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NEWS

March 2023



*Aconites
by Wendy Stannard*



*Fungus on a log
by Roald Brentor*



*Spring has Sprung
by Peter Warwick*

A Picture Gallery for the Season

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

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

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Rickling: TBA

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

Church Services in the Benefice

5th March

Newport 9.30am Communion

Widdington 11.15am Communion

No Vicar's letter had been received by the time of going to press.

12th March

Newport 9.30am Family Service

Quendon 11.15am Communion

19th March

Newport 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service

Widdington 11.15am Mothering Sunday Service

26th March

Newport 9.30am Morning Worship

Rickling 11.15am 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 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.

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ



fun bingo

Wednesday 15th March
coffee morning
10.00-12.00am

Please contact:

Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807



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Saturday 25 March 2023

Family concert 4:30pm | Evening concert 7:30pm

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Family concert: £12 Adult, £6 children | Evening: £20 Adult, £10 Student, £6 under 14
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Parish Information

Welcome Packs

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

Allotments (part of the Quendon Hall Estate):

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

Highway Problems

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

Contact our Parish Council

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

The Parish Clerk is Keith Williams
Email: quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com
Telephone: 01279 814473

Contact our District Councillors

Email: cllremanuel@uttlesford.gov.uk
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See also monthly report in every issue of *The Link*.

Contact our County Councillor

Cllr Raymond Gooding
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County Hall, Duke Street
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Email: cllr.ray.gooding@essex.gov.uk
Telephone: 01279 813103
Mobile Telephone: 07778 643759

Contact our Member of Parliament

Kemi Badenoch, MP
House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA
Email: kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk
Telephone: 0207 219 1943

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of
**The Quendon & Rickling
Village Hall Committee**

Will be held on
Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
In The Village Hall
Please come and give your support.
**All residents are entitled to attend and
vote.**

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the February 2023 Winners

1st Prize	C Mandy	£32
2nd Prize	L Chandler	£21
3rd Prize	M Hawkins	£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.

QUENDON BOWLS CLUB
Social Evenings
In the Clubhouse Bar

Friday 24th Feb & 10th March
POOL, DARTS, TABLE GAMES, GOOD COMPANY



Friday 24th March
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£1.00 ENTRANCE FEE P/P TO COVER GUEST CLUB MEMBERSHIP

From the Parish Council Chair

Dear Villagers,

It's nice to see the daffs snowdrops and aconites up and heralding spring's imminent arrival. It feels like it's been quite a long winter with those two cold snaps doing a lot of damage in the garden to anything exposed and not completely hardy. Lovely to have a brief change to white landscapes but I'm content generally with green, myself!

The **Bradley's Barn** development proposal from Pegasi was not refused by UDC. There were no specific grounds for refusing prior approval to the application as the legislative requirements were all met. We shall see what happens next on this one. It's still, in my view, a project that is misguided in its location so far from the facilities of the village.

On a happier note: **Coronation Event** plans. We have pencilled in a village event on the Green on **Monday 8th May** - the bank holiday of the Coronation weekend. In concert with the Cricketers Arms we plan to have a family-friendly event, where people can bring their picnics onto the Green and/or enjoy food and drink from the pub. More detail to come in future editions of *The Link*, on noticeboards and on facebook.

On the same subject - how about pitting your

horticultural wits against the mighty gardeners of the village and joining the **Pumpkin-growing competition?** This annual pillar of the PC events calendar is open to application now, with judging to be held at the Autumn Daze event in October. For more information please contact Katherine at knqrpc@gmail.com or look for the advert in *The Link*.

As a PC we have signed up to the "Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages" initiative from Essex Wildlife Trust. This project aims to focus conservation efforts on **enhancing biodiversity** in towns and villages in the county; whilst much of the effort is directed at brownfield urban spaces, there is a lot of good advice and onward links for villages as well, and more can be found on the PC website under "Local Information → Village Wildlife Initiatives." <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk/assets/documents/wildertownswildervillages-pdf>

There's a plan afoot to install **WiFi in the Village Hall**. This will enable users of the Hall to get a reliable phone signal (via WiFi-Calling), and for groups using the Hall to connect to the Internet for music, streamed video and suchlike. There's no initial cost to the Hall for the first year, and the provider - Gigaclear - is supplying WiFi for free to a number of halls in nearby villages.

From the Parish Council Chair (cont.)

I went down to get up to speed with the latest developments at the **Football Field** this week. In the sunshine it looks really lovely, reflecting the amount of care and attention that Ted Crow and his team lavish on it. Several local teams use it as their home ground, and take pride in associating with our village. After a lull during the winter weather the pitch has been in use constantly by a number of teams on Sundays: come on down and watch!

We are still in contact with Highways regarding the state of impassability along **Cambridge Road footpath**. The Council lead on Highways came down to see for himself, and we are hopeful of some imminent action on the subject, as the initial blocker - funding for such a project - is being resolved, according to our County Councillor. If however you'd like to voice your own concerns regarding this matter or other highways, then I'd urge you to get in touch directly with Essex Highways through their website at <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us> or direct to Ray Gooding at cldr.Ray.Gooding@essex.gov.uk

Let me end with two pleas, please.

Firstly the **Village Hall** Committee is looking for volunteers to join as trustees of the charity which runs the Hall. The responsibilities are not onerous. The current committee has been running for decades and if there are no trustees to run the charity then the Hall will have to close, which would be a very serious loss to the village. Having a village hall is a great, sometimes under-appreciated, asset to the village, you only know what you had when you lose it - witness the endless angst enveloping Debden to see how important a hall is!

Secondly - let me repeat our frequent plea for more volunteers to join as a **parish councillor**. We still have the two vacancies, and the same situation stands for the PC as for the Village Hall: if there's no-one to run it the Council itself will stop functioning and will no longer be addressing local issues. Come on out and join us! Next meeting on March 8th in the Village Hall, 7:30pm

Meantime, here's to (imminent) springtime - cheers, all!

Tom Duncan.

District Councillors' Report

Refreshment of the Newport Quendon and Rickling Neighbourhood Plan

The plan will be 2 years old in June and has proved most useful. For example, it supported a Multi-Use Games Area about to be installed at the Newport Recreation ground, and was quoted in the funding bid to UDC. It was also used in getting funding for Quendon re the traffic calming and Waterbutt Row parking project done last year. In Newport the last six planning appeals have all been refused, with the NhP given weight and it has been quoted in a number of applications in Quendon.

After 2 years the spatial policies of Neighbourhood Plans have less weight, ie. where houses should or should not be built. Also, some policies need a tidying-up to the wordings following experience in use. Although the government say they intend to increase the full weight life of Neighbourhood Plans, this is only at consultation stage and it is unlikely that Plans already beyond the two years will be upgraded.

Therefore, the parish councils are doing a light touch upgrade to our Neighbourhood Plan.

New site allocation(s) will be needed to refresh its weight. A firm of consultants have been hired to assist. They will review what we have against current legislation and their experience of working on other NhPs, and then assist with the rest of the process, which should be significantly quicker than last time. The project plan they have done forecasts completion by March 2024. This will still be before the District Council Local Plan and

will ensure that the villages have the benefit of a full weight valid plan.

The Steering Group has been re-formed with new and previous members. From Quendon it is Brandon Chapman (former chair of the Parish Council and steering group member) and Phil Sowter who is a current member of the PC. Judy and Neil are on the group and five other residents of Newport, including one from Shortgrove. We also have some assistance from one of the UDC planning officers who covers this area. We can add new policies within reason e.g., where circumstances have changed, or for things we didn't cover first time. A policy on solar farms maybe? Suggestions welcome! And we ignored Shortgrove Park and Quendon Park in the current Plan as already having a level of protection, but which has not proved fully effective. There will be both informal and formal consultations.

Shortgrove is a Capability Brown landscape with much still in place, plus Victorian additional planting. As most readers won't have been there we thought some photos would be of interest.





Clock House

Annual budget

The budget, five year financial forecast, and strategies for council housing, capital spend, commercial investments and Treasury strategy will be at full council for decision making the day after this was being written. They have been assembled by the finance officers, and follow two workshops for councillors, scrutiny by the Scrutiny Committee, and the Cabinet.

The documents extend to over 200 pages, but key points most will be interested in is the UDC council tax. This is set to rise by £5 a year on band D properties, which is 3% and that takes it to £171.61 pa, but note that most of the council tax UDC collects is for Essex, and the Police and Fire and for parishes. Council house rents are to rise by

7%. This has been agreed by the Tenants Forum and by the Housing Board, and the average rent is £106.94 a week.

As well as providing the most generous council tax support scheme in Essex, which reduces the total tax by 87.5% for people on low incomes or in vulnerable categories, we are also allocating all of the extra tax from the 3% increase, £195,000, into a Cost of Living Support Fund which anyone can apply for.

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:



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01799 543487 or 07801 039550



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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.

Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

Quendon Estate & Maces Farms

As Spring starts to arrive, we are gearing up for a busy period of drilling our Spring Barley whilst tending to our autumn sown crops.

Following our last article, we have successfully completed the planting of new hedges across various areas of the Estate and Farm. We aim to continue planting new hedging in the autumn and we have scheduled to plant 6,500 tree saplings around the Estate to replace trees previously thinned. This work is part of our ongoing woodland management programme.



Further to submitting our proposal to Uttlesford District Council to convert Bradleys Barn into five terraced residential dwellings to offer two/three-bedroom accommodation which will be retained and rented out, this was approved on the 25th January 2023. Thank you to everyone who submitted their feedback and comments to Uttlesford District Council. We will circulate a follow up note to answer points raised.

Thank you to everyone who registered for the community surgery on the 15th February. We hope you found it interesting and found the farm tour insightful. 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 15th March 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.

Quendon Estate & Maces Farms (cont.)

I am also happy to announce that our long-awaited information boards have arrived and will be installed by the end of February 2023. Please do scan the QR code to find out more about the respective areas of the farm and we welcome your feedback.

Robert Timmins

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07874-385541

u3a

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted

We started off our first meeting of the New Year with our Speaker, Peter Maggs regaling us with details of a celebrated murder case nearly 200 years ago in rural Suffolk. At our February Meeting Dennis Eraut, a local resident, will give a talk entitled 'Medieval Maldon'.

Our First Seminar of the year on 25th February on the History of the Conflict between Ukraine and Russia is so popular we have had to book a larger venue. The second Seminar will take place on April 29th and there will be more news on this in our next Newsletter, but it promises to be a thought provoking session.

The trip to see the Temptations at the Prince Edward Theatre in London on 11th May, I'm afraid to say, has already sold out.

A new Geography Group has just started and there is a proposed 'Strictly Singles' group which we hope will soon be up and running. There are more on the back burner.

The Gardening Group are still enjoying meeting even though we haven't had the best weather to garden in, but having had a lecture from Geoff Hodge BSc, MCIHort, in January on the best way to deal with bugs and garden plagues, they look forward to their meeting in February visiting Grove Lodge, Saffron Walden, an NGS garden where they will be seeing displays of snowdrops and spring bulbs - minus the slugs!

Do join us at our meeting on 16th March and leave our cold shores to travel with author Philip Caine from Barrow through Africa, Kazakhstan and Russia to Iraq and the Gulf States. He is of course now the author of adventure thrillers and a prolific public speaker.

* Meetings at St. John's Hall, Stansted, 3rd Thursday of the month, from 1.30pm

Eileen Quinn



Visiting the Museum

Our standard opening hours are:

Wednesday-Saturday 10-4.30pm*

Sundays & Bank Holidays 2-4.30pm*

*Please note the earlier closing time over Winter

Closed Mondays (apart from bank holidays)

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

Object of the Month

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

In February we celebrated the Lost Language of Nature project, putting the finishing touches to this common



eider. James and Charlotte have cleaned its plumage, repainted its beak and feet, and refreshed its base. Eider ducks are famous for their soft downy feathers which help keep them warm in freezing conditions. 'Down' comes from the Old Norse word 'dúnn', the word for the fluffy feathers of young birds and the same feathers which insulate adult birds. The wild ducks can be 'farmed' sustainably for their down feathers, which are taken from the nests once chicks have fledged. This down is used to make traditional eiderdown pillows and quilts. In the UK, eider ducks are sometimes called St

Saffron Walden Museum (cont.)

Cuthbert's duck or Cuddy duck, according to the belief that St Cuthbert's holiness protected Farne island and its population of eider ducks. Saffron Walden Museum wants to hear your stories about wildlife and nature in your life, or that you know from parents and grandparents, to help create more interesting, relevant and diverse displays in the future. Fill in a postcard in the Museum to join in or search online for 'Lost Language Saffron Walden Museum'.

Discoveries from the store

As work continues moving archaeological finds to better low-humidity storage, we rediscover the contents of boxes! These finds - a glossy red Samian dinner plate, the base of a square blue glass flagon and a set of bronze mounts from a casket - all furnished the burial of someone from a small settlement at Little Walden in the early Roman period (later 1st or 2nd century AD).



These objects were found in the early 19th century and we don't have many details, but we do know that they were buried with a precious casket decorated with bronze mounts in the form of

lion's heads. The wooden casket had long since rotted away but the distinctive metal mounts and fittings had survived.

Caskets like these are known from Romano-British burials across the east of England. Lion's head mounts were clearly popular and one was recently uncovered in excavations of a Roman settlement at Bishop's Stortford (featured on BBC TV's Digging for Britain series).



Another set of lion's head casket mounts from Little Canfield is on display in the Museum. It was found and kindly loaned by a local metal detectorist.



An unusual item for our next exhibition?

We are going through the collections looking for objects to feature in our next exhibition Feeding the Family.

This glazed pottery object is rather unusual - can you guess what role it might have played in the kitchen several hundred years ago?

Come and find out in April!

Documenting the archaeology collections

Work has recently started on a new project to transfer data from a very large collection of metal detected finds spanning 20 years of work by a local enthusiast. This hugely varied collection is fully identified by the original collector including ages and images of the items, which range from Bronze Age heads through medieval pottery to 17th-century coins.

The project will transfer the collector's information and images to Modes, the Museum's digital database, and ensure that each item in the collection is assigned a unique 'accession number' to help identify it from other similar items. The current focus is on coins collected from farmland near High Easter in the south of Uttlesford District, including this halfpenny dating from 1251–1272 during the reign of Henry III.



American mystery object

We have started receiving requests from the USA to identify mystery objects found by people when they are out and about. The latest was this mystery bone, which was similar to one brought into the Museum for identification in 2020, which turned out to be a cattle hock bone (calcaneus), which is the same bone as our heel bone. This bone from Mississippi is likely to have come from a white-tailed



deer. The ends are more rounded than a fresh bone, which would have had points and sharper edges, but the shape and approximate size suggest a deer, and only white-tailed deer have a native range that includes Mississippi.

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.

Website: www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

Email: museum@uttlesford.gov.uk

Phone: 01799 510333

You could be advertising in
The Link

Contact Advertising, preferably by e-mail with attachments as necessary at sandra@arnold-q.uk;
otherwise telephone 01799 543075.

A Quendon & Rickling Parish Council led Event

Quickling Village Pumpkin Competition

There's still time to apply for entry in the 2023 Quendon & Rickling Village Pumpkin Competition Silver Cup.

- All ages welcome
- £2.50 entry fee
- Competition seeds will be provided (3 Seeds per entry) for the 'Grand Finale Weigh-In' of the entrants heaviest pumpkin to be held in October at the Autumn Daze event. (A different pumpkin variety will be chosen so there can be no using last year's seeds!)
- Prizes to be awarded for the heaviest Pumpkins

Remember only seeds provided by the organisers are permitted and they need to be bought in time to start planting this month or next, so don't delay! Please contact either our Parish Clerk, Keith Williams (quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com) or Katherine Nuthall (knqrpc@gmail.com) to register your interest. Please include your name and address.



HANDEL
Israel in Egypt

Saffron Walden Choral Society
The Brook Street Band
Quintin Beer conductor

Grace Davidson soprano
Rebekah Jones mezzo
Ben Durrant tenor

Saturday 25 March 2023, 7.30pm

Saffron Hall

Ticket Prices £18, £24 & £30 (under 25s half-price)
Tickets available from: www.saffronhall.com



Newport Church presents
an evening with
Terry Waite

This is a unique evening of music and reflection. Share the company of a man whose life journey has reached those deep places of the heart with the pain of imprisonment, torture and loneliness accompanied by a pianist playing music from the great composers.



WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH
7.30PM. DOORS OPEN 7PM.
AT THE JOYCE FRANKLAND ACADEMY

2 x 45 minute talks with a 30 minute refreshment interval.
Terry will be book signing and selling his book at the end.
To book tickets please visit www.thelittleboxoffice.com/terrywaite
Call/text 07415 380940 or email: church.joy@yahoo.com

Quendon Bowling Club News

Outdoor Bowling

The weather has been kinder of late that has enabled us to catch up on some of the maintenance of the bowling green to get it ready for the start of the season. The green itself has had the moss removed has been regularly brushed and has been groomed. At



one end of the rink we have started replacing ditch boards that have rotted, but due to the bad weather and problems with delivery we are about three weeks behind on this.

I am pleased to say we have had a couple of new bowlers sign up for the new season and a few new local people who have expressed an interest. We will be having a club open day on Sunday 23rd of April just before the start of the season for anyone interested, or just curious, to come and give it a try. Coaching will be given and all you need is flat soled footwear - trainers are fine - and a range of different size and weight bowls will be available for you to try. Come and meet the members, see what facilities we have and have a drink at the bar or a cup of tea from the kitchen.

Indoor Bowling

Although those who participate have a great time at the

indoor bowling rink at Turpins in Saffron Walden our team, despite their best efforts and a few close finishes, remain firmly at the bottom of the table.

On Wednesday evenings at 7.00 we have carpet bowls in the Clubhouse usually on two "rinks", a very light-hearted and social way to get introduced to bowling, and the club members, and to have a chat over tea and biscuits and sometimes even cakes.

Social Evenings

Our social evenings are continuing in the clubhouse during the off season on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. January's Bingo evening was great fun made more entertaining by the spinning ball selector deciding to be temperamental. Our dates for March are Friday 10th and the 24th, which will include "Play Your Cards Right"; keep your eyes on the village notice board, and also the Quendon & Rickling Facebook pages for regular updates.

General

We are pleased to welcome Liz and Gari Spearpoint, who have obviously enjoyed our socials and have signed as full social members.

Our membership fees from this March are as follows.

Full bowling membership £95.00; couples full bowling membership £150.00; new members first year full membership £30.00; social membership £30.00 (transferable to other memberships if deciding to take it up).

Don't forget that the Clubhouse, including the kitchen and licensed bar, including bar staff, can be hired out for your special occasion. There is plenty of parking and, when the better weather arrives, outside seating. Currently the hire rate is £80.00. If you wish to enquire about availability, please contact Mick on 07570 156095 or leave a message on the Club's answerphone 01799 543544 and we will get back to you.

Ray Hart

Security News and Advice from Stephen Armson-Smith

A Heritage of Crime Prevention for the Future

Back in 1829, Sir Robert Peel (the "Father of Modern Policing") decreed that there are nine basic principles of Policing. The first principle and mission for Police Constables is to prevent crime and disorder, and that police effectiveness is not measured on the number of arrests, but on the lack of crime!

These principles still ring true today. Reducing and preventing crime is not only better for the economy, but more importantly our health and wellbeing. Dealing with the aftermath of crime and ASB can leave a lasting impact on victim of crime and the wider community.

Every day within Essex Police, our Officers and Staff

from our Community Policing Teams, Community Safety and Engagement Officers, Rural Crime, Business Crime Teams and Fraud Coordinators deliver crime prevention advice to help the public in reducing the opportunities for crime and ASB.

For specialist crime prevention advice, the force has a small number of Crime Prevention and Designing out Crime Officers (DOCOs), who provide tactical support for all officers and staff. Designing out Crime Officers look at mitigating crime and ASB risk not just for the present, but for the future. A carefully designed building and wider environment with security at the heart of it is better than retrofitting measures later to fix a problem

Security News and Advice from Stephen Armson-Smith (cont.)

that could have been foreseen.

Additionally, as part of the planning process, the Designing out Crime Officers comment on new planning applications to ensure that the opportunities for crime and disorder to be 'designed out' at the earliest opportunity. They review various planning applications from new housing estates, hospitals, schools and town centre regenerations to name but a few.

The Designing out Crime Officers promote '**Secured by Design**' (www.securedbydesign.com) to ensure that new planning applications have considered the impact of crime in their design.

Secured by Design (SBD) is the official police security

initiative that aims at reducing the opportunities for crime and ASB. Developers around the UK can achieve SBD awards for incorporating crime prevention measures and techniques into their developments in all kinds of building sectors. SBD has also developed and maintains a product-based police accreditation scheme - the Police Preferred Specification, where independently tested security products and building material can be found.

In conclusion crime prevention is not just reactive and concerned with just the here and now, its core is around creating safer and exclusive places for everyone at all times.

*Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer
- 090819*

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall, Charity No 301379

Your Hall – Your Community



Quendon & Rickling Village Hall is a charity serving your village.

We urgently need new volunteers to help maintain your facilities for the benefit of the whole community and all age groups. **If new trustees do not come forward, your Village Hall is at risk of closure.**

If you would like to find out what is involved in becoming a trustee (it isn't demanding) please contact Christine Osbourne on 01799 543367 or christineandos@gmail.com who will be pleased to tell you what is involved. Or better still come along to our Open Morning on Sunday 26th March, 10-12 and meet the team. (Refreshments provided).

The management committee relies on trustees:

- ❖ To tell us how the hall can better serve our community
- ❖ For administration
- ❖ To organise and carry out maintenance

CRIME PREVENTION from Neighbourhood Watch YOUR GUIDE TO PICKPOCKETS AND DISTRACTION THEFT.

The observers

These include people loitering in public places who appear to be checking out passers-by, paying particular interest to their handbags, shopping bags and where they might place their wallet or purse.

This also is a tactic used near cashpoints, or your car when loading your shopping, where one person will stand close and distract you while another is watching you input

your PIN or placing your handbag or wallet into your car.

The opportunists

Pickpockets also operate in shops and department stores, where people are more likely to be standing still, distracted and so paying less attention to their belongings, making them an easier target.

Be more aware of your surroundings in busy shops and

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shopping centres because they're ideal places for pickpockets, as it's easier for them to brush past people, take items and blend into the crowd.

Team tactics

Pickpockets don't always operate alone; they may work in teams to distract the target while someone unseen removes the items and blends back into the crowd. Another member might step in as an enforcer in the event of an altercation.

Crowding in

Thieves vary their tactics based on the location and the density of the crowd. One tactic is where a group of them push up against a victim in a crowded shop or street then quickly reach into the victim's pocket and steal their wallet, phone or purse.

Dirty tricks

Remember, pickpockets are very skilled at what they do. They know all the tricks and are extremely light-fingered with most of their thefts only taking a second or two. One of their tactics is 'hugger mugging' where a thief will appear to be over-friendly for no particular reason and hug you while pickpocketing you. Another ploy is for the thief to stumble into you and place their hands on you to steady themselves, whilst removing your wallet or phone!

The point of distraction

Pickpocket teams are adept at creating distractions. This could be anything from a game to a loud shout, all designed to avert your attention while an unseen accomplice steals your valuables. So do try not to be easily distracted. Waving a sheet of paper in your face while asking directions means they can use the other hand to steal your stuff.

Do...

- Do keep purses and bags closed and secure at all times.
- Do carry bags in front of you or diagonally across your chest.
- Do return cards to your purse or wallet quickly and zip it up or button it.
- Do use a purse that's difficult to open. One that zips or snaps shut is best, and keep it closed. Invest in some purse bells as well.
- Do use a money belt if you're carrying a significant quantity of cash.
- Do conceal your wallet in a buttoned or zipped pocket where it doesn't bulge.
- Do keep a list, separate from your wallet and phone, of emergency contact numbers (inc. bank card providers) in case your wallet, purse or phone is stolen.
- Do keep a photocopy of your airline tickets, passport, credit cards and any other documents that would be impossible or inconvenient to replace if stolen.
- Do be aware of your personal space and what may be happening around you.

Do Not...

- Don't hang stuff on the back of a chair.
- Don't leave anything on the back of a pushchair.
- Don't place your belongings out of sight on the table or floor.
- Don't get distracted from what you are doing.

Remember, having a zipped bag doesn't mean you're totally safe. Thieves have been known to walk behind victims while slowly unzipping bags. Yes, they can be that bold. So, never underestimate a pickpocket.

EXTRA EYES

You can help us reduce collisions and casualties and make roads across Essex roads even safer by reporting instances of poor and dangerous driving.

Most of the people who use the roads across Essex do so responsibly and with care and consideration for others. However, some road users occasionally behave irresponsibly or inconsiderately, and a smaller number behave like this regularly. These are the people most likely to cause a collision and present the highest risk of harm to themselves and others. We want your help to identify these people.

Essex Police has a range of tools at its disposal, but the help you can provide through your 'Extra Eyes' on the road will be invaluable

in helping us identify and deal with offenders.



The increasing availability of mass market 'on the go' cameras means more irresponsible, dangerous and illegal road behaviour is being recorded in video form than ever before. Through 'Extra Eyes', this footage can be sent to us for review by an investigator within Road Policing at Essex Police.

In appropriate cases we will have no hesitation in taking positive action against offenders, using the evidence that you supply, providing it meets the criteria.

It is important that the points below are followed otherwise the matter cannot be progressed:

You and any other witness must be willing to attend

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court to give evidence

Footage must be unedited, clear and in focus

Vehicles must be identifiable

Submissions must be made within 48 hours of the event

Footage must show instances of driving behaviour which amounts to careless driving or leaving a vehicle in a dangerous position

Where the alleged driving amounts to an offence and there is no footage, an independent witness, not within your vehicle, is required.

If the evidence submitted has been posted on any social media sites or YouTube then unfortunately we will be unable to process your submission as it may undermine the possibility of a fair trial if the case goes to court.

Where appropriate, offenders will be offered a driver improvement course at their expense in order to educate them and ultimately improve their attitude towards driving. Where the criteria for one of these courses is not met, a fixed penalty notice or escalation to court proceedings may follow.

Remember we are not just talking about dash cams in cars, hence the picture of a motorcyclist above; footage from cyclists' cameras or even horse rider helmet cams can also be used... For more information and how to submit your footage visit Extra Eyes – how you can help – see <https://saferessexroads.org/extra-eyes/>

For advice on steps you can take to help secure your belongings, protect yourself and prevent yourself from becoming a victim of crime, visit <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

Neither the Safer Essex Roads Partnership nor Essex Police will support or encourage anyone to proactively seek out examples of poor driving. It is essential to consider your own driving and conduct before making any submission. Essex Police will review your submission in line with current prosecution policies and the decision on how the matter is dealt with is final. Although Essex Police Staff are not able to discuss the outcome from your submission you can view its progress on the SERP website.

Stay Safe...



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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently published analysis of the 2021 Census. Nationally, this showed that the population of England grew by 6% in the last 10 years and 14% over the last 20 years. Locally, the increase has been much faster. The population of The Hundred Parishes in 2021 was around 156,000, up 12% since 2011 and 24% since 2001. If roads seem busier, these extra 30,000 people are a major factor.

Half of the increase is accounted for by 6 parishes close to Stansted Airport. Elsenham, Flich Green, Great Dunmow, Little Canfield, Stansted Mountfitchet and Takeley have each expanded by more than 50% in the last 20 years. Another big growth was seen in Buntingford: from 4,300 in 2001 to 7,900 in 2021.

The Census is the modern equivalent of the Domesday Book produced in 1086 AD when the national population was less than 2 million, compared to 60 million today.

Today, 8% of the Hundred Parishes population was born

outside the UK (compared to 17% in the whole of England and Wales); 10% of homes are flats (v 22%); 36% of houses have 4 or more bedrooms (v 21%); 27% of homes are rented (v 37%); 40% of adults work at home (v 31%); 55% are in professional or managerial jobs (v 46%); 56% of households have 2 or more vehicles (v 35%). We have a different age mix from the UK average, with a shortfall of around 5,000 people in their 20s and 30s offset by around 5,000 extra people aged over 40.

While the previous paragraph highlights contrasts, some statistics are closely aligned with the national picture: 99% of households have central heating; 5% of households have a second home; 51% of the population is female and 49% male.

Each parish introduction on www.hundredparishes.org.uk has been updated to include the 2021 population. For more information, please go to <https://www.ons.gov.uk/census>

Ken McDonald, Secretary

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What's On

Contact the Hall Manager, Christine Osbourn on 01799 543367, for any event in Q&R Village Hall.

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Saffron Searchers	1st Monday in month	20.00-22.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Pilates	Mondays	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 07742 182272
Dog Training	Mondays	20.00-21.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Dance Exercise	Tuesdays	10.30-11.30	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Dance Exercise	Tuesdays	14.30-15.30	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Community Café	3rd Weds in month	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	Wednesdays	11.15-13.15	Q&R Village Hall	
Carpet Bowls	Wednesdays	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Buffy Playbus	Fridays	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Social Evening	2nd & 4th Fridays	Evening	Quendon Bowling Club	
Parish Council	8th March	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Hall Open Morning	26th March	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Hall AGM	12th April	15.00	Q&R Village Hall	All are encouraged to take part!
Open Day	23rd April		Quendon Bowling Club	
Golf Event	27th April		Whitehill GC	Brandon Chapman 01799 543518

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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Paul Carrol	07889 344869	Southern end - Cambridge Road
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Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
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For further information see www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/

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