

The Link

Quendon & Rickling

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Parish
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NEWS

August-September 2022

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*Lovely summertime favourite
lavender!
by Peter Warwick*



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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.

How good are you at switching off, at putting your feet up and just letting the world do whatever it does and not have a care? August is traditionally a month where many people would be looking to take a holiday from their place of employment, the schools are closed, the traffic on the roads can be a bit lighter, and our normal lifestyle patterns might be changed for a few weeks.

Life in our churches also tend to be different over August, groups may "time-out", congregations numbers may decrease due to people being on holiday, joint services can sometimes take place, and the vicar might disappear for a couple of weeks. Taking all this into consideration it could be said August is a month where patterns and routines are different, offering a good number of us the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a month that has a bit more of an easy-going feel about it.

Jesus recognised when he and his close group of twelve needed a break and on occasions he took them away from the demands of the crowds. Jesus also spoke about the benefits of a sabbath day rest, declaring that such a rest day was instituted by God for our good (Mark 2:27). When Jesus gently chided Martha for her worrying, he also pointed out that perhaps she would benefit from easing off from being busy, busy, busy?



If your life manages to ease off in any way in August, I do hope you feel able to enter into the benefits that such an easing might offer you. If August isn't the time of year when this occurs for you, I'd encourage you to look towards planning for a time of year when just such an easing off might more easily be put in place. In the long run we perform better when we create patterns in our life that include time out, change from the daily routine, and give ourselves permission to do nothing.

Rob Bell, former pastor and founder of Mars Hill Bible Church summed up something of what can take place when we stop and rest.

"Renewal is what happens when you realise that some of this stuff you've been carrying around doesn't matter."

Sometimes stopping is just what we need to regain perspective; I think this is something many of us discovered during the height of covid restrictions. It offered many the time and space to reevaluate working patterns, what they want out of life, what is important, and so on. Whenever we do rest it is never long before it is business as usual and we find ourselves longing for the days of holiday we just had.

Life never stands still and there's always something coming over the horizon for us to plan for, worry about, get busy doing. But taking time out, when circumstances offer or allow, is good for us, body, mind, and soul; for each part of who we are needs the right care and attention for it to flourish, remain healthy, and serve us and others to best of its ability. I hope this summer you discover your time and place of rest, or just a different speed or pattern to life that nourishes you and those around you. Constant activity isn't God's design for us, as that most well-known of Psalm says;

"He makes me lie down beside still waters, he refreshes my soul." (Psalm 23)

It is an attractive image that tells us much about the care God has for us and the opportunities he offers us along life's path as we follow him. Let's not miss out on those opportunities - they don't come our way for nothing.

With prayers, and best wishes for all, Peter

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Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 7th August

Newport 9.30am Contemporary Communion
Widdington 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th August

Newport 9.30am All Age Worship
Quendon 11.15am BCP Communion

Sunday 21st August

Newport 9.30am Holy Communion
Widdington 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th August

Newport 9.30am Morning Worship
Rickling 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th September

Benefice Breakfast 9am in church followed by a service for all at 10am Theme: A New Season

Sunday 11th September

Newport 9.30am All Age Worship
Quendon 11.15am BCP Communion

Sunday 18th September

Newport 9.30am Holy Communion
Widdington 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th September

Newport 9.30am Morning Worship
Rickling 11.15am Holy Communion

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 **0800 555 111** online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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.

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ

Fun Bingo



Wednesday 17th August
10.00am-12.00pm

All Welcome to the Coffee morning - we look forward to seeing you all again.

Please contact:
Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807

Rickling/Quendon Community Café Event

Wednesday 21st September 2022

Coach Trip to Maldon

Pick up 9.00 return at 4.30

Price TBA - £5 off for RQCC Club Members

Contact Angela or Carole for more details and to reserve a place

Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807

Rickling/Quendon Community Café Event

Saturday 5th November 2022

Jumble Sale

Contact Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807 for more details

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the July 2022 Winners

1st	P Ball	£32
2nd	C Foulser	£21
3rd	C Mandy	£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.

Cycling

Belinda the (slightly vintage but good for her age) bike hasn't had many outings recently, mostly because her owner gets all lonely cycling on his own (all together, aar!). Without wanting to start any sort of of super-fit, hot throbbing, high speed cyclists' club, is anyone interested in a spot of friendly cycling company? The main road through Quendon is, of course, horrible but the side roads can be really nice to explore!



Contact robert@arnold-q.uk.

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

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Contact our District Councillors

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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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From the Parish Council Chair

Dear Villagers,

Well, I hope you've withstood the heat of July, and the garden (and yourself) hasn't suffered too much strain! Boy was it hot! I don't think Rickling Green will be truly green for a fair old time.

To business. The publication of proposed sites in the **Call for Sites** (UDC decision on large-scale development to form a basis for the new Local Plan) has been delayed to November. This appears to be for a good reason, though, that a new and viable large site has been put forward in the north of the district which would absorb several thousand of the required 17000 houses over twenty years. The impact is that the list of proposed sites

will be re-jigged and the least viable sites won't be included.

The public consultation on viability of proposed sites will run from early November, when the list is published, to early December. The final date for the Local Plan publication hasn't been changed, though. So we'll only know whether Pegasi have the green light for development in early November, now. Even if they are not included in the UDC sites list they may still decide to progress with a planning application – we will need to watch and manage the situation carefully.

As we move towards the end of summer our Event-

From the Parish Council Chair (Cont.)

shaped thoughts turn to **Autumn Daze** – our annual apple-pressing-pumpkin-judging-all-things-autumn event on the Green. We're planning on holding it on the afternoon of Saturday 1st October so save the date, get your pumpkins ready to shine and collect your apples!

The **apple press** in the village however is available for use any time before or after Autumn Daze – just get in touch with a parish councillor or the Clerk to find out more.

Now is a good time to remind you that the parish owns a **marquee** (size 6m x 3m) which villagers can use for their own functions. Having received feedback that the original rate was too much we've dropped the hire rate to £50 with a returnable deposit. This is substantially less than commercial rates, and the marquee is very sturdy and simple to erect. More details on the website or from the Clerk. We feel we need to charge a hire fee in order to contribute to maintenance and to protect the value of the asset.

Waterbutt Row – I'm afraid that the Local Highways Panel have rejected our request to change the white lining around the parking outside Waterbutt Row as they do not regard it as high-priority enough to warrant the cost. We will investigate what other options are available.

Plans for a **second island in Cambridge Road** in our original requested location appear to have been accepted by Highways and they are proceeding to a detailed design. More information to follow in autumn.

On the ever-present subject of road traffic, Newport

village recently saw the results of a traffic survey on the south side of the village (ie towards Quendon and therefore reflective of traffic through our village too). Interestingly the volume of traffic remains about 7% below pre-pandemic levels (no indication though if they're going any slower!)

Again on the roads: **Community Speedwatch**. The team is building up again but we are still a couple of heads short of the ten needed to form a team. If you're concerned about traffic impact along Cambridge Road (principally but not exclusively) and want to lend a hand then do please get in touch with Ljiljana, Keith our clerk (email below) or any parish councillor.

Finally I'd like to mention that there are two unfilled positions on the Council. If you'd like to join in and contribute to decisions affecting our village, and enhance the quality of life here, then please do come forward, by dropping a line to the Parish Clerk or contacting a councillor – or come along to our next meeting in early September to see what it's all about. We're a group of volunteers who give their time freely for the benefit of the parish and always welcome newcomers.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted by email at quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com

As there's no separate edition of *The Link* for September, I hope to see you in October at Autumn Daze. Till then – stay cool!

Tom Duncan.

District Councillors' Report

The Local Plan

The Plan progress has been paused to consider a significant new opportunity which may benefit the outcome. This is to consider sites which had not been put forward in the Call for Sites. The council took legal advice, which confirmed that it should assess all sites to the same standards and not fast track the new ones. So the next phase of consultation on the preferred sites, known as Regulation 18, is now scheduled for 2nd November to 12th December.

Designation of UDC for larger planning applications

At present, applicants for sites above 10 houses may cut out UDC and go straight to the Planning Inspectorate. As this means UDC would not get the planning fees, but still have significant work as a major consultee and the Planning Committee are still required to consider and make recommendation. We budgeted for a 50% reduction in fees from this source, but the reduction so far has been less. Experience now suggests that applicants are wary of going to the government because a refusal leaves them with no right of appeal. The application for

housing on the Friends School in Walden has been amended as the Inspectorate appears not happy. It seems likely that expert planning staff at the Inspectorate will be rigorous and likely to make the same decisions as UDC would have done.

Water supplies

I am writing this while the outside temperature is 39°C and inside 28 °C. The River Cam is bone dry from the centre of Newport southwards, and I assume all along North Hall Road also see below). This is something I have only witnessed in recent years, and can remember when we had resident kingfishers. Judy recently went with CAMAT (Cam Upper Reaches Action Team) to visit the Affinity Water extraction facility at Wendens Ambo. Our water mostly comes out of the ground at the pumping station by the B1383 between Quendon and Newport on the left before the Widdington turn. Some water is sourced from Graffam Water, but most is pumped out of the chalk aquifer.

It is chlorinated and also sterilised with ultra violet light, which kills things chlorine does not, such as

District Councillors' Report (Cont.)

cryptosporidium, which is a parasite.

Concerning water levels, the comment from the Affinity Water staff was that around here the rain soaks fairly quickly into the chalk. Annual rainfall has remained the same but the pattern has changed towards dry spells, then storms. In the storms the water runs off and doesn't soak in. Water consumption has been falling, largely because of water meters. However this is a one-off reduction, combined with switching to more water efficient equipment. A further aspect is continual development concreting over of land which previously allowed rain to soak in. Planning rules require 'SudS' - sustainable drainage systems. But the ones I've seen just provide storm holding tanks to slow the release into watercourses. I think these designs should hold water to soak in, for example in ponds or reed channels, with storm run-off just in emergency. Our huge planning concern is the scale of housing being forced upon the district and our villages by the Government, which is vast. The infamous algorithms take no account of water supplies, sustainability, deliverability, or infrastructure. Maybe whoever is going to be PM will see sense, or act for fear voter backlash.

North Hall Road

Just on the border of Quendon, but those who have lived around here for some years may remember North Hall Road... Good news is Essex say they are starting work to re-open it after some years. Here is their statement:

'Further to our update sent last week in relation to the collapsed retaining wall along North Hall Road, we would like to make you aware dates have now been finalised. Works to re-build the retaining wall are due to start on Monday 25 July 2022 and expected to take three months to complete.

The current road closure and diversion will remain in

place until the works are complete.

Residents/Businesses in the immediate vicinity will shortly receive a letter providing further details [...] the latest information will also be made available on the scheme webpage.'

Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTS)

This is a follow up to the piece in last month's *The Link*. Here is a link to the consultation, which runs till 5th September: <https://letstalk.uttlesford.gov.uk/lcts-scheme-for-2023-24>. Paper copies are available by phoning UDC on 01799 510510.

It asks if you have any comments on the scheme, which is that low-income pensioners and vulnerable people receive 100% discount. Working age people are required to pay a minimum of 12.5% of the Council Tax bill.

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. Our contact details are:

Have a great summer!

Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

Our contact details are:



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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.

07874-385541

u3a

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted

Stansted Mountfitchet U3A

On Monday 13th June, eight members of the Garden Group travelled to Boyton Cross to visit the garden created by Mrs Margot Grice. It is a beautifully crafted garden with something to admire and enjoy at every turn and Margot was constantly on hand to answer all their questions. On August 3rd the Garden Group will be visiting the RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show.

On June 15th a coachload of members travelled to Runnymede where they boarded a boat to cruise gently up the Thames to Windsor Bridge and back. They passed the Frogmore Estate, saw, from some distance, Windsor Castle, and much birdlife including herons and a red kite. Then they travelled to Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park where they spent a couple of enjoyable hours wandering through these lovely themed gardens.

At the monthly meeting on Thursday 16th June the talk was one of very local interest, the Gardens of Easton Lodge, given by Gary Matthews, one of the volunteers who have over recent years rescued these lovely gardens from chronic neglect and near ruin. Gary described the life of Daisy, Countess of Warwick, who oversaw the creation of the gardens. Members of the u3a will be visiting these Gardens on Thursday



7th July. This talk was followed by the AGM at which three more members joined the committee, one of whom, Louise da Costa, is taking on the role of Secretary. The committee is indebted to the outgoing Secretary, Allan Love, and wish him well with many thanks for his time and efforts over the last few years.

However looking at gardens is not all that we do! So we would like to invite you to our forthcoming **Open Day** to show you what we have to offer..

If you are approaching retirement, contemplating semi-retirement, or are already retired and wondering what to do with your spare time, come along to the **u3a Open Day on Saturday 17th September in St John's Church, Stansted Mountfitchet from 2.00pm**. We would love to show you our wide variety of interest groups, from singers and strummers to pilates and pub lunches. We walk, go to the theatre and to concerts, take day trips and holidays, read books and poetry and philosophise. We are creative, musical and enjoy practising language skills.

You will find tea, coffee, cake and a very warm welcome from all of us who already benefit from the fun, friendship and joy that membership of the u3a brings. Why not make the most of life and join us as we explore new ideas, skills and interests with Stansted Mountfitchet u3a.

Do something brilliant today: join the u3a!

Learn, Laugh, Live!

From Quendon and Rickling PCC

I thought that an update on several matters might be interesting for *The Link* readers

Rickling church-yard

Visitors to the Churchyard at Rickling may have noticed that one of the ancient Lime trees is not standing upright as it should. The Parochial Church Council has arranged to have it made safe. It is unlikely that any part of it can be saved and it is expected to be removed.

In the meantime please keep clear of it. Especially no climbing!

Rickling Church Organ

Rickling organ needs a little TLC as it has not had any for some time other than tuning. Hopefully this work will go ahead in the late autumn.

Quendon Church Heating

During the cold weather Quendon church had a boiler problem that we thought would mean that we needed a new boiler. The church is decidedly chilly in March and April without the heating on! Our thanks go to Tony Freeman (a faithful advertiser in these pages) for managing to repair the boiler for us.

Quendon Church Tower

Villagers will have seen that the tower at Quendon is in need of some redecoration especially on the north face. We are instructing contractors to attend to this, which will be supported in part by income from advertising in *The Link*.

Sandra Arnold, Treasurer, Quendon & Rickling PCC



Poor Tree!



Apple Press

At Autumn Daze in early October anyone is welcome to bring along apples for pressing at The Green - details elsewhere of the event. If however you wish to press your own apple juice - maybe for cider-making? - then we have the answer!

The Parish Council owns an apple press and scrapper. Any villager can borrow the equipment to press their own apples - just drop a line to Tom (**07973 741015**) or to the parish clerk (quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com) to arrange.



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.

A spokesperson from Ethiopian History Society UK said, "We are delighted to partner with Epping Forest District and Saffron Walden Museums for this vital project."

Other cultures represented in the collections include West and East Africa, India, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Both museums are looking to work with relevant community and cultural groups linked to these collections which will lead to a major temporary exhibition in 2023.

Hazel Edwards, Area Director (South East) for Arts Council England, said, "We’re delighted to be able to support a project that will see source communities for these exciting collections given the important opportunity to work with Epping Forest District and Saffron Walden Museums to research, reinterpret and redisplay the material for audiences to engage with, explore and enjoy.

"I look forward to the resulting exhibitions and seeing how it might inspire other museums to work with cultural organisations to deliver similar projects."

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

Special Roadside Verges

We are conducting ecological surveys at the Special Roadside Verges in Uttlesford district.

So far, we’ve been out spotting Cowslips at Little



Sampford and Crosswort at Catmere End. Here is a close-up picture of one of the Crosswort plants

which is 1 cm wide and 20 cm long. The verges are remnants of flower-rich chalk grassland meadows that once covered this area. They preserve nationally scarce plant species such as Crested Cow-wheat, Sulphur Clover and Lesser Calamint.

The sites are also home to two rare insects the Four-Spotted Moth *Tyta luctuosa*, whose food plant is Field Bindweed, and the Liquorice Piercer Moth *Grapholita pallifrontana*, whose caterpillars pierce the seed pods of its only food plant Wild Liquorice.

If you would like to visit some of the verges take a look at the Uttlesford Wildlife website www.uttlesford-wildlife.org.uk/verges/ where you can find details of verges you can visit on foot and cycle routes that pass by sites

Saffron Story Board - Heritage Development Group

Sarah Kenyon, one of our Natural Sciences Officers represented the Museum at the unveiling of the interpretation board on 14 June. The board is located on the wall of Saffron Walden Town Hall.



It explains the relationship of the town with saffron crocus. The Saffron Story project involves a leaflet, video, walking tours and culminates in Saffron Day in the town on 16 October. There will be a display of objects at the Museum in October and the leaflet is available in the museum's entrance hall close to the welcome desk.

Upcoming Exhibition: Lost Language of Nature opens Saturday 16 July

Lost Language of Nature brings stories of animals and nature from around the world to Saffron Walden Museum.

Part of a year-long project to begin to recognise and discuss the global origins of the museum’s taxidermy items and to respect, share and record their international stories through community work and exhibitions.

The focus of our community work is to collect both local and international stories and cultural information about our taxidermy specimens from the public.

Object of the Month

The Museum’s ‘Object of the Month’ provides an opportunity to explore interesting and unusual objects from our stores. In July we featured an item from the Stansted’s Roman Secrets collection.

Stansted Mountfitchet has its origins in the mediæval



Saffron Walden Museum

The museum for north-west Essex



period, but there were earlier Romano-British settlements in the area. Saffron Walden Museum preserves some clues left by these small Romano-British communities.

The Parish Church of St Mary occupies the site of a substantial Roman 'villa' building. There are records of Roman pottery and building materials being found in the churchyard in the 19th century. When the Church underwent restoration in 1888, remains of a tessellated floor were found. The contractor Mr Glasscock saved a piece and gave it to the Museum in 1919. The Museum also has pieces of Roman roof and box-flue tiles collected in the churchyard by J J Green in 1891. Box-flue tiles formed flues which vented the hot air from underfloor heating up through the walls.

Mr Green also recovered much Romano-British pottery from a site off Limekiln Lane. The pottery which he gave to the Museum appears to come from a typical farmstead or small settlement, not as well-to-do as the villa on the Church's site.



A Roman silver ring (pictured left), set with an engraved glass paste gem, was found near Stansted in 2016 by a researcher and detectorist. The ring dates to AD 200 – 300 and the tiny engraving on the gem shows a metalworker at an anvil. He could be either

Vulcan, the god of fire or Daedalus, a mythical craftsman and father of Icarus. Saffron Walden Museum acquired the ring through the Treasure Act.

School Summer Holidays - Crafts at the Castle

Wednesday 3 August, 10.30-3.30pm - Day at the Seaside - make a peg clam, yogurt pot jellyfish, and Winstanley's lighthouse

Wednesday 10 August, 10.30am-3.30pm - Treasure! - make a treasure chest, gold torque and design a coin.

Wednesday 17 August, 10.30-5.30pm - The Lost Language of Nature Our big Summer Event. As well as our weekly craft activities there will also be story telling, nature surveys and a chance to get involved in a community art project! This week's crafts: Make a wildflower, model blackbirds baked in a pie (from the nursery rhyme) and a paper bittern.

Wednesday 24 August, 10.30-3.30pm - try partering on clay, make a model of a local building and a saffron crocus.

Wednesday 31 August, 10.30-3.30pm - Harvest - make a cow mask, a harvest mouse and a corn dolly.

To take part: Pre order the activity pack from our art tickets page -

<https://saffron-walden-museum.arttickets.org.uk/> (we may have some packs available on the day for walk ups).

Each pack contains the materials you need to complete the three activities, a trail to do around the museum and an instruction booklet.

Come to the museum on Wednesday to collect your activity pack and, weather permitting, join us in the Museum grounds near the castle where we will help you with the crafts in your pack and supply basic materials and equipment.

Why not bring along a picnic blanket and stay for the day! If it is raining, take your pack to do at home. Please note, pack price does not include entry to the Museum. Museum admission fees apply.

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 for the next school term or for your community group.

Our loan boxes are also available for hire, £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. In the school summer holidays the museum will be open on Tuesdays 11am-5pm for general admission visits.

www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

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

HELP STOP SPEEDING THROUGH OUR VILLAGE BECOME A COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEER

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. Pre lockdown we had an active Community Speedwatch Team and the data the team collected played a vital role in galvanising a positive response from Essex Highways to address the speeding on the B1383. After a two-year enforced Covid absence, we hope to reinstate the 'Watch' in order to keep the momentum going. We will be focusing on the B1383.

We need to gather a team of 10–12 members to ensure that each person's commitment is limited to no more than 60 minutes once a fortnight, or less. All members of the team will be trained (at the moment the training is online).

If you are interested in helping, please contact a member of the Parish Council (Tom: 07973741015, Gari: 07789023215 or Ljiljana: 07793600697).

For further information go to CSW for Essex website:
<https://saferessexroads.org/policecommunity/community-speed-watch/>



www.hundredparishes.org.uk

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



Sawbridgeworth - River
Stort



Gt. Dunmow - Bridge over
the Flich Way link path



Gt. Waltham - Wild garlic
near Ford End

I make no apology for talking again about walking routes. During school holidays, they can provide a framework for family outings and also a slightly structured opportunity for children who like an adventure on their own or with friends. A hundred local walk descriptions on www.hundredparishes.org.uk can be freely downloaded and printed. They offer outings throughout the Hundred Parishes and for distances from 1 mile to 17 miles. If you have access to the railway network, many of our walks start and finish from stations; all these have been reviewed in 2022 and descriptions updated or expanded to talk more about what can be seen along the way.

Hundred Parishes walks are certainly not the only routes available; our area is particularly rich in footpaths and bridleways and anyone with an Ordnance Survey Explorer map can devise their own routes. A number of long-distance trails offer challenges that will take more than a single day. These trails knit together established rights of way and are often well signposted, with maps or descriptions available from Tourist Information Centres, bookshops or online.

The Walks section of our website provides links to other walk routes and walking groups, while specific organised walks appear in the What's On section of the website.

When exploring our lovely countryside, please be sure to follow the Countryside Code. I summarise a few points that are mainly common sense:

Respect everyone • leave gates and property as you find them • be nice, say hello • keep to marked paths.

Protect the environment • take your litter home • keep dogs under control and in sight • pick up your dog's poo • do not disturb wildlife.

Finally, be prepared for the English weather with layers of clothing, rainwear, sunglasses, sun cream and sun hat. Enjoy !

Ken McDonald, Secretary

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



Strethall - The Icknield Way



Thundridge - Ford & bridge over River Rib



Sawbridgeworth - Robin on Harcamlow Way



Stanstead Abbotts - Path through Easneye Estate



Elsenham - Alsa Wood

NEWS FROM RICKLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are nearing the end of our Summer Term and Academic Year and are excited to see our Year 6 children move on to their secondary schools. They have had a wonderful journey with us and we wish them all the best for September. We are also excited to welcome our new Reception children in September, and they have been in to have some taster sessions with us this term which has been lovely.

We have had some great trips and events this term and the children have had some wonderful experiences: Acorn Class joined with Willow Class at Farnham for a day trip to the Southend Sealife Centre and enjoyed some time on the beach; Oak Class have had a fun packed trip to Paradise Wildlife Park; Beech Class have been to Walton on the Naze and Maple Class have enjoyed their residential trip to Horstead as well as a trip to Joyce Frankland Academy to see a performance of Peter Pan.

As many of you may know, I am leaving the Federation of Farnham and Rickling this term and would like to thank all the children, parents, staff and Governors for their support and good wishes. Mrs Tracey Bratley will be heading our Federation from September and I would like to wish her well for her new role.

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Out and About, exploring the taste of different vegetables and fruits including rhubarb!



Rickling sports day 2022!

Thank you to all of our children, parents and staff for making our Sports day 2022 such a special event. The rain couldn't put us off and we were able to enjoy little snippets of time eating together on the field or in classrooms.



Have a wonderful summer from myself and all the team at Rickling.

Mrs Hannah Wheatcroft



SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

Federation of Farnham and Rickling Primary Schools

We are looking for a new School Governor. Being a Governor is a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to your community and to the lives of local young people. School Governors are appointed by the Governing Body to represent the schools interests. They live or work in the community served by the school and have a keen interest in the schools success.

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If you are interested in becoming a governor then a written application of no more than 150 words, detailing why you want the position and what skills, attributes and experiences you have that will make you a success, should be submitted to the contact below by the **31st of August 2022**. Email submissions may be sent to admin@rickling.essex.sch.uk

The Headteacher & Chair of Governors
Federation of Farnham and Rickling
Rickling Primary School
Rickling Green
Saffron Walden
Essex CB11 3YG

Quendon & Rickling Golf Society

Quendon and Rickling Golf Society have been busy and had two meetings since our last report in *The Link*. On Friday June 24th Brandon Chapman organised our summer outing to Cambridge Meridian Golf Club. Thirteen of us met at this popular venue for early bacon sandwiches and coffee which have become traditional and Brandon announced the teams and format of the day before the first tee-off at 10.30. There was some great golf and some dubious stuff too but lots of fun which is essential when Q+R meet. Individual scores counted to the team score and Mervyn Waite, Jamie Price and Tony Jones came out as the winners of the day. Jamie also had the lowest score of the day. We had one try at Nearest the Pin over water and scrub where many came to grief but Chris Howarth cleared it all to win the challenge. 'Q+R Winners' balls were distributed to all the winners of course. Congratulations to all the winners.



Quendon & Rickling Golf Society (Cont.)

After a meal and much chat we dispersed with memories of another good day with friends and are looking forward to our next meeting. Thanks to Brandon from us all.

We moved on to our yearly match against Manuden village golfers on Monday July 11th. As in previous years Tony Jones was our captain of the day and John Burgess organised the Manuden team. We had 16 players so 8 matches in the contest. This is quite a different format in that it is matchplay and this adds competitiveness to the mix and no small amount of pressure. Q+R have won the last 7 annual matches which is amazing so Manuden came in strong with determination to redress the balance which they did in style! They emerged clear winners 6-2 with only partners Nigel Ackerman and Tony Knight, and also Jamie Price

and Malcolm Chambers, winning their matches for our team. Congrats to them and commiserations to the rest of us but we all gave it our best effort and many of the games were more than close, going down to the 18th green in some cases. Saffron Walden Golf Club was the venue and they provided a very good supper for us all and a chance for both teams to gather together and enjoy each others company at this annual event. Tony handed over the trophy to John but we'll be back next year to see if we can bring it home!

We are a welcoming group so do join us if you are a golfer by contacting me janewaite@hotmail.com. We don't all live in the villages any more but don't let that stop you joining us if you live nearby.

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-		Q&R Village Hall	
Dog Training	Mondays	08.00-09.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Pilates	Mondays	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 07742 182272
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
BCP Communion	14th August	11.15	Quendon Church	
Holy Communion	28th August	11.15	Rickling Church	
BCP Communion	11th September	11.15	Quendon Church	
u3a Open Day	17th September	14.00	St. John's Church, Stansted Mountfitchet	
Trip to Maldon	21st September		See page 3	
Holy Communion	25th September	11.15	Rickling Church	
Autumn Daze	1st October		See posters/consult Parish Council for details	

The rest of the time's your own - use it wisely!

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Sue Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
Nigel Ackerman	01799 540678	Middle - Cambridge Road
Wendy Stannard	01799 541869	Middle - Cambridge Road
Anne Howes	01799 543545	Southern end - Cambridge Road
Joanne Hales	07903 596011	Rickling Green
Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
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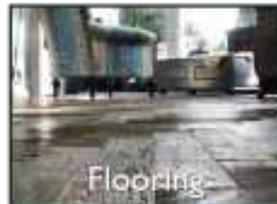
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