gmail.com)) or Paul Wilsher if you can help out.

On the same subject of trimming – we have been told that Highways have a plan to cut back the vegetation on the footway along the B1383 Cambridge Road before the end of the year – finally! No exact dates set yet but we will keep on pushing on this project, rest assured.

On the subject of frustrating activity against immovable organisations ... mobile phone coverage. We've been in contact with our MP to highlight the coverage holes throughout our village. Of course this isn't a problem solely for us, but I think as a rural MP she has the bit between her teeth to highlight the issues of coverage in villages such as hers (Clavering when in the constituency) and ours. More on this issue elsewhere in this issue!

As we roll up towards the end of the year I saw on Facebook a pertinent post – our recent spate of Chancellors lined up with the month they were in charge – July=Sunak, August=Javid, September=Kwarteng, October=Hunt ... I'm excited: only two more chancellors till Christmas!

And finally ... we are always looking for more willing hands and minds to join our merry crew! Well, life on the PC as a councillor is not quite so cringingly jolly but it's interesting and rewarding. Come along and lend a hand! Details of how to contact us are on page 4, on noticeboards and on the website <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk/>

Best wishes and keep warm,

*Tom Duncan.*

## District Councillors' Report

### Update on the Local Plan

You may have seen the announcement that the Local Plan has been paused to allow further work to be done to ensure that the evidence base for the plan is as robust as possible. Over recent months a new Director of Planning has been recruited (Dean Hermitage, whose last post was

with the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities in Westminster) and a new interim manager for the local plan team (John Clements, who has substantial experience in developing local plans, particularly for rural areas). The requirement from national government is for us to build 14,000+ additional

## District Councillors' Report (cont.)

houses in the district in the next 20 years. This is not an easy task in a district with minimal nationally significant infrastructure to support such growth, particularly on top of that already experienced in the last decade. We must be innovative to deliver the quantum of housing that the government requires in this district.

### Update on Neighbourhood Plan

The Newport Quendon and Rickling Neighbourhood Plan is a very useful document that has proved its worth in the course of many planning applications and several appeals already in each of the villages. When considering the benefits, harms and policies associated with a planning application, the planning officer or inspector will determine the weight associated with each element. The Neighbourhood Plan carries most weight within the first two years following adoption; following this the plan policies will continue to have full weight, but the spatial policies (which determine where development is acceptable) will begin to lose weight and will eventually be deemed out of date.

We want the plan to carry the maximum weight possible for as long as possible, so have begun the review process by discussing the next steps with a planning consultant to

gain a better understanding of how we can refine and improve the plan. If anyone would like to join the steering committee to be part of the review please contact either Neil or Judy.

### Councillor Surgeries

These are in Dorringtons every Friday from 10.30 to 11.30. If we have to cancel these, we will post on the village Facebooks.

*Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves*

Our contact details are:



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01799 543487 or 07801 039550

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01799 540411 or 0745 4687748



### Other News from Uttlesford District Council

You can get email newsletters and alerts on a whole range of topics via Keep me posted – sign up and find out more at [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/keepmeposted](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/keepmeposted).

**Rickling and Quendon Community Café**  
Quendon and Rickling village Hall, Cambridge Road,  
Quendon CB11 3XQ

**Saturday November 5th**  
**1pm -5pm**



**Bric a Brac**  
**Tombola**  
**Christmas cards**  
**Nearly New clothes**  
**Refreshments**  
**Raffle**  
**Jumble**

Phone Carole or Angela on 01799 543807/218061

### **Rickling/Quendon Community Café**

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,  
Quendon CB11 3XQ



## **Fun Bingo**

**Wednesday 16th November**  
**Coffee Morning**  
**10.00am-12.00pm**

**Please contact:**

**Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807**

The money raised from the Sale on 5th November 2022 is going to finance a Christmas Party in the village hall on the 21st December 2022 at 12.00.

We provide this service to members of the club free, and if you would like to become a member the annual fee is £3.00.

However if you would like to come along and take part in the celebration anyone is welcome and the charge will be £12.50. Please contact myself or Carole on 01799 218061/ 543807 to book a place; we would love to see you there.

*Angela Hutton, Community Café*



## Quendon Estate & Maces Farms

Following on from a busy harvest and drilling campaign (see cover picture), on behalf of all of us at Maces Farms we would like to say thank you to everyone for their understanding and awareness of our movements. Amidst a record breaking heatwave, harvest was a success and we are truly grateful that we avoided any fire outbreaks which unfortunately some neighbouring landowners encountered. Thank you for your help and cooperation with mitigating such risk.

After recent meetings with Parish Council representatives, we wish to share more information associated with our agricultural operations forming Maces Farms. One way we are doing this is through commissioning a number of information boards to be located at various public footpaths, bridleways and byways across the Quendon Estate. Each information board will have a QR code for passers-by to scan to obtain up to date information about the crops planted in the surrounding fields, husbandry operations performed to date and the end markets the crops will go towards. Furthermore, information on flora, fauna and wildlife known in the area will be available as well as details on forthcoming countryside initiatives planned, such as the planting new trees, hedgerow establishment and ongoing establishment of our various stewardship margins.



**2022 Harvest: Combine – Beau Rollings**



**2022 Drilling: – Mark Gemmill**

We aim to have the information boards installed before the end of the year, so upon arrival please do give them a try and provide us with your feedback.

Residents who would like to pose questions to the team directly will have the opportunity to do so through our regular community surgeries, held at Maces Farm office. Our doors are open to all residents who wish to learn more about the Quendon Estate and Maces Farms. The first workshop will be held on **Wednesday 7th December 2022**

starting at 10am and finishing at 6pm. If you would like to book a time to visit, please do email Robert Timmins: [RTimmins@pegasi.co.uk](mailto:RTimmins@pegasi.co.uk)

Other initiatives we are interested to explore include working closer with the village school to organise nature trails and provide arable farm teachings to provide a field to plate journey. We are also excited to be working with the Parish Council to organise a Parish boundary walk in summer 2023.

We look forward to providing further updates in due course.

*Robert Timmins*

*Resident Agent & Company Surveyor*

*Tel: +44 (0) 207 245 4510*

### Reporting Crime

**For Crimes and suspicious activity NOW phone**

**999**

For other non-urgent contact and reporting a crime that has already happened

**101**

**Alternatively you can report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes online at <https://www.essex.police.uk/> and click on the appropriate button**

**Action Fraud** is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

If you have been defrauded i.e. lost money phone or report online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>

**0300 123 2040**

If someone has tried to defraud you but you have not lost money, phone or report online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing> or, if the attempt was by Email, by forwarding it complete to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

**CRIMESTOPPERS** To give information anonymously phone or report it online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

**0800 555 111**

***The information you provide is very important to us, so please make sure that we can use it effectively, by reporting it correctly through the proper channels. Thank you.***



## Saffron Walden Museum

The museum for north-west Essex



### **Starting this month: Bone Black: a brief history of colours**

Sat 12 Nov – Sun 19 March 2022

An exhibition exploring the making, meaning and use of colours from prehistory to the present day.



### **Rare plant returns**

Few-flowered fumitory was identified in a museum flower bed back in June during a botanical survey of the Museum and Castle site.



This plant is classed as 'vulnerable' by the conservation charity Plantlife and is a chalk-soil specialist restricted to suitable areas of eastern and southern England.

The feathery leaves in the photo show a new seedling of the plant which we hope will survive the winter or have a very sudden growth spurt to flower and set seed again before winter.

### **Pargetting Researcher**

Anna Kettle has begun a joint placement here at the Museum and with SPAB (the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings). She is documenting and researching all the instances of pargeting on buildings in the town.



Pargeting is the ornamentation of plastered and rendered building facades that would otherwise be smooth, lined-out or roughcast.

Wooden stamps and combs were often used to render the designs in the wet plaster. The finished effect is very distinctive and still regularly seen in Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages.

We expect that small displays and activities relating to this researcher project will be held at the museum and in the town early next year as the project progresses. Stay tuned to find out more about these and more about Anna's project over the coming months.

### **Project Update: Greater in Spirit, Larger in Outlook**

Epping Forest District Museum in Waltham Abbey and Saffron Walden Museum have received an Arts Council National Lottery project grant of £100,000 to work in partnership on their world culture collections.

The aim of the project is to ensure the museums and their collections reflect their diverse communities by working directly with cultural groups to research different objects and tell their stories.

The project's title, 'Greater in Spirit, Larger in Outlook' is inspired by Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia from 1930 to 1974. Museum staff will work with relevant community groups including the Ethiopian History Society, to explore, explain and exhibit the collection leading to a new permanent display at Epping Forest District Museum, due to be completed by the end of 2022.

The project has begun to work with relevant community and cultural groups linked to the world cultures collections in preparation for the major temporary exhibition in 2023 at Epping Forest Museum for this project.

Alice Lodge, has now been employed in the role of Collections Connector on the project and is splitting her time between both museums. On Fridays, you will see her researching in the World Cultures gallery here.

For more about the project: <https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/museum-world-culture-collections-project/>

### **Collections on the Move**

On Monday 26 September removal company Eezeemovers, helped us to move our costume and textile collection stored at the museum to our external store on the Shire Hill industrial estate.

The museum costume store was essentially an overgrown walk-in cupboard, but you can see from this image of all the boxes once they'd been moved to Shire Hill (pictured left), it must have been a bit of a tardis and actually fitted in quite a few boxes!



It took 4 hours to move everything out of the museum's costume store and a further 2 hours to unpack it out of the van and get it all onto the racks at Shire Hill!

This is the start of work to improve the storage conditions for these collections. They will gradually be repacked, re-organised, researched and documented. We hope to be able to hang the long garments on padded hangers in calico bags eventually, so they will no longer have to be folded in boxes, which can over time cause damage to them.

**If you or anyone you know is skilled at sewing by hand or at using a sewing machine and could spare us some time. It would be great if we could get some volunteers to help make up calico bags with velcro fastenings and sew padding onto wooden hangers for this project.**



## Saffron Walden Museum (cont.)

Contact the Museum by email at [museum@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:museum@uttlesford.gov.uk) or ring **01799 510333** and use the reference Costume Project if you would like to be involved.

### Object of the Month

The Museum's 'Object of the Month' provides an opportunity to explore interesting and unusual objects from our store.



Saffron Walden Museum©

During October we celebrated the Lost Language of Nature project, with repair work to this alpine swift. This bird has been cleaned and had its base refreshed to help preserve it for future exhibitions, and will be on temporary display in the Museum throughout October. Alpine swifts spend the warmer months around the Mediterranean Sea and further east, or in southern Africa, and spend the cooler months in parts of east and west Africa. They are related to the

common swifts we see in Britain but are noticeably bigger.

Old beliefs about swifts said that they had no feet, and the scientific name of the common swift and related birds including the alpine swift and hummingbirds, even comes from the Ancient Greek for 'without feet'.

Saffron Walden Museum wants to hear your stories about wildlife and nature in your life, or that you know from parents or grandparents to help create more interesting, relevant and diverse displays in the future.

Head to our website for more information or pick up a

postcard in the Museum to join in.

### Learning & Outreach

Saffron Walden Museum is committed to sharing stories from its collections through its learning and outreach services.

We welcome schools and community groups to the Museum or offer outreach sessions.

Why not book in your school or community group.

Our loan boxes are also available for hire, at £18 for 6 weeks, and will be quarantined in between hires to ensure they are Covid secure.

### Visiting the Museum!

Our standard opening hours are:

Wednesday-Saturday 10-5pm

Sundays & Bank Holidays 2-5pm

Closed Mondays (apart from bank holidays)

Tuesdays are reserved for pre-booked group visits by schools and other parties in term time.

### Joining in

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team on a regular basis. We would also be delighted to hear from volunteers who are able to provide adhoc 'cover' for our regular shift volunteers when they have planned absences such as holidays, hospital appointments, etc.

To find out more about these and 'Learning and Support' volunteer opportunities please contact the museum using the details below.

For full details of our opening times and to book online:

Website: [www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org](http://www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org)

Email: [museum@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:museum@uttlesford.gov.uk)

Phone: **01799 510333**

## Mobile Phone coverage in the parish

I've had a look at the OfCom coverage maps and generally the Indoors coverage map is, in my experience, a reasonable predictor of Outdoors coverage. Mobile network maps are estimated by computer and do not generally take sufficient notice of obstacles such as woods when predicting coverage; as a result they are always optimistic in rolling countryside like ours.

What the maps tell me is for 4G/Data:

- EE is best for the southern edge along Cambridge Road and best of a bad bunch for most of Rickling Green
- O2 is best for Brick Kiln Lane/Coney Acre
- Vodafone is best for the north end of Quendon
- Three is pretty useless

For Voice/Text:

- Vodafone is best for the north end of Quendon
- O2 is best across the whole parish but
- Virtually everywhere is poor
- Three is useless

It's really the mast location which controls how good our coverage is. There are no masts from which we get a signal

## Mobile Phone coverage in the parish (cont.)

from any operator less than three kilometres away from the village. The closest EE mast is at Cherry Green (past Henham), for instance - that's quite a long way away and there are woods in between which will disrupt the signal.

However, from a mobile operator's map though it looks like mast density is excellent - because there's a slew of masts along the M11. Those are generally aligned north-south and provide no coverage to villages east-west of the motorway.

You may have heard there is a project afoot called the Shared Rural Network (SRN) which is intended to remove not-spots (where there is no mobile coverage at all) and partial not-spots (where there is coverage from some but not all operators. Alas in communication with the SRN team it's apparent there are no plans for any improvement for us from that source; we're not sufficiently "not" a spot.

I am in conversation with and have expressed the concerns regarding lack of coverage to our MP who has promised she will look into the issues and push our case with the SRN in particular.

The coverage maps are on the village website: <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk/local-information/mobile-phone-coverage/>

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## "Quickling" Village Pumpkin Growing Competition

A massive thank you to everyone who took part in this year's village pumpkin competition. We had entries of all sorts of various shapes and sizes, with the outright winner coming in at a hefty 18kg!!

Congratulations Jo Kitcat. You are this year's clear champion!

Well done.

If you're interested in taking part in next year's Village Pumpkin Competition, please contact the parish council with your name & address.



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## Untraced caller!

I have had a voicemail enquiry for outside painting work on 26th September at 9am but sadly there was no name or return call number on the message.

I have been unable to trace the caller id but would like to get in touch with the lady caller if possible.

I would appreciate any response to this and look forward to making contact with the lady.

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I live in Stansted Mountfitchet. The name is an interesting one: Stansted derives from Saxon language meaning stony place; Mountfitchet is a corruption of Montfiquet, a village in Normandy. A man from there fought with William the Conqueror and was rewarded with land in Stansted.



Several of the Hundred Parishes have names ending in the Saxon STED, STEAD or TED. THAXted refers to the thatch that could be obtained there; BROXted seems to come from BROCK, the old name for badger.

Many of our towns and villages were recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Duxford appears as Duchesuorde, or Duc's Enclosure. Duxford has a number of locations where ancient travellers could FORD the River Cam. There are several more FORDs.



Domesday includes the manor of Pelham, possibly the home or farm of a man called Peola. The Norman family



De Funeux added its name to establish Funeux Pelham, while part of the manor was destroyed by fire in the twelfth century and became 'burnt' or Brent Pelham. Stocking Pelham, seems to have adopted an Old English word meaning 'made of logs', perhaps referring to the parish church.

HAM appears at the end of more parish names, suggesting that they also arose from someone's home or farm.

The parish of Quendon and Rickling was created in the 1940s, bringing together two settlements whose names related to an ancient queen. Quendon is recorded as



Kuenadana in Domesday and may come from Old English words meaning a valley owned by the queen. Rickling was recorded as Richelinga and may be derived from Rricula who was the wife of Sledd, a 6th-century ruler of Essex.



**Tsch - spelling!**

Ten parish names end in ING, a Norse word for meadow or enclosure

More origins are discussed in the parish introductions on our website.

**Ken McDonald, Secretary**

## Quendon Bowling Club News

The Bowling season has now ended and the green “put to bed”. This involved a few days' hard work from some of the members to scarify, hollow tine, re-seed and then spread 5 tonnes of top dressing across the bowling surface before the rain came.

Although outdoor bowling has ended for the season, we have a team that plays indoor bowls at the Turpin's centre in Saffron Walden on a Thursday throughout the winter. We will keep you posted on our progress.



For those who prefer a lighter form of play on most Wednesday evenings, starting at 7.00, we have a game of carpet bowls that we play in the clubhouse.

### SOCIAL EVENINGS

We successfully started our Friday social evenings at the beginning of October, and all who have attended expressed their thanks for the opportunity to socialise in a friendly and welcoming environment. Apart from enjoying the bar, those who came played pool, darts and there was a very competitive table games section that produced shrieks of laughter.



Going forward from November, we will be opening the clubhouse on the Second and Fourth Friday of the month. All are welcome, but regular visitors will have to take out a social membership that is currently £20 p.a., which is very reasonable considering the facilities, and the very competitive bar we have to offer, not to mention some very friendly people.



You may have seen the notice in the Parish Notice Boards, that on Friday 11th November our social evening will be a Race Night. If you would like to come, please try book in advance as our numbers are limited and we would not like to turn anyone away on the evening.



Gates open at 7.00pm with the first race at 7.45. Full programme of 8 races. Licensed bar, raffle and refreshments. To book contact Ray Hart at [ray-janice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ray-janice@hotmail.co.uk).

Finally did you know that you can hire the Clubhouse for your function, including the bar, for £80.00?

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Learn, Laugh and Live

Lots of celebrations have been taking place this year for the 40th Anniversary of the u3a. In Stansted the U3A Singers held a concert in St. John's Church to celebrate the great gift of love. Members were also treated to a tea party, with lots of home-baked cakes served by members of the committee, who made splendid waiters. We had a superb quiz on 'How much do you know about Stansted'. Great questions... just wish we had known the answers.

Our Open Day in St John's Church showcased many of the interest groups and activities that we offer including musical items by the Stansted u3a Singers and Strummers. There was also the 'Cutting of the Cake' iced in the colours of the u3a. We hope that we inspired you to come to one of our future meetings.

The Gardening Club, one of our most successful groups has been finding out about Langhorn's Plantery where they had a complete tour of the nursery. Ed Cannon,

owner and Head Plantsman was generous with his time and knowledge as he gave them a conducted tour of his 12 acre site. The nursery propagates from many rare plants each year, many acquired from modern day plant hunters.

It was particularly fortuitous that our visit followed an Open Week-End when tea and cakes had been sold in support of 'British Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine'.

We were particularly grateful to Ed because he was usually closed on a Monday but gave up his day off to host us, even giving us tea and cake in his own garden, when he must have been exhausted.

Our next meeting will be held in St. John's Hall at 2.00 p.m. on 17th November. Peter Jones will be giving a talk on 'How I met Kylie Minoghe'. His talks are always highly entertaining. Do come.

*Eileen Quinn*



## What can you do to avoid nuisance marketing calls?



If you or a person you know has received a nuisance marketing call, make sure you report it to the Information Commissioner's Office.

There are two types of nuisance marketing call that the ICO covers - live and automated. Live calls are from a real person, which you haven't consented to receive. Automated calls are pre-recorded marketing messages played when you answer the phone.

There are a few things you can do to avoid receiving these calls:

- 1 Register your landline or mobile phone number with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) <https://www.tpsonline.org.uk/register>. Companies should check against this list before they make marketing calls.
- 2 Check privacy statements when you provide your phone number.
- 3 Be careful when ticking boxes so that you do not give consent for companies to contact you or use your personal information.
- 4 Ask the company to stop calling you. If they don't, report them to the ICO <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

### The ICO does take action.

#### Catalogue retailer Easylife fined £1.48 million for breaking data protection and electronic marketing laws

We've fined Easylife, a catalogue retailer, £1.35 million for using the personal information of 145,400 customers to predict their medical condition and target them with health-related products without their consent.

Our investigation found that Easylife made assumptions about people's health and profiled them based on their purchase history without their knowledge. Easylife

would then market a health product to them without their consent.

For example, if a person bought a jar opener or a dinner tray, Easylife would use this information to presume the person had arthritis. They would then target the person with marketing calls to sell glucosamine joint patches. This is against the law.

We have also fined Easylife £130,000 for making 1,345,732 predatory direct marketing calls to people registered with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS).

#### Four firms fined for targeting people with home improvement predatory marketing calls

We've fined four companies a total of £370,000 for making over 820,000 home improvement predatory marketing calls to people registered with the TPS. Many of the complainants were vulnerable or elderly, with some having ongoing health conditions.

The four firms are:

**Eco Spray Insulations Ltd** - based in Eastleigh, Hampshire. They made 178,190 calls to people registered with the TPS. We fined them £100,000.

**Euroseal Windows Ltd** - based in Newcastle-under-Lyme. They made 169,830 calls to people registered with the TPS. We fined them £80,000 and issued them with an enforcement notice.

**Green Logic UK Ltd** - based in Derby. They made 11,825 calls to people using lists sourced from a number of companies. They did not check this data against the TPS and used different trading names when making calls. We fined them £40,000 and issued them with an enforcement notice.

**Posh Windows UK Ltd** - based in Stoke-on-Trent. They made 461,062 calls using details sourced from a data marketing company. We fined them £150,000.

## Don't let the pests get away with it! Report them!

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## What's On

Where no organiser is shown for any event in Q&R Village Hall, contact the Hall Manager, Christine Osbourn on 01799 543367 for details

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Saffron Searchers	1st Monday in month	20.00-22.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Pilates	Mondays	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 07742 182272
Dog Training	Mondays	20.00-21.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Dance Exercise	Tuesdays	10.30-11.30	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Dance Exercise	Tuesdays	14.30-15.30	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Community Café	3rd Weds in month	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	Wednesdays	11.15-13.15	Q&R Village Hall	
Carpet Bowls	Wednesdays	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Buffy Playbus	Fridays	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Q+R Golf Society	4th November	tee@10.00	Bishop's Stortford GC	contact: <a href="mailto:semhartley@aol.com">semhartley@aol.com</a>
Litter Picking	5th November	10.00	Cricketer's Arms	
Jumble Sale	5th November	13.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	See p6
Race Night	11th November	19.00	Bowling Club	<a href="mailto:ray-janice@hotmail.co.uk">ray-janice@hotmail.co.uk</a>

## Emergency Life-saving

Should someone suffer a cardiac arrest or show symptoms of a heart attack e.g. pains in the chest, then your first action should always be to phone the ambulance service on 999. The service will refer you to our Automated External Defibrillator which is at the front entrance to Quendon & Rickling Village Hall. Another is sited outside Reception at the front of Rickling School. Anyone can save a life by using one of them until an ambulance arrives. In addition you can seek help from any of the volunteers listed below.

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Joanne Hales	07903 596011	Rickling Green
Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
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