

The Link

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by Thelma Wilson*

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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Peter Allen,

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

As I write this article we are in a period of national mourning at the death of The Queen; hundreds of thousands of people are queuing for hours to view her lying in state and we are preparing for the first state funeral this country has witnessed in many years.

The last time the nation came together to mourn the passing of a senior royal was for Prince Philip in April 2021, when the Duke of Edinburgh was laid to rest in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. In line with Philip's wishes, he was not given a state funeral, instead receiving a ceremonial one. There were only 30 mourners present, in line with COVID restrictions at the time.

A state funeral is a public ceremony held to honour people of national significance, which observes strict protocol. It is a rare honour and is mostly reserved for the sovereign. The last sovereign state funeral was held in February 1952 following the death of George VI, Queen Elizabeth II's father. The only monarch not to be given a state funeral in the last 295 years was Edward VIII, who abdicated. One of the defining factors of a state funeral is the coffin being carried on a gun carriage drawn by sailors from the Royal Navy rather than horses. This is a tradition dating back from the funeral of Queen Victoria, after the horses drawing her coffin bolted, meaning sailors had to haul the coffin to the Royal Chapel in Windsor. Heads of state are then given a 21-gun salute.

I know there will be varying degrees of response from people because of the death of Queen, from hostility and lack of interest to a real felt sense of personal loss. Wherever we are on that spectrum, due to living in time awash with media we are all witnessing of the workings of our constitutional democracy and getting a fresh insight into the relationship between the government, the church, and the monarch and how these relationships are finally balanced offering checks and balances on each other at different times.

Witnessing this, two things have been brought home to me afresh. Firstly, how much the Queen's personal faith impacted upon her position, her responsibilities, and her dealings with people and peoples alike. Below is a quote from her Christmas speech of 2002.

"I know just how much I rely upon my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all the day brings, and to put my trust in God I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

Secondly, is the way in the United Kingdom the baton of power and authority is passed on peacefully and without bloodshed in our lands. History tells us this hasn't always been the case but today it is. In my view, this is something to be thankful for and not to be taken for granted, as such peaceful transition is not the experience of every nation, including those that are seen as great democracies.

The Bible has much to say about actions in relation to the governing authorities we find ourselves living with. And whilst such authorities need to be reviewed and challenged on occasions in order to evolve to match the times in which we live, the Bible recognises the relationship and responsibilities between governance and people. It also recognises the benefits of good governance and the results of bad governance. Below are just a two examples referring to such things.

"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct. This is good and it pleases God our Saviour..." 1 Timothy 2:1-3

"For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors." Proverbs 11:14

In conclusion, I for one am extremely grateful to have lived within the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, whose life and wisdom displayed a grounding in her Christian faith, but never to the exclusion of any of other faith and none. And whilst we may rightly question how we are governed from time to time, I'm also aware that things could be a lot worse. May those of us for whom prayer is something we engage in remember to hold our new King, Charles III in prayer, that he too may display the kind of lifestyle and wisdom his mother displayed. We may also pray for all those in governance over us, of whatever political persuasion and colour, that collectively they and our system of government, as Timothy says, may enable us and other nations to live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God.

Rev Pete

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 2nd October

9.30am Communion Newport
11.15am Harvest Festival incl. baptism Widdington

Sunday 9th October

9.30am All Age Service Newport
11.15am Communion **Quendon**

Sunday 16th October

9.30am Communion Newport
11.15am Communion Widdington

Sunday 23rd October

9.30am Morning Worship Newport
11.15am Communion **Rickling**

Sunday 30th October

10am Benefice Service **Quendon**

Sunday 6th November

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

Remembrance Sunday 13th November

10.50am Newport
6pm **Quendon**

Sunday 20th November

9.30am Communion Newport
Communion Widdington

Sunday 27th November (1st in Advent)

9.30am Morning Worship Newport
11.15am Communion Widdington

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Rickling: TBA

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

A new season for *The Link*

Revenue from advertising in *The Link* supports the maintenance of our two church buildings. As noted in the last issue, this includes another round of repair and maintenance of Quendon's iconic church tower, which is due to be completed in November.

Our regular advertising, mostly on the final pages, runs mostly according to an annual season from October to September, so with this issue we start a new one. We are very grateful for our advertisers' loyalty during the last season and are pleased to note that very nearly all have renewed for the next year.

The Link is proud to support our local businesses and we wish them continued success!

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

CRIMESTOPPERS To give information anonymously phone or report it online at 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.

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

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Contact our District Councillors

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

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From the Parish Council Chair

Dear Villagers,

The colour green has been absent from the village for quite a chunk of July and August - it's great to welcome it back, and I hope your garden has started to recover its verdant luxury.

As we have been in a period of national mourning following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth the September Parish Council meeting has not (yet) been held. That doesn't mean nothing has been happening since July, though!

Firstly - looking forward, assuming you've received your copy of The Link early and have dived straight into it. The **Autumn Daze** event will be held on the Green on the afternoon of Saturday 1st October from 1pm - in the afternoon after the rescheduled Fun Run.

Star attraction will be the Village Pumpkin Competition at 2pm - bring your pumpkins grown from the seeds distributed earlier in the year and get them weighed in.

As well as a number of local craft stalls there will be an outside bar and food trucks, and the village's apple press will be hard at work - come along with some apples for pressing, or just lend a hand pressing the apples others have brought, quaff some freshly pressed apple juice and enjoy the fruits of your labour!

The replacement for the broken bench outside the pub I'm afraid won't yet be in place in time for Autumn Daze, but work to replace the bench, broken when driven into

(we think) earlier this year, should come to fruition in the autumn. Credit to Phil Sowter for having made it safe and semi-useable during these months.

As regards the **wildlife areas** round the village, these have intentionally been left to grow the grass long and to set wildflower seeds. We are engaging a specialist to come and cut down the long grass and tidy up before winter.

On the subject of wildlife, back in June we commissioned a management plan for the ponds in the village. This has now been delivered and we are working out which parts we will implement and when, as well as getting costs for the work. The pond management plan is available on the village website under Local Information.

As far as maintenance goes - the evident non-maintenance of the footway along the B1383 **Cambridge Road** remains a hot topic. Having engaged our MP (when she has been available separate from her leadership engagements), we have been pursuing the issue with Ray Gooding and Highways. We expect to hear in more detail of the plan for long-term management of the footways all along the B1383 in our next PC meeting. Gari Spearpoint continues to act the eager terrier pursuing this project. We'll get there, Gari!

Talking of hot topics, the **Call for Sites** decision has been delayed - again. If you need reminding, this is the consultation around the selected sites in Uttlesford that

From the Parish Council Chair (cont.)

UDC will list in the upcoming Local Plan for housing development over the next twenty years (there are four sites in the parish on the list but we do not know whether any of them have been selected). The initial list was to be published in early November for a three-week consultation period, but this has been delayed, with no published replacement date for the start of the consultation. Sigh - I suppose on reflection delaying it all to get it right is the better decision but it's frustrating! Keep watching this space.

The **Community Speedwatch** group is still a member or two short but we are getting there. We expect to get trained up and running in the autumn months. Please contact the Parish Clerk or Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird if you can help out. Many thanks to all who have already come forward to assist Ljiljana.

One of our number, Jennie Sutton, has moved house away from the village. Her expertise and enthusiasm have been very beneficial to the parish (especially in tidying it up!)

and we wish her and all her family all the best for the future. Thank you, Jennie!

There are now three vacancies on the council. We need volunteers to come forward and join us! If you're interested in finding out what's happening here, or feel you could help with decision-making in the village and could lend a hand in developing our community then please get in touch via the Parish Clerk, buttonhole one of the councillors or come along to one of our monthly meetings in the Village Hall. All the details are on the Parish website <https://www.quenondandrickling.co.uk> and meetings are advertised on the village noticeboards.

Well, that's it for the time being. We will be holding the September PC meeting near the end of the month so October's report will include any further points brought up then.

Let's raise a glass to autumn (and hope for a prolongation of a bit of the summer's warmth!)

Tom Duncan.

District Councillors' Report

Duty

I am writing this the day after the Queen's funeral. Everything which could be said, and needs to be said, maybe already has been said. So, what is there to say?

The Head of State is at the apex of our civil society. The structure builds up from individuals and parish councils to district councils, county councils (and unitary authorities), to national government and then to the monarch. Although the monarch's powers are very limited, the royal prerogative still exists and according to Wikipedia *'The monarch remains constitutionally empowered to exercise the royal prerogative against the advice of the prime minister or the cabinet, but in practice would likely only do so in emergencies or where existing precedent does not adequately apply to the circumstances in question.'* Which is comforting that the UK might have a mechanism for removing a prime minister who refused to go. Unlike the US where the paranoid incumbent believing the election rigged, did not have a superior authority to immediately turf him out. Something which following Charles I, Cromwell, and a civil war, the Founding Fathers might have considered. Maybe there should have been a few Founding Mothers also writing the US constitution?

Of course, we get pot luck as to who the head of state is. Some monarchs have been excellent, others less so. Viewed from the opposite perspective the monarch does not choose the job. And in particular the Queen would reasonably have expected never to have that onerous duty, except for her uncle failing in his duty.

The title of this piece is Duty. The monarch doesn't have

a choice about doing their duty, except by abdicating. Whereas the rest of us do have a choice as to whether we take part in supporting civil society. Although we might think the government runs everything, the practicality is that apart from direct control of the military, the government sets legislation and other rules, but otherwise operates through quasi-independent bodies such as the Highways Agency and the NHS. But when it needs things done, as during the pandemic, it is councils the government turns to. And it is parish, district and county councils which deliver a vast range of everyday services for residents, and indeed take many decisions, which we may or may not be happy with.

Although the implementation work of councils is done by staff who are fully salaried and not elected, the same as any other businesses, our system of civil society also requires there to be councillors to supply policy guidance, set levels of council tax, make major decisions, represent and help residents, and in the case of the Planning Committee and Licensing Committee, work with officers to take decisions directly affecting the lives of individuals. Parish councils are statutory consultees on planning applications and overseers of all manner of local matters.

Quendon and Rickling parish council has vacancies! And one thing we can all do is vote. Less than half the population vote.

In the UDC offices are kept council minutes going back nearly 100 years. A selection I looked at was minutes for 21st October 1940, which for reference is when Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret did the radio broadcast

District Councillors' Report (cont.)

mostly aimed at the children who had been evacuated. (Broadcast on 13th October 1940 – the one ending ‘Goodnight, and good luck to you all’). What is striking is that wartime work and decisions are, without fuss, mixed in with normal council business. *‘The surveyor reported that numerous properties, including some Council Houses had been damaged by enemy action and that the Housing Repairs Department carried out first-aid repairs in some instances and permanently repaired the Council Houses; further that 72 feet of water main had been destroyed and a sewer damaged in a recent air raid on Stebbing’.*

Followed by discussion of requests for pay increases by council refuse staff, for example Mr Patient, a Refuse Tip Attendant & Salvage Foreman, had his pay increased from 50/- to 55/- per week. The cellars of a brewery in High Street Dunmow were to be used as Air Raid Shelters and the Sanitary Inspector, in the absence of the Surveyor, was instructed to carry out the necessary work. The rest of the minutes looked fairly similar to what

happens today. An example of people not just doing their normal duties, but doing everything else needed as well.

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 facebook.

Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

Our contact details are:



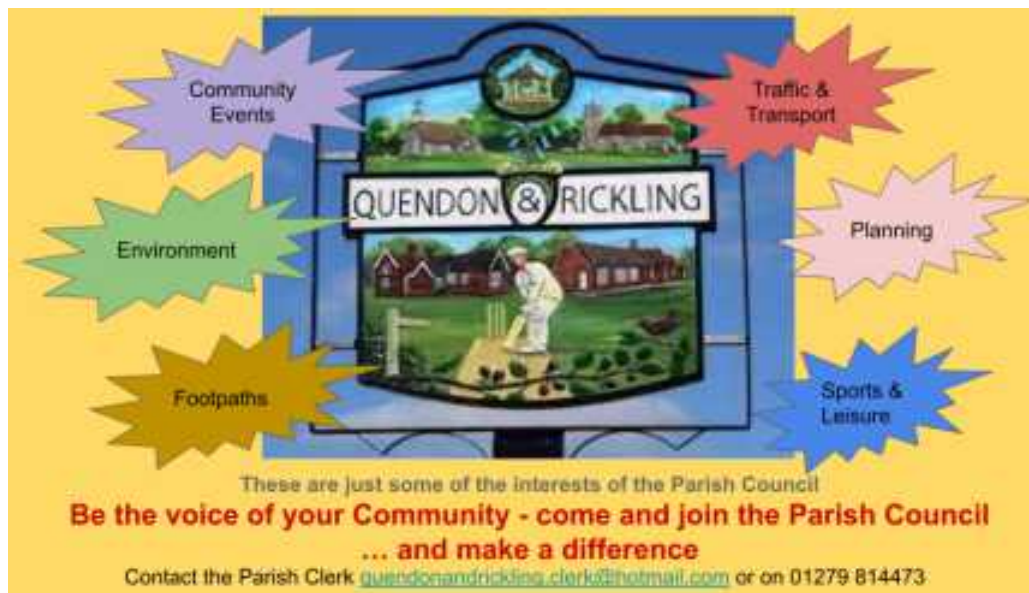
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Other News from Uttlesford District Council

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Quendon Church

As some may have noticed ladders were present at Quendon church recently. The tower work has begun, starting with work on the cupola. Unfortunately some substantial repair work needs to be undertaken to several of the uprights, with sections needing to be replaced when the work starts again. The rest of the tower will also be cleaned and repainted at that time.



Some of the damage could be filled

Some couldn't



We have recently had our tree report undertaken at Quendon church and some work on several of the trees has been identified, which will be dealt with in due course.



Object of the Month

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

To celebrate harvest time our 'Object of the Month' for September was the nest of a Harvest Mouse, *Micromys minutus*, made of woven grass. It was found in a clump of Knotgrass at Sweetings Meadow nature reserve, near Thaxted in 1999. The Harvest Mouse is Britain's smallest rodent. Weighing only 6 to 8 grams it is light enough to climb grass stems and reeds, using its paws and long prehensile tail to grip the stalks.



Harvest Mouse Nest

This is our only mouse able to build nests by weaving living grass leaves together. In summer and autumn, the mice live above ground in camouflaged nests.

Breeding nests are spherical and up to 10cm diameter in size to accommodate litters of two to eight young. Single mice build smaller, less robust nests up to 5cm in size. A Harvest Mouse survey in Essex found nests in the grass of roadside verges that bordered arable fields and in reedbeds, ditches, field edges and hedgerows. The nests may be sited in the base of a tussock of grass or up to a metre above ground in dense vegetation.

You can find some tiny Harvest Mice on the Natural History gallery. To see the blog on our website visit www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

Lost Language of Nature Family Fun Day held on Wed 17 August

Thanks to everyone who joined us for this one-off day of activities for the whole family as we launched a brand new art commission for Uttlesford to record, celebrate and share your lost or hidden stories about the plants and animals we see every day.

Visitors got up close and personal with fearsome birds of

prey; our storyteller took you on a journey to fairy tale times and fantastic wild places; you got to explore the Museum and Castle grounds like never before with bug hunts and plant surveys for important local wildlife; stepped back in time with a scythe demonstration in our wildflower meadow; and got making some great items to take home in Crafts at the Castle.



Shop Focus

With the kids heading back to school this month we would like to turn your attention to the broad range of items available at very reasonable prices in our gift shop.

Products are selected to align with the museum's exhibitions and events programme and branded with the museum's logo. Many are bespoke to the museum.

There are local history books and publications, greetings cards, cuddly toys, children's activity packs, stationary items, historic replica items, as well as beautiful gemstones and fossils.

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.

Would you like to join our team?

We are always looking for additional new volunteers to join our welcome desk team on a regular or adhoc basis.

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

Email: museum@uttlesford.gov.uk

Phone: 01799 510333

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the August and September 2022

Winners

August

1st	J Tissot	£32
2nd	C Mandy	£21
3rd	H Belton	£10

September

1st	P Ball	£32
2nd	K Gray	£21
3rd	M Atlee	£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.

There are fewer ex-Concorde pilots than USA astronauts, so we were very fortunate to have ex-Captain John Hutchinson to speak at our August meeting. His talk was called "Concorde a 20th century icon, a celebration of a golden age in aviation". In his description of Flying Concorde for the last fifteen years of a distinguished career in aviation, Captain Hutchinson's love of the aircraft was very evident. Concorde caught the respect and affection of the general public in Britain and the USA as no other passenger plane has and was loved by the pilots who flew it for it had no parallel. John's well illustrated talk took us right through the mechanics of a flight from takeoff to landing. It was absolutely fascinating. We listened, learned and asked many questions afterwards. Quite a number of copies of the book about him, "The Wind beneath my Wings", were bought and some he signed.

At 7.30pm on October the 1st at St John's Church, Stansted there will be a concert by Stansted u3a Singers, Musical Director Isobel Bradshaw. Tickets £10, under 14s half price. The ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink. For tickets contact Jean on **01279 850275** or Susie on **07803 802617**.

The topic for the Poetry Group at their meeting on October the 6th is "The letter S", poet or topic." On Monday October the 10th Margaret Easter will give a talk to the Garden Group on "Herbs in the Garden".

At October's General meeting, on Thursday the 20th, Martin Lloyd will talk about "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies." This is a story about how three passports played their influential role in the course of history: an attempted assassination which altered the regulations for issuing passports, the capture of a spy which caused a worldwide modification to the design of the document and for one person the passport itself turned into a killer.



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

The Hundred Parishes Society is a membership organisation and also a registered charity. Its formal objectives are to "advance the education of the public in the character and history of The Hundred Parishes", to provide information for leisure time occupation and to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the area, all for the benefit of the public. We tend to abbreviate this by saying we encourage people to appreciate the area. Over the years, the Society has pursued its aims through a number of channels: regular articles in local magazines, various elements of its website www.hundredparishes.org.uk and a hardback book, 800 copies of which now reside in people's homes and libraries. We have recently expanded our activities by launching The Hundred Parishes group on Facebook and by producing a calendar for 2023.



We hope the Facebook initiative will engage with an additional audience as well as providing existing members with what may also suit some of them. The immediacy and interaction of Facebook complements our established, structured approach - which will remain

undiminished.

If you already use Facebook, just carry out a search for The Hundred Parishes. Once you have agreed to the group rules, you will be able to join the private group, to share in discussion and post photos if you would like to. You do not have to be a member of The Hundred Parishes Society to join the Facebook group.

The Hundred Parishes 2023 Calendar is now available from several local outlets including M&M Stores in Clavering, Hart's Books in Saffron Walden and YZ Minimart in Stansted Mountfitchet. It features photos of the local area and can be purchased for £10. We hope many people will buy a copy to hang on the wall. Please see our website for further details and a full list of stockists.



Ken McDonald, Secretary

One pleasurable autumn task is the harvesting of ripened fruits from trees in your own garden. For most of us, our cooking apple will be a Bramley's Seedling and the dessert apple an Essex-bred Discovery or a Cox's Orange Pippin. Originating from central Asia, apples are incredibly varied with at least 2,000 named varieties! There are



Pippins at Audley End House

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY (Cont.)

150 named varieties in the gardens at Audley End.



Rivers Heritage Nursery

In the 19th century the skilled horticulturalists at the Rivers Nursery at Sawbridgeworth bred and propagated many varieties of fruit trees, including the prolific Czar plum and Conference pear, both of which are still available today. The Conference pear

features in Great Chesterford's 21st-century community orchard.

For commercial reasons, the range available from modern plant nurseries is limited to a few easy-to-grow varieties. However, hidden away in forgotten corners of long-established gardens within the Hundred Parishes there will be



Great Chesterford Community Orchard

specimens of heritage varieties of orchard trees. If you have a flavoursome, but unidentified, variety, then the team at the East of England Apples and Orchards Project would be delighted to hear from you.

Further information on

<https://www.applesandorchards.org.uk> (telephone **01328 838403** or email: info@applesandorchards.org.uk).

There is something special about growing a unique or local variety, so if you wish to plant heritage fruit trees specific to your own county, this organisation's catalogue lists a surprising number of varieties for Essex, Hertfordshire or Cambridgeshire apples and pears, as well as local plums, cherries and gages. This wide selection provides an opportunity to continue a long tradition of choosing something rather special to enjoy eating in future years.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee.

News from Quendon Bowling Club

The Bowling season at Quendon seems to have flown by this year. After a mediocre start to the league competitions, we have staged a strong finish.

In the North West Essex league Quendon finished the season with wins against Dunmow, Stansted and Radwinter, together with a drawn match against Saffron Walden. This leaves us in third place in division B.

In the Steeple Bumpstead League we again finished strongly with good wins against Clavering, Castle Hedingham C and Steeple Bumpstead, losing only narrowly to Castle Camps and Castle Hedingham D. This leaves Quendon in a very respectable fourth spot in division three.

Some Quendon players have progressed well in the various league competitions, and we are hopeful of having Quendon players competing on finals day.

Quendon Bowling Club are celebrating their **90th birthday** this year. A celebration match against a combined team from the North West Essex League saw 48 players take to the green for a very competitive match. This was followed by a wonderful dinner for over 50 people in the clubhouse served up by Janice Hart and her team.

Off the bowling green we have hosted several events in the clubhouse. Carrie Williams celebrated the christening of her newborn son with a gathering of friends and family in the clubhouse.

On a lovely sunny day the clubhouse and lawns were full of people enjoying the day and the children were entertained with games and activities.

Also recently the clubhouse facilities were used for a wake to celebrate the life of a loved one with a gathering of up to 90 guests.

As the outdoor bowling season comes to an end, normally in the last week in September, we turn our attention to other matters.

Indoor carpet bowls will begin in early October on Wednesday evenings.

Regarding social evenings, we have been asked by several local people to consider opening the clubhouse during the bowling close season.

We hope in early October to begin a Friday evening opening of the clubhouse and bar for social evenings. Darts, Pool, Cards, Dominos are all available or just come along for a friendly chat. All are welcome, but we will ask visitors to become members of the club. Social membership currently starts at £20 pa.



As ever, Quendon Bowling Club look forward to attracting new members. Anyone can learn to play Lawn Bowls - young, old, male, female. Become a full playing member joining one of our teams, or play just for fun, or become a social member. Come along and see what Quendon Bowling Club can offer.



Christening Party

Could you volunteer locally for a thriving Girlguiding unit?



Can you spare 1-1.5hrs, weekly, term time only, to come and give young girls the opportunities to learn new skills, experience new things, meet new friends, generally have fun.

If you're up for the challenge we have various units in the area looking for new volunteers, some units require new leaders and assistant leaders to keep them open.

Anyone offering to be a leader will have continued support locally and from Girlguiding whilst working towards a leadership qualification.

If you fancy a new venture and are happy to work with 5-18yr olds, then please get in touch.

We have rainbow, brownie and guide units waiting for you to come and volunteer with them so please consider joining a thriving organisation.

Email – Jennifer at pajemiki@outlook.com or call **07900 123917**

SWCHS SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2022 5PM - 8PM



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- Meet teachers and students
- Director of Sixth Form Talk - booking required

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Peter Warwick offered us this lovely picture of a Red Admiral. Thank you Peter!



While Graham Willoughby shows us some of the work of this year's harvest Great stuff, Graham!



We'd like to highlight the APOPO Innovation team, based at APOPO's Training and Research Center in Tanzania. In addition to providing operational support through development of alternative procedures, optimizing existing protocols, and publishing empirical results, our team of innovators explore potential new scent detection applications for our HeroRATs and conduct basic research to help expand our knowledge about the species we call a hero. One of these new applications that our HeroRATs are being trained for is Search and Rescue.

Natural disasters often cause buildings to collapse, trapping humans in the debris. The greatest challenge for Search and Rescue teams is quickly locating where survivors are trapped. Existing technologies are limited by their ability to either penetrate the debris or perform a guided search. HeroRATs are small and can crawl through tight spaces and their excellent sense of smell equips them to search for humans.

A group of seven rats are training at our mock debris site: a building with multiple rooms and various entry points for the rats. The rats are learning to navigate the rooms to locate and indicate a "trapped" human and return to where they had been released when signaled. Training complexity will gradually expand, increasing both the distance to the "survivor" and volume of debris obstacles between.

If you're interested in learning more about the research into new and novel applications for our HeroRATs check out our Twitter Science Channel, <https://twitter.com/ApopoScience>.

Making land safe for elephants

On August 12th, World Elephant Day, we celebrated global efforts to safeguard these beautiful giants and their natural habitat. Did you know that they're emotionally intelligent? They do alloparenting (cooperative mothering)? They have fantastic memories? They're mischievous and playful?

Thanks to support from the U.S. Department of State and Swiss Government, APOPO is making land in Zimbabwe safe again so conservation measures can protect its precious wildlife and people.



Illegal Trading in Wildlife

Protecting wildlife is a shared responsibility, and strong collaboration is essential to protecting animals from illegal wildlife trade. APOPO's HeroRATs have been saving human lives for close to 25 years, but now their noses have turned to save the lives of fellow animals. We are excited to play a role in helping strengthen solutions against wildlife trafficking in seaports. In partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust, APOPO is training a group of furry friends to protect the pangolin, now the most trafficked mammal globally, from going extinct.



With project support from the German government (GIZ) and the UNDP-GEF-USAID 'Reducing Maritime Trafficking of Wildlife between Africa and Asia' project under the World Bank-led Global Wildlife Program, we are developing ways for the rats to put their specialised skill to use by screening shipping containers.

Animal Welfare matters.



Our HeroRATs enjoy scheduled playtime in large shaded play enclosures containing elevated platforms with ramps, climbing branches, ropes, tunnels and sand to dig in. Siblings or friends housed together enjoy playtime together, too.

Earlier this year we hosted an intern from Vives College in Belgium, who did a small study looking at how the rats use the different enrichment items - preliminary results show that running wheels and high climbing branches are strong favorites!

The support of APOPO's friends around the world is changing communities from Angola to Zimbabwe. We couldn't be more grateful.

The APOPO Team ♥

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Security News and Advice from Stephen Armson-Smith, Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer - 090819

Cycle Security

Cycle security is always an issue with thefts from a variety of locations including the town centre, residential areas, and educational establishments. Commonly bicycles are either not secured or not secured properly, and this makes it easy for thieves.

Where do they go? Number of places: - in a container abroad, to another part of the country, stored in premises or sold as either a cycle or cycle parts via the internet, or third parties.

By taking some appropriate precautions and using good quality security products, and using them well, should help you to keep your property safe. Use the best security you can afford. Don't secure a £2,000 bicycle with a £20 lock! As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain and padlock or "D – Lock" preferably gold rated but certainly not below silver. Consider what you chain it to whether at home or whilst out, is that secure? Is it well overlooked to provide good natural surveillance?

Make a note of the frame number, security mark the cycle, there are a number of different methods available such as www.bikeregister.com, or see Secured by Design accredited products. Take a photograph of the cycle and any areas of damage or marks of identification, and some insurance companies may require one with the owner in the picture with it.

At home remove that first attraction to the thief or burglar:

- 1) don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your expensive cycle and other property,
- 2) consider a "Ground anchor" or "Shed shackle" within your shed or garage to secure your cycle to,
- 3) look at your shed or garages security and ensure you have good locks and that the hinges are protected,
- 4) consider a shed alarm,
- 5) if your home is limited for space outside consider a cycle storage unit, they are smaller than a shed.

If you can its worth getting your children or grandchildren into good habits, keeping their bikes secure and not leaving them discarded on the front lawn or other, may save problems in the future.

Check with your insurance company to see what security standards they require for your insurance cover to be valid.

For suitable security products see www.securedbydesign.com or www.soldsecure.com.

For further advice see <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/> or <https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/bike-security>*

Darker nights make your home look like you are in

With many of us now working from home it is easy for to forget about our home security, what would have been routinely thought of before we left for work can easily be forgotten. Autumn brings darker nights, whether working from home, going out to work or just popping out for "a moment" later in the afternoon, ensure that either lights in the house are left on or are operated by a timer to come on when it gets dark. A home in darkness looks unoccupied and becomes an attraction to the burglar. After dark have energy efficient lights on in rooms that replicate what your home looks like when you are in.

As well as making sure your home and garden are secure when you leave, don't forget outside lighting (activated by a "dusk till dawn sensor" is best to the front of the house) may deter thieves. There are also TV simulators such as "Fake TV" that produces lighting that resembles a television switched on within a room. Other products available to make it appear that you are home are a movement sensor that activates an appliance plugged into a plug socket and doorbells that you can answer remotely after viewing the caller; an internet search will find these and other security products.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ and [https://www.securedbydesign.com/](http://www.securedbydesign.com/).

Naturally we also ask locals to report any unusual activity to police; in an emergency on **999** or after the event on **101** or "Do it online" www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/ or to Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

**Does anyone want the QR codes that I can put with these absurd addresses? - Editor*

If only warning messages like this were shared 37,000 times in a day!

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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

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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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