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*Chaenomeles flowers
by Peter Warwick*



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

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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Peter Allen,

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

Peter's Letter

In the comedy film, Bruce Almighty, God attempts to contact the main character (played by Jim Carrey) by leaving a number on his pager. Soon after the film's release people and businesses began getting calls from people asking for God. It turns out the number shown on the pager was a valid number in a number of different States in America.

A Florida woman threatened to sue the film studio after 20 calls per hour clogged her mobile. A Denver radio station built a contest around the calls. Some callers to the station seemed to think they really discovered a direct line to God. One left a message confessing her adultery. Another number holder decided to offer some friendly advice. She changed her voice message to say, "Looking for God? Well, I'm not Him, but I do know Him. "

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

This story may make us express a wry smile or wonder at people's confusion between fact and fiction, but it also reveals a deep human need. The desire to reach out beyond ourselves, our physical world, to someone or something above and beyond all things and yet is able to help us in the here and now. Another word we might use to describe this is prayer.

I suspect there aren't many people who haven't offered up some kind of request to a higher being at some time in their lives. I know that many people are quite happy to testify to the part prayer played in sustaining them through difficult times, without any hint of embarrassment or fear of ridicule. Personally I believe prayer to be a priceless gift from God and one of our primary ways of discovering the wisdom, support, strength, and love of God.

For those who may find praying a challenge or have a fixed idea about what prayer is, I'd encourage you to view it as the interaction with God that keeps your relationship with him alive and fresh. Just like any other relationship, communication, sharing, speaking, listening, reflecting, and more, are all necessary for the relationship to stay alive and flourish. So it is with God. Yes he is awesome and something other, but he also has a human face in the form of Jesus Christ and is approachable and intimate.

Some wise person once said, "Pray as you can, not as you can't." This is something which on the whole I go along with. There are any number of ways we can pray. It can be using written prayers, it can be a conversation whilst out walking or running or whilst doing the dishes. It can be total silence without any words being spoken out loud. It can be in a church building, or on a hillside, or on a 'bus. Why, how, and when we pray isn't so much the main thing about praying, as these things will differ for each of us depending on temperament, lifestyle, and opportunity. The main thing is to just get on and do it, speak with and listen to God. It is something that develops and to which we become more attune the more we do it. We can learn to discern, or hear the voice of God speaking within us and to us, again in ways unique to who we are. Such moments can be so encouraging and life changing, providing sustenance for spirit and soul and for chances and changes of life we all face.



For those whose interest has been piqued and who would like to begin to explore prayer a little further, the following link, if put into your PC or 'phone, will take you to a site that can help you to do that. Also, please do note that the churches in the Benefice, Quendon, Rickling, Widdington, and Newport are often open during the day and available as a space to stop and pray. Our Sunday morning services also offer opportunity for you to pray and find like-minded people who may be able to help you in your exploring. What have you to lose?

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/prayer/how-to-pray.html>

Blessings to all, Peter

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday May 7th

Newport 9.30am Contemporary Communion with thanksgiving for the coronation of King Charles III
Widdington 11.15am Communion with thanksgiving for the coronation of King Charles III

Sunday May 14th

Newport 9.30am All Age Service
Quendon 11.15am Communion Service

Sunday 24th May

Newport 9.30am Communion Service including Sunday Club in Church House
Widdington 11.15am Communion Service

Sunday 28th May Pentecost Sunday

Newport 9.30am Pentecost Celebration
Rickling 11.15am Pentecost Celebration Communion
Newport 3pm Messy Church

Sunday June 4th Trinity Sunday

Newport 9.30am Contemporary Communion
Widdington 11.15am Communion

Sunday June 11th

Newport 9.30am All Age Service
Quendon 11.15am Communion

Sunday June 18th

Newport 9.30am Communion with Sunday club in Church House
Widdington 11.15am Communion

Sunday June 25th

Newport 9.30am Morning Worship
Rickling 11.15am Communion
Newport 3.30pm Messy Church

Quendon & Rickling APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Quendon and Rickling will be held after the Communion Service at Quendon Church on the 14th of May.

All members of the Church are encouraged to attend and take part.

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.

What would you do if you saw someone being harassed?



81%

of women don't think passers-by would help them if someone was acting inappropriately towards them*

60%

of men and 70% of women aren't confident that they would be able to safely intervene if they saw someone behaving inappropriately towards a woman.*

Learn how to safely intervene and address unacceptable behaviour.

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*Data from Essex County Council's Safety Advisory Group research 2021



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Saturday 13 May 2023
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Tickets: £20 Adult, £10 Student, £6 under 14

Tickets: www.cco-online.org / ADC Ticketing 01223 300085

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ

Fun Bingo



Wednesday 17th May
Coffee Morning
10.00-12.00am

Please contact:
Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the April 2023 Winners

1st Prize	M Bonfield	£32
2nd Prize	T Wilson	£21
3rd Prize	P Ball	£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.



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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

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

Contact our County Councillor

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Contact our Member of Parliament

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Telephone: **0207 219 1943**

From the Parish Council Chair

Dear Villagers,

Welcome to May - hasn't the blossom been great this year? Bounteous blackthorn, Magnificent magnolia, Copious cherry blossom, Handsome hawthorn - with Amazing apple still to come (cross-fingers!).

Something else that's blossomed has been a little island in the road on the B1383. **Highways** have installed the island on time but not where we recommended it should go and not in a location that will have much impact on speeding traffic, I'm afraid. The only benefit I can see is that it protects cars turning north out of Green Road from any dangerous traffic coming south.

Now the new financial year has started we are hoping that funds will be released by our County Councillor to get started on **fixing the footpath** along Cambridge Road, as well. We have had assurance that this will happen ... soon. Gari and the rest of the PC will keep on pressing on this one.

There have been some incidents of idiotic vandalism at the **football field** this month. Some of the paint used to keep the goalposts sparkling was poured down the portaloo and across some of the portacabins overnight some time in the holidays.

Also someone's been dumping their garden rubbish right by the portacabins themselves - it's not going to rot down fast and simply adds more load to the volunteers who

look after the facility, who have to tidy it away. Needless to say they are fed up about it all.

The football field has otherwise had a great year. It's used by a number of teams as their home ground, from under-8s to veterans teams, as well as villagers' ad hoc teams on occasion. They all love the place because it's beautiful and beautifully maintained - thank you Ted and team!

You may have seen the **Information Boards** pop up on footpaths around the village. Whilst there's not a great deal of information on the boards themselves, if you scan the QR code you can find out plenty, from the Maces Farm/Pegasi website. As well as field names you can read about the crops being grown and the biodiversity initiatives being undertaken. They're worth a read.

Later in the summer we are hoping to organise a walk around the **parish boundaries** - Beating the Bounds - with help from Maces Farm. It'll be after the crops have been taken and when the fields are bare. I expect the whole round is quite a long walk - but it'll take you to places you've never been! More information from Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird or the Parish Council.

You will have seen the signs for the **Coronation Big Lunch** on Monday May 8th from 1pm. As well as a pub barbeque there will be a couple of bouncy castles, stalls and a live band. We are hoping to have stands from as

From the Parish Council Chair (cont.)

many local interest groups as possible so they can showcase the brilliant activities available in the village. Come and find out about the clubs, societies and activities happening in the village - and even volunteer to help in them (seeing as Monday is the Big Help Out day, nationally)! Come along, bring a picnic and celebrate the coronation.

In the spirit of the Big Help Out - why not volunteer as a **Parish Councillor**? We have one recruit coming on-board in May but there are still two more seats to fill. It's engaging, interesting and rewarding, without taking too

much of your time. Please get in touch if interested - email below.

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** takes place on May 10th 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. It will include a review of the PC year and is an opportunity to ask any questions of the Council. Please come along!

That's all for now - here's hoping May brings some good weather (especially on the 8th) and perhaps I'll see you at the Coronation lunch! God Save the King!

Tom Duncan.
tddqrpc@gmail.com

District Councillors' Report

Election time

This being written in April, there is not much council business going on as concerns members. During election periods councils are not allowed to take major decisions. Matters which must be dealt with regardless do carry on and this includes the Planning Committee, meeting twice this month.

Generally planning applications have gone quiet in the Ward, which may be a reflection of higher interest rates putting off householders. And the big developers are also unsure.

Neighbourhood Plan

This is progressing, with two meetings now held and work divided up. Minutes are sent to the parish councils. The next meeting will be with the consultants who are assisting the Steering Group. One as yet unstaffed part is 'Communications'. The Facebook page is very easy to maintain, but the website needs a clean up. It is a simple website, and needs for example to have the minutes published. Is there a volunteer please who could do this?

<https://www.nqrplan.org/>

A quick look will reveal the first clean up to do!

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.

Our contact details are:



cllremanuel@uttlesford.gov.uk
01799 543487 or 07801 039550

cllrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk
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.

Celebration of Weddings 8th & 9th July

Can you help us?

Have you pictures of weddings at Quendon or Rickling churches?

We can accept scanned copies as you may not want to part with the originals.

Contact Suzanne qrpc.sec@gmail.com

Do you have a dressmaker's dummy -

or know of someone who does, that you could loan us for this event?

Please contact Sandra sandra@arnold-q.uk

We would welcome volunteers to help on the day.

For more information contact Christine christineandos@gmail.com, Sandra sandra@arnold-q.uk or Suzanne qrpc.sec@gmail.com

You are invited to a Celebration of Weddings

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July



**Visit Quendon Church for a celebration of weddings in our villages
from 1895 to today.**

Saturday 8th July from 12.00pm

See how the fashions and styles of weddings have changed.

Visit our decorated church and enjoy a cream tea.

Sunday 9th July 11.15am

We invite couples to join us to renew their wedding vows at our morning service.

07874-385541



www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted

Stansted Mountfitchet U3A

At the General Meeting on March 16th Philip Caine's talk was called "From Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again". After seven hazardous years in Iraq he rounded off his career in the Gulf States. From starting as an amateur chef in Barrow in Furness to running nine accommodation bases for 30,300 allied personnel in post war Iraq via wheeler dealing with a self-interested KGB officer in Kazakhstan there was apparently never a dull or idle moment. His lively and humorous story telling engaged the audience from start to finish.

March saw the formation of four new interest groups: "Antiques and Collectibles" had an initial meeting during which members brought an item of interest and described their connection or particular interest with that object. Plans were made for future meetings including visits to antique centres, fairs and auction houses and meetings and talks on various areas of interest.

"Strictly Singles", is a group for those living alone. They met to discuss what everyone would like to do and there were many suggestions from trips to the theatre, concerts, cinema, art exhibitions, etc., to having coffee or lunch together. So far, a number of them have taken part in the St. Patrick's Day Quiz Night for the Twinning Association, and two separate groups have been to see "Allelujah", the film of Alan Bennett's hospital play.

Owing to the huge popularity of the existing pub lunch group, a second group, "Pub Grub 2", held their inaugural meeting at The Cock in Stansted on March 17th. They met for a most enjoyable meal and agreed to meet once a month to explore the culinary offerings of various hostelrys in the area.

Finally, a new "Thursday Walking Group" has formed which is also proving extremely popular. Meeting monthly they walk some three to five miles, mostly across country, around the local area.



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Milestones have been part of our heritage for centuries.



Barley

They were an important element of the Roman road network, positioned to indicate the distance travelled or to be travelled. In 1767, milestones were made compulsory on all turnpikes, the toll roads managed by turnpike trusts, although many local milestones were in place before then.

There are around 40 surviving milestones within The Hundred Parishes, mostly along three highways that run between London and Cambridge. These highways are now called B1383 (formerly A11), B1368 and A10. The milestones are marked on Ordnance Survey maps as "MS".



Barkway

One of the earliest and most visible milestones can be seen in Barkway, a historic coaching village. It was installed in 1728, one of 16 milestones funded at that time by a trust established in 1586 by a former master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Additional milestones were added by the Wadesmill

Turnpike Trust in 1742, some along the old Roman road, Ermine Street, now A10, and others along the alternative route, now mostly called B1368.



Birchanger



Stansted Mountfitchet

Over time, the inscriptions became weather-worn and many stones were upgraded in 1804 by the addition of a cast iron plate.

Most milestones in Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire are listed but only one in Essex is included on the National Heritage List - the large, three-sided iron milepost in the centre of Stansted Mountfitchet on the B1383. This is probably the newest in the Hundred Parishes, having been installed in the early 1900s. The earlier milestones along the old A11 would have been installed by the Hockerill Turnpike Trust which was responsible from 1744 to 1870 for 28 miles of highway between Harlow and Stump Cross.

Some of the information for this article came from The Milestone Society, established in 2001. Their website is <https://www.milestonesociety.co.uk/>

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Saffron Walden Museum

The museum for north-east Essex



Object of the Month

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

April's object of the month was a Serpent, a low-pitched early brass instrument, which became popular in the Renaissance era.



It has a trombone style mouthpiece, but with tone holes like a woodwind instrument. Keys were added in later versions. They were commonly used from the 17th to the early 19th centuries, although you can still buy them from specialist makers.

Initially they were used to compliment bass parts in choirs, but by the mid-18th century, they began to appear in chamber ensembles, and later in orchestras. The sound of a serpent is

somewhere between a bassoon and a euphonium, and it is typically played in a seated position, with the instrument resting upright on the player's thighs.

The version we are displaying in the museum this month dates to the 1830s and was played in St Mary's Church in Saffron Walden.

See the blog article on our website.

The Uttlesford Open 2023

The Uttlesford Open 2023 is Saffron Walden Museum's first, open call, judged art exhibition. Artists, aged over 18 who are living, working or studying in Uttlesford or within 20 miles of Saffron Walden Museum are invited to submit artworks by the 10th of May on the theme of "A Sense of Place". Entry details are at <https://www.swmuseumlearning.com/uttlesfordopen23>

The museum will accept artworks which explore this theme, and take inspiration from the people, places or the landscape of Uttlesford.

Saffron Walden museum (cont.)

Continuing special exhibition - Feeding the Family

Sat 1 April - Sun 2 July 2023

The exhibition showcases the history of food preparation and food serving from Roman times to the present day.

Throughout history, people have laboured to put food on the table. The Museum draws on its own collections and historical sources to see what local families might have been preparing and eating over the last 2,000 years.

Food is always a major topic and these days more so than ever. Affordability, supply, diet and environmental sustainability are all in the news. We wanted to explore how our meals and food fashions have changed throughout history.

Visitors to the exhibition will get the chance to see original recipes as well as typical dishes and tableware from each time-period. To accompany the display there will also be mystery food smells to identify, and why not decorate a plate with a picture of your favourite meal and add it to our display.

In conjunction with this exhibition, the museum has partnered with Uttlesford Foodbank to help our visitors learn more about their vital work, helping local residents who are struggling to afford to feed their families.

International reach

We seem to be receiving more online object identification requests, especially from the USA, in recent months. The latest was the calcaneus (heel) bone from a white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*). Recent research has estimated that this deer has the heaviest aggregate weight (biomass) – the number you would get from adding the weight of every single white-tailed deer together – of all land mammals worldwide, at 2.7 million tonnes. The next heaviest is wild boar, at 1.9 million tonnes.

Saffron Walden Rocks

A new information panel for the rocks and stones on display outside the Museum is on its way. These rocks include 'glacial erratic' boulders, dragged to the area from hundreds of miles away by the Anglian Ice Sheet

450,000 years ago. The largest boulder was found in the old Acrow works (now Huws Gray/Ridgeons) off Ashdon Road in Saffron Walden. Glacial erratics can also be seen at the 'Gibson Boulders' – the overgrown mound at the corner of Margaret Way and Gibson Gardens, off the south end of Saffron Walden High Street.

Valuable volunteer work

Thanks to the work of our dedicated geology documentation volunteer, a set of 8 donations of fossils from 1902 have been reunited with their original museum number. Using existing photos of the Museum's more fragile written records (to reduce damage from repeated handling) we traced the fossil numbers 3170-3177 back to the original record of donation on 12 June 1902, from a Mr J Alexander of Sudbury, Suffolk. The donation included fossils of scallops and oysters from the Coralline Crag, over 2.5 million years old.

Join us

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

Email: museum@uttlesford.gov.uk

Phone: **01799 510333**

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.

Quendon Estate & Maces Farms

Whilst Spring has arrived, the continued cold and wet weather has created a number of challenges for the farm. Thankfully given the small window of dry weather we have had recently, we carried out drilling our Spring

Barley. You may have seen our drill in respective fields over the last week. At the same time, we have continued to apply fertiliser and carry out some spraying to keep the



Quendon Estate & Maces Farms (cont.)

crops in good health.

Unfortunately, we have had to endure some fly tipping which continues to be a problem for many landowners.



Not only does fly tipping look unsightly, it presents many hazards. If you see any suspicious vehicle activity or the tipping of waste on private land or gateway entrances etc., please notify the police as well as the landowner and provide as much information about the subject vehicle.

On a positive note, we are looking forward to participating with the Coronation Lunch on the 8th May and we are proud to support the Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club as a sponsor for the 2023 season. We wish

the village team all the very best for the forthcoming year.

Following our last article, thank you to everyone who has provided feedback about the information boards we installed in February. We are glad they are of interest and you have been enjoying reading about the husbandry operations we carry out across the Farm and Estate. A Spring update will be released very soon and as the year progresses we will release further information, so please keep scanning those QR codes.

Thank you to everyone who registered for the community surgery on the 19th April. If you would like to meet with us to ask a question or learn more about the Quendon Estate and Maces Farms, our next community surgery will be held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 starting at 10am and finishing at 6pm at Maces Farm office. If you would like to call in to see us, please book a time in advance by emailing Robert Timmins: RTimmins@pegasi.co.uk.

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Quendon Bowling Club News

Outdoor Bowling

A lot of demanding work has been done by the members who look after our green over the last few weeks. The weather has not been with us, but despite that, the green should be in tip top condition for our open weekend, and more importantly the start of our bowling season in early May. It should also be ready for our inspection by the Essex Bowling Management team to assess if we can retain our long-held accreditation to host County matches and competitions, something that is not ascertained by many of the clubs in the area.

Indoor Bowling

Our indoor bowling season has ended, and, despite our best efforts, we were only successful in holding up the rest of the table. Let us hope for better efforts and results next year.

Carpet bowls has now finished but will recommence in the clubhouse in the autumn.

Social Evenings

Our social evenings are continuing in the clubhouse, and we had a great evening at our "Play your cards right" evening. We hope to continue these through the playing season, depending on staff availability, as we have a few away fixtures on Friday evenings. Every effort will be made to keep our socials as we think it is important to maintain this as a meeting place for social members, their guests, and the village. We have our quiz night on the 28th and I will let you know how that went, and who were the champion team, in the next issue. Keep your eyes on the village notice board and, also the Quendon & Rickling Facebook pages for regular updates.

General

We hope to see some new faces at our open weekend and we will also have a presence at the "Village Picnic" and will be there to have a chat about what we do and can offer at the club.

Enjoy the Coronation celebrations and let's hope for a good summer.



The Uttlesford Open 2023: Entries Now Open

A Sense of Place: The People, Place and Landscape of Uttlesford

The Uttlesford Open 2023, Saffron Walden Museum's first open call art exhibition, will open to the public on Saturday 22nd of July. The exhibition aims to showcase artistic talent from across Uttlesford. Open to anyone, from complete beginners to seasoned professional, the exhibition will give local artists the chance to have their work exhibited in the historic museum building.

Artists, aged over 18 who are living, working, or studying in Uttlesford or within 20 miles of Saffron Walden Museum are invited to submit artworks on the theme of "A Sense of Place: People, Places and Landscape of Uttlesford".

Entries are open now and you have until midnight on the 20th of May 2023 to submit!

After the closing date, a panel of judges will select work to go on display in July at Saffron Walden Museum. The artworks will be judged on both their artistic merit and their response to the theme. Unsuccessful submissions will still be displayed digitally.

Entry: The Small Print

Art works in any medium will be accepted with the exclusion of film or audio pieces. 2D art works can be no larger than 50cm on their longest side. 3D pieces must not exceed 25KG and be no larger than 50cm wide and 50cm deep at the base.

The charge for entry is as follows:

1 artwork: £10.00, 2 artworks: £15.00

Concession rates are available to students holding a valid student or Over 60s holding ID. They are:

1 artwork: £5.00, 2 artworks: £7.50

You will be asked to include your digital receipt from art tickets when emailing your entry to us.

Please note that this is a judged exhibition, and your work may not be selected for physical exhibition at the Museum. The entry fee is non-refundable. All fees must be paid as part of the online submission process. Those artworks which are not selected for the physical exhibition will be shown digitally. If the entry fee is not paid, none of the submitted works will be considered for selection.

Entries to The Uttlesford Open 2023 must be made via email. You must be able to include digital images of artworks for the selection process. You will need access to a computer and the internet, a valid email address and clear digital image(s) of your artwork(s) for the submission process. If you need help to apply or have access needs, please contact museum@uttlesford.gov.uk

Applications will close at 11.59pm on 20th of May the number of applications is limited to 500 so early entry is recommended

The purpose of the Uttlesford Open exhibition is to support artists and to allow the public to purchase artwork. Therefore all artists whose work is selected for display will have the option to list it for sale.

Work sold during the exhibition is subject a museum commission at 25% and VAT on the commission.

We anticipate that works priced up to £200, will sell more frequently than artworks valued higher than £200

For more information: <https://www.swmuseumlearning.com/uttlesfordopen23>

For help: Museum@uttlesford.gov.uk

Pay your entry fee: <https://saffron-walden-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Submit your entry: UttlesfordOpen@uttlesford.gov.uk

News from Apopo and the HeroRATs!

In March brave little Ronin the HeroRAT again led performance stats for his team! His amazing nose indicated to 2 landmines and 1 UXO for deminers to unearth, defuse, and destroy. Over the course of Ronin's time in the field, 3,309 square metres of land were cleared and designated safe for use. Ronin spent 351 minutes working to detect these dangerous buried weapons. When not on the job, Ronin gets lots of rest, a balance of playtime, and one on one time with trainers.

Animal welfare is at the heart of all we do. All staff that interacts in care for the HeroRATs are trained in HeroRAT safety and first aid. APOPO's teams in Cambodia - from Rat Handlers to Visitor Centre guides - know how to look for signs of illness or discomfort in a HeroRAT and what to do to help.

SAFETY DURING PLAY

Great care is taken with HeroRAT safety at all levels of care - even during playtime. APOPO staff are careful that only natural, organic materials are in kennels and play areas. The temperature in rat kennels should be a comfortable 25°C. A thermometer is kept in the colony room at all times to monitor the temperature. If it gets too warm, fans or air conditioning are turned on to maintain good air quality and keep the HeroRATs cool.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE & RISK EDUCATION

While acknowledging the urgent need to continue demining efforts, the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) emphasized a focus on additional services to help Cambodians impacted by landmines. The Kingdom has one of the highest numbers of amputees per capita, owing to land contaminated with mines and other explosives. Working in collaboration with Humanity & Inclusion (HI), APOPO and CMAA are working to get rural villagers that survived accidents with landmines to medical appointments for access to prosthetic limbs that will bolster individual independence.

Mine Risk Education was also stressed as another tool needed to help prevent further casualties. APOPO teams continue education and outreach, helping those at risk become advocates for their own safety instead of victims. Clearing minefields takes time. Mine Risk Education is the best way to prevent casualties for families living surrounded by hidden dangers.

In just the three months, to 5/4/2023 APOPO's donors have enabled the HeroRATs to detect 830 landmines and other explosives, which means that whole villages can feel safe for the first time in decades. So far this year, your support has helped clear over 2 million square metres of land which is something to be proud of!

Unfortunately, war continues and not every government has signed the International Ban on Landmines (Ottawa Treaty). This means that our HeroRAT teams must work harder than ever to find these indiscriminate killers and breathe life back into impacted communities, with you behind us.

You can help APOPO in their work of Tuberculosis detection (HeroRATs), landmine and UXB detection, (HeroRATs and HeroDOGS) and promotion of sustainable farming (HeroTREES) by looking for APOPO at <https://www.globalgiving.org/search>



Recollections of The Coronation 1953.

This was the very first event that I had seen on television, a very small 9 inch screen in black and white, which my next door neighbour had purchased for the event. During the previous week the village had been decorated with flags and bunting; coloured lamps were virtually unseen as the village had only just been connected to the electricity supply.

The 3 village public houses, The Coach and Horses, The Kings Head, and The Cricketers Arms were covered in decorations, as were both churches, the village pumphouse, the Village Hall, the Parish Room, Mumford's Shop and the Old Post Office, which were were splendid . So too were the Dairy (Bradbury Hall) and the 2 village cafés, one now Delmonte Cottage and Ellis's Café as it was then called, now Broomwood Cottage. The whole of the fencing in front of Quendon Court and Manor Farm was also decorated, as was the Triangle that was the entrance to Rickling Green Road.

The School had bunting that the children had made and the flag was flying from the pole in the front playground, as was the flag on the village Police House, now Woodlands Cottage.

The whole village was therefore "Red White and Blue" for the celebration; it was a great day apart for the rain that came!

Recollections of The Coronation 1953 (cont.)

At the Village Hall we had a party, with plates of food, dancing, games and every village child received a coronation mug. It was a great day to remember and on the following Saturday the biggest bonfire I had ever seen was lit on the Village Green; so huge that the local farm elevator was used to build the top. There were many rockets and fireworks of all descriptions and all in "Red White and Blue".

It was a truly joyful time and a great event to celebrate a very nice sovereign who became our longest-serving monarch.

Keith Woollard

CRIME PREVENTION from Neighbourhood Watch

The WhatsApp Scam

Action Fraud has received over 60 reports relating to a scam that steals access to a victim's WhatsApp account.

The scam begins when a criminal gets access to another WhatsApp account which has you listed as a contact. The criminal, posing as your friend or someone that's a member of a WhatsApp group you're in, will then send you seemingly normal messages to try and start a conversation with you. However, around the same time you will receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. This is because the criminal has been trying to log into WhatsApp using your mobile number. The criminal will claim that they sent you their code by accident and ask you to help them by sending it to them. Once the criminal has this code, they can log into your WhatsApp account and lock you out.

The criminal will then use the same tactic with your WhatsApp contacts in an effort to steal more accounts and use them to perpetrate fraud.

What do do about it

- Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account. Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.
- STOP. THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.
- Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6 digit code you receive via SMS)
- You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

Outbuildings

Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike, or lawnmower.

An opportunistic burglar may try a shed or garage to steal

items from within or because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house, so either way, your outbuildings need to be reasonably secure.

Firstly, check that your **insurance** covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft, if not consider getting it covered.

Secondly, think like a thief...

Take a look at your shed and **consider how you would break in**. It's worth having a good padlock and hasp on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. Consider reinforcing the areas behind the hinges and hasp and using additional bolts all the way through. Consider covering the windows, so the contents can't be seen from the outside.

Consider fitting **dusk until dawn lighting** in areas that are overlooked from the road and motion detector lighting where not, often at the rear.

Consider a battery-operated **shed alarm**. They look low key, but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

Secure your bike, mower etc. to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit www.soldsecure for locks, hasps chains and ground anchors, including those designed to fix to floors and walls. It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.

Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around.

Property marking your items is advisable. Paint, mark with an indelible pen or UV marker or engrave tools with your name or postcode. Overtly post-coded items are more difficult to sell on and help to prove an offence if found in a thief's possession. Once marked these can be registered online with an approved property register such as www.immobilise.com.

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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	
Buffy Playbus	Fridays	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Social Evening	2nd & 4th Fridays	Evening	Quendon Bowling Club	
Coronation Event	8th May	13.00 - ?	Rickling Green	See p5
Parish AGM	10th May	19.00		
Communion Service	14th May	11.15	Quendon Church	Follwed by APCM
Pentecost Service	28th May	11.15	Rickling Church	With Communion

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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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Karen Thomson	01799 543253	Northern end - Cambridge Road
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