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*Quendon & Rickling Photographic Competition Spring 2016
Architecture 1st prize Jane Davis - Eden Project Cornwall*

Visits: If you would like the Vicar to visit you at home or in hospital, or know of anyone who would like him to visit them, please let the Vicar know.

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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Neil McLeod,

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

'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.'

Yes, it is time again for us to be celebrating the harvest that God has given us, and to give thanks for all of the people who work on the land. It is probably something that we are in danger of taking for granted, as the blessings of the harvest are just always there. However, just stop and consider an average weekly shop and what it might contain. Here is a example of what is in my shopping trolley on an average week:

- **Fruit:** Bananas are part of my staple diet as I chop them up on my cereal along with blueberries. But I also have apples, pears or satsumas as well. Plenty of fruits from the harvest here.
- **Vegetables:** I know they're carbs but I love potatoes, and I generally stock up on large baking potatoes because I often have a jacket spud for lunch or dinner, and they are good for making chips with (the Slimming World variety I hasten to add). I love mushrooms in a chilli or bolognaise, and risotto. But I also get baby sweetcorn & carrots, and staple frozen veg such as peas, sweetcorn, green beans & broccoli.
- **Salad:** I am trying to eat more salad, so I get lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers & beetroot. I love pickled beetroot on a salad.

So that's the fresh stuff that is easy to see how it relates to the harvest, but there are other items as well:

- **Cereals:** My favourites are Fruit & Fibre, Wheatabix or Shredded Wheat Bitesize.
- **Bread or Rolls:** Not good for me, but great to have especially toasted with cheese.
- **Jam:** A nice fruity jam that can be spread on toast.
- **Pasta or Rice:** Another staple from my shopping basket but uses the crops from fields.
- **Herbs & Spices:** All of them grown and so versatile. I love cooking with pepper & chilli flakes.

So even if we didn't eat fresh food there are still plenty of areas of our diet that come from the harvest, and that's not included all of the different plant or fruit extracts that get used in cosmetics, shampoos, soap, etc. So, there is quite a lot of items that we use regularly that is dependent on a good harvest.

So I invite you to come and celebrate the harvest with us at Quendon Church on Sunday 9th October at 9.30am. Please bring something along (a tin or dried good) to offer for our harvest offering. Many thanks and hope to see you there.

Neil

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Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

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

Harvest Festival & Harvest Walk Sunday 9th October

After the enjoyable walk earlier in the year (see page 9), we propose to have another walk after Harvest Festival on Sunday 9th October. We shall be walking from Quendon Church in a new direction.

Harvest Festival Service is at 9.30 9th October Quendon Church. Donations of dried or tinned food to go the Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.

In Memoriam

Allan Simons Funeral was held on June 30th 2016 at Quendon Church. Husband of Evelyn, formerly of The Pink Cottage Quendon.

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 2nd October

9.30am	Widdington	Harvest Festival Service
11.00am	Newport	Family Communion

Sunday 9th October

8.30am	Widdington	BCP Communion
9.30am	Quendon	Harvest Festival Service
11.00am	Newport	Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 16th October

9.30am	Widdington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Newport	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Newport	Deanery Service, with Bishop Roger

Sunday 23rd October

8.00am	Newport	BCP Communion
9.30am	Rickling	Holy Communion
11.00am	Newport	Morning Worship
3.30pm	Newport	Messy Church

Sunday 30th October

9.30am	Widdington	Benefice Celtic Communion
6.00pm	Newport	Commemoration Service

In addition to these services, prayer meetings are held as follow:

Quendon, Mondays 4 30 pm
Rickling, Thursdays 9 00am
Widdington, Tuesday 9 00am
Newport, Wednesday 4 30 pm.

Upcoming Special Services:

- The Commemoration Service is an opportunity for people to gather to remember the people that they continue to love but have died. It is open to all people, and within the service there will be a chance to remember and to light a candle for a loved one.
- The main Remembrance Sunday service will be on Sunday 13th November at Newport Church, beginning at the War Memorial at approx. 10.55. There will be a Communion Service in Quendon Church at 6.00pm in the evening at which names from the war memorials will be read out.

Rickling/Quendon Coffee Group

invite you to a

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday October 19th

10.00am-12.00pm



at



Rickling/Quendon Village Hall

Cambridge Road, Quendon, CB11 3XQ

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or Carole 01799 543807

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Help, anyone?

A visitor to www.quendonandrickling.co.uk recently wrote as follows:

Hello, I was evacuated to Quendon, along with my mother during 1944/5. My sister was born there in 1945. My father had been stationed, under canvas, behind the Kings Head with the 5th Bt. Wiltshire Reg. and met Frank & Kate Player who invited us to stay at their house, 1, Red Cottages, Quendon. Having found your site I wondered if you had any further information on The Wilts behind the Kings Head and Mumford Stores in which I made many purchases during my times there. Are there any photographs available. I look forward to hearing from you, Ray Ghent.

If you have anything to offer, please let the editor know: Robert Arnold, Editor, by e-mail to robert@arnold-q.uk or telephone 01799 543075;

Alternatively Ray can be contacted direct by e-mail to r.ghent@ntlworld.com.

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting is on the 12th September at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, so if you can spare the time please do come along.

An Agenda will be published on the village website and on all notice boards on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Here are the proposed dates for rest of the meetings this year:

16th November

14th December

Any changes will be advertised.

Please be advised there is a vacancy for the Clerk to Quendon & Rickling Parish Council. If you are interested in this role, please contact the Clerk for further details and the job description.

Dog Fouling

Uttlesford District Council has a clear message on Dog fouling:

Please clean up after your dog – Bag it and Bin it.

Failure to clean up after your dog could result in a £1000 fine!

To report incidents of dog fouling call the council's Customer Service Centre on 01799 510510.

Alternatively, fill in an online form at

www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. It is quite difficult to keep track of, so if anyone knows of any newcomers to the village do please let me know on the contact details below and I will drop off a welcome pack to them.

Allotments

Anyone interested in taking up an allotment should call Peter Warwick on 01799 543526.

We understand that there are still some plots available and it may be possible that some existing ones may be divided up.

Neighbourhood Watch

We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate a Neighbourhood Watch team in the Parish. If anyone is

interested in getting involved, please contact me on the details below.

Local Plan

Details of the Local Plan can be found on the UDC website. In the meantime, it is noted that following the call for potential sites, landowners in the Parish have put forward 5 potential sites. Details of these can be found on the UDC website via the following link:

<https://cms.esriuk.com/uttlesford/Sites/cfs/>

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.

Police/Crime

The Essex Community Messaging Service provides useful information to the public about policing and safety issues. It is free to register and information is given relative to your postcode, thus providing accurate and up-to-date community safety information and crime prevention advice. Users can choose to receive information via e-mail, text or voice-recording and can select what information to receive – based on where they live and work and on issues of interest. For further details and to sign up, visit www.essex.police.uk/ecm

Children's Activities Armadillos, a Bumps, Babies, Toddlers and Parents group meets every Tuesday (term time) from 9am-11am at Rickling School Hall

Buffy Bus

Is no longer visiting the Parish, the Wednesday service has been rescheduled to stop at

Cherry Garden Lane, Newport between 9.15am and 10.30am

Contact the Parish Council

The Clerk, Sue Joannou can be contacted by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone 01799 541984.

Should anyone wish to receive e-mail updates/notices, please send me your e-mail address and I will add you to the village circulation list.

This month's message from the Chairman of the Parish Council

I'm sure we are all happy to see The Link back in circulation after the summer break, and I hope you all enjoyed the weather once it finally arrived. All in all, it turned out to be a good 'un.

Unfortunately I have to begin with some rather bad news. Both our Clerk, Sue Joannou and one of our newer PCs, Lindy McDermott, have resigned from the PC. Sue has found herself with other, time consuming commitments, and Lindy has been asked to take on the role of Co-Chair of the Governing Body at her daughter's school. They will both be a great loss to the PC, both having settled in very quickly and having proved to be highly valuable members. I wish them the very best and, who knows, sometime in the future they just might come back. In the meantime, if you would like to consider joining us, either as Clerk or as a Parish Councillor, please give me a call, 542527.

Four topics seem to be staple PC business;

Planning is one, and you will probably have heard by now, that the application at Ventnor Lodge has been approved. As usual, this was despite PC objections. We did at least manage to negotiate a cash donation to the village hall, of £20,000 to help with the urgent renovation works. While we were somewhat disappointed with the amount, we have no control over it, and at least it will help.

Another is traffic. I've received a number of expressions of concern regarding the speed and volume of traffic through the village. You may remember that, some time ago I asked for volunteers to revitalize the Community Speedwatch Team, and the good news is that, just about, enough people came forward to restart the team. The only problem is that I am not allowed to provide the training for the new team, it has to be done by the police. I've been in touch, but I know from experience that it may be some time before they are able to give us a date. As soon as they do we'll be out with the speed gun again.

Then there is the awkward matter of parking, especially in Green Road and south of Waterbutt Row. I would ask all residents to simply be careful and considerate in where and how you park your cars. Principally, please do not block the footpath. As a yardstick, no pedestrian, especially with a pushchair, should have to go into the road to get past your car. We are looking at various means of ensuring this, in conjunction with Essex Highways but, as with most things, nothing is likely to happen quickly!

....and dog fouling. A lot has been said on the subject, so all I'll add for now is that the District Council has advised that 'poo bags' may be deposited in any waste bins, not just in dog specific ones, and that includes your own black, non-recycling bin. There is absolutely no excuse for leaving your dogs mess on the ground, or in a bag tied to a tree! Please, dog owners, help to keep our beautiful villages, just that.

Finally, the Village Plan Action Committee have made a little progress towards a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, in that a couple of people have volunteered to help out around Rickling. But more are needed. Very little needs to be involved and it would be great to see more people taking an interest in 'running' the villages. If you think you might be interested please call Annette – 543518.

That's me for another month, soon be Christmas.

Alan.

I had a ploughman's lunch the other day.

He really wasn't very happy.

Apple Pressing - Saturday 8th October 2pm - Rickling Green

Would you like to turn your excess apples into juice?

We will set up a small apple press near the Pavilion on Rickling Green on Saturday 8th October from 2p.m.

Please bring along any apples and a container, help press the apples and take them away as juice.

A great way to use up spare apples – any variety – and you can freeze the juice and have it fresh at Christmas.

The Village Plan Action Group

FOR RENT

Open air hard standing drive space,
suitable for motor home or car storage.
Electric power point and water available.

Quiet safe area
on Quendon Park Estate.

£10 per week.

Contact: Mrs Seeger 01799 541785

Some of us - like your humble and unworthy editor - have opted out of the Post Office's unaddressed mail delivery service and therefore may not have received the District Council's quick guide to what waste should go where. Here is your handy cut-out-and- keep reminder.



Report from District Councillors Neil Hargreaves and Joanna Parry

School transport costs and bus changes

A big concern for Quendon parents with children at Joyce Frankland and the SW County High is that Essex County Council is removing all subsidy for school transport. So by 2017 parents will be paying about £1000 a year, roughly three times what they are paying now. ECC have not handled this well. Their response is that they 'consulted'. They also said they were 'pleased' to be able to reduce their costs by £500,000 for these two schools. However the consultation referred to was mostly on withdrawing bus services. Because Widdington's service was at risk I read it in detail and there was no indication that such large rises for school transport were being planned, which is why there were no comments made about it. The paper presented to the Conservative ECC Cabinet, which includes the ward member for our area Cllr Ray Gooding, was therefore able to note that there were no objections made. As the relevant parts of the consultation were obscure it had to have selected text relating to school transport highlighted in bold for the benefit of cabinet members. There was no reference to the impact on parents.

I wrote to Cllrs Finch (Essex council leader) and Gooding asking that they follow the lead of Cambridgeshire, also removing subsidy, who have protected those already on courses from large rises, but they have refused.

Also to cut costs ECC have reduced and reorganised the school bus routes. Some of this was not thought through or consulted upon. There were children deliberately left by the roadside to change buses, children unintentionally left behind because buses were full, and bizarre convoluted routes involving very early starts and late arrivals. The 322 from Harlow through Quendon to JFA and SWCH is overloaded, leaving students behind and sometimes missing out Widdington entirely. After intervention by parents and by R4U some routes have been improved and at the time of writing Essex are meeting with the operators and schools. The SW Citizens Advice Bureau have assembled many issues about school transport on their Facebook which has been copied to the officials in Chelmsford.

Report from District Councillors Neil Hargreaves and Joanna Parry (continued)

Neighbourhood Plan

Jo and I recently attended a training session provided by the Rural Community Council of Essex about how to develop a Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

It covered the basics of what an NP is for, and what it can and cannot do. In Newport and Quendon we will not be able to change any existing planning approvals, or the number of houses allocated to us in the Local Plan. But we can change where the allocated houses will go (if there is a better alternative) and we can set limits on building heights and specify design quality. For both villages the current position on the Local Plan is that no more sites beyond what is already being built, or subject to planning applications, will be included. However there is nothing to stop developers making applications for any site, even when the Plan is in place. However, for those areas not allocated in the Local Plan the NP can specify whether development should be encouraged or not permitted, and for example it can earmark areas to be retained as open space. The NP can also mark areas for commercial development or other uses.

We also covered setting up a project plan and how to create and implement an effective questionnaire. This was extremely useful and the handouts we were given are excellent, and show a very clear way forward.

Jo has submitted to UDC the area to be covered, which is the parishes of Quendon and Newport, and has listed the next steps for consideration at the Parish Councils, with the object of having the NP management team set up by mid September.

If you would like to know more, the Thaxted NP website gives an excellent view of what this is all about!
<http://www.thaxtednp.com>

Neil Hargreaves

The Illusion of Occupancy

As the nights draw in earlier don't forget to use table lamps on timers, and there is a product called "Fake TV" that produces lighting that resembles a television switched on within a room www.immobilise.com, you can also record serial numbers of products here free or charge. Consider installing external "Dusk till dawn" lighting and remember to ensure gates are in good condition, closed and locked. A new product available is a movement sensor that activates an appliance plugged into a plug socket; an internet search will find such.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/>, the crime prevention website <http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/> or contact your local Crime Reduction Advisor by using the 101 non-emergency telephone number.

Naturally we also ask locals to report any unusual activity to police in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Stephen Armson-Smith

Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer 16-08-16

Quendon and Rickling Golf Society

A fine summers day on Thursday 3rd August took us to the fine old course at John O'Gaunt Golf Club, just outside Potton in Bedfordshire. The swirling wind however, made playing a little difficult and although everyone had a fabulous day the scores were not too high. Top of the board though was Barry Hutchin who won the individual competition. We also had a team event where in the teams of 3 players the best two stableford scores counted on each hole where the threesome of Nigel Ackerman, David Lockwood and John Robinson took first place. Nearest the Pin on the 16th was Tony Jones who won a grand bottle of wine which we felt sure he will be sharing with his playing colleagues in due course. This was our first venture at John O'Gaunt and it was felt that we should certainly give it another go next year.



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**RICKLING CHURCH OF
ENGLAND (VA) PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 18th October 2016

9:30 - 11:30

Quendon Churchyard Clear Up

Saturday 15th October

We would greatly welcome any help that you can provide to help us with jobs needed to keep the churchyard looking neat. Bring any tools, gloves and we propose meeting about 10.00am.

Bacon rolls provided.

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



Many settlements within the Hundred Parishes evolved alongside highways to serve passing traffic, initially farm carts, drovers with cattle and travellers on horseback, then passenger coaches and bigger farm wagons. Some vehicles were drawn by six or more horses or oxen. The busiest routes radiated out from London.

Roads did not have the luxury of a firm surface until the introduction of tarmac at the beginning of the 20th century. Since the Middle Ages, parishes had maintained roads, but increasing traffic meant that some could no longer find the necessary resources. Roads were badly rutted, muddy in winter and dusty in summer, often only passable by encroaching more and more onto adjoining land. Increasing vehicle size and volume of traffic, especially taking farm produce into the expanding capital, caused much damage.

Parliament authorised the overseeing of key routes by surveyors, and later by boards of trustees, who were responsible for maintaining a given length of road from the proceeds of tolls. These roads were known as "turnpikes" after an old word meaning toll gate. The first turnpike road in England was established in 1663 on the Old North Road, known more recently as the A10, running from Wadesmill in the parish of Thundridge north to Huntingdonshire. The country's first toll gate was set up in Wadesmill. More turnpike roads and toll gates followed in the 18th century.

The arrival of the railways in the mid 1800's took much traffic off the roads and spelt the end of economic viability for turnpikes. Main routes became the responsibility of county or district authorities and they were given road numbers in the 1920s. Much still survives of how things used to be if you take time to look – more next month.

Ken McDonald,
Secretary



At: Rickling Church of England Primary School

Date & Time: Friday 30th September 2016 at 9:00am

Please come and support the world's biggest coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

We look forward to seeing you all

Rickling C of E Primary School - Roald Dahl Day 13/09/2016

Today we celebrated Roald Dahl day in style!



Everyone dressed up as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book and we had a special assembly celebrating 100 years since Roald Dahl was born. We also took part in a Roald Dahl quiz and the teachers took it in turns to read a chapter from their favourite Roald Dahl story. We all love the quote from The Twits:

"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

We are all looking lovely today! We hope you enjoy the photos.



HENHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET Raising money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital

FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

1pm to 8pm

Henham Village Hall & Henham OSCA Hall

Stalls Include:-

Candles, Chocolates, Jewellery,
Cards, Soaps, Bath Bombs,
Books, Jams/Chutneys,
Handbags & Accessories
Gift Ideas, Stitched items,
Christmas Decorations



Plus Refreshments and a Raffle.....

Entrance £1 (one fee for both halls)
EVERYONE WELCOME

Please come and enjoy a festive shopping event

Sunday 17th July Quendon To Rickling Church Walk

15 people and 2 dogs enjoyed the walk on Sunday afternoon from Quendon Church to Rickling Church. We were greeted there with tea and cake and the coolness inside the church was greatly appreciated. The general feeling was, let's do it again. Look for future dates.

This should have appeared in the Aug/Sept issue but I got it wrong. Sorry! Editor

Advertising in THE LINK

reaches every household
in Quendon and Rickling
[e-mail robert@arnold-q.uk](mailto:robert@arnold-q.uk)
or telephone 01799 543297/543075

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many congratulations to our lucky winners in August.

1st prize.....19. £35.....Karen Crow

2nd prize..... 80. £25.....Roger Hackwell

3rd prize.....30. £15.....Wendy Stannard.

Many congrats to this months winners.

1st prize.....Rita Lockwood..... Ball 49. £35

2nd prize..... Sarah Gemmill.....Ball 67. £25

3rd prize..... Suzanne Hawkins.. Ball 50. £15

Please contact me if you would like to join our happy band! Clare. 01799 543637

The Rickling Carers Club would like to thank the Parish Council for donating towards the Hall Hire for this group. Although the group has now disbanded any money collected £180.00 is being donated to 3 separate charities .The first being The British Heart Foundation on the 21st September at the newly formed Q&R Coffee Mornings event.

Volunteering for Victim Support in Essex

Victim Support is looking for reliable volunteers with great listening skills, who have 4-8 hours to spare a week. We will train you to offer practical and emotional support to people affected by crime. Apply now to be on our next four day fully accredited training course this autumn and you could soon be learning new skills whilst making a positive difference to people's lives.

To find out more please visit www.victimsupport.org.uk, or call the Essex Service Delivery team on 01277 357557 or email essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk

Victim Support is an independent charity. Our services are free and available to everyone, whether or not the crime has been reported and regardless of when it happened. If you have been affected by crime, call us on 0300 30 30 165.

ESSEX POLICE ACTIVE CITIZEN SCHEME

Across the UK there are numerous examples where members of the public are volunteering in roles to support local policing activity. It should be clearly understood, that this is not a scheme designed to override or under value the existing voluntary organisations, who are already doing a fantastic job within the community, but one to supplement and indeed enhance, the good work that already takes place.

Essex Police are excited to be creating their own 'Active Citizen' programme, expanding an existing volunteer framework which will enable to be able to become involved in supporting their local community, through volunteering with their local police.

The Active Citizen scheme will incorporate a number of existing Volunteer programmes, such as: Volunteer Police Cadets, Home Guard, Dog Watch, Active Citizens Horse Watch etc., but the overall scheme will go much further.

Opportunities will be tailored according to availability, capacity and capability of the volunteers, the only limit of the use of the Active Citizen scheme within the policing framework, is imagination.

An existing example of good work is that of the 'Home Guard' in Colchester, where volunteers patrol the streets to assist the police in keeping people safe. Other examples might be setting up crime prevention stands in town centres (possibly alongside, or in conjunction with Essex Watch and Neighbourhood Watch), who already carry out valuable work in this field, also distributing crime prevention leaflets, and, alongside a police officer or PCSO, giving crime prevention advice where there may have been recent opportunist burglaries. There could also be opportunities for assisting with some back office functions. As the scheme comes to fruition, it is planned to appoint Active Citizen leaders, who will co-ordinate the work of other Active Citizen volunteers.

Opportunities will be provided to volunteers from the age of 18 plus. It will be a fantastic opportunity for those looking for work experience, or for adding skills to the CV, and to gain invaluable experience in customer service and problem solving, setting our Active Citizens apart from other candidates, when applying for employment.

It will enable people to truly get involved in structured activities, and to support their local community, as well as a great opportunity to make new friends.

This new initiative is indeed, a chance for caring members of our communities to make a difference.

If you are interested and would like to receive more information on becoming an 'Active Citizen,' please email: active.citizen@essex.pnn.police.uk

DON'T DELAY – CONTACT TODAY!

HOUSE BURGLARY: Three steps to reduce the risk

Beat the burglar!! Three steps to take that will reduce the risk of you being a burglary victim.

Is there clear unobstructed access to the rear?

Burglars will prefer to gain access out of sight at the rear. Where possible fence and gate access to rear gardens with 1.8m close boarded wooden fencing, top this with some trellis and/or spiky toppings (spiky toppings require a warning notice). Ensure the gate is securely locked. How about some defensive planting, what's this you ask.....something like Berberus, Pyracantha or Hawthorn around perimeter fencing and in trellis.

Doors: - With wooden doors, in addition to the "Rim Lock" fit and use a five lever mortice lock. Most UPVC doors as with windows use a multi locking system, make sure you know how to use it, when inside pulling the handle up will engage all the locks but in some cases will only lock the centre lock, to lock all the mechanism in place you must use the key (if in doubt try it before the burglar does).

Become an illusionist make your home appears occupied even when you are out, a burglar is more than likely to only see your home in one moment in time. Simple things like lights on timers and "Fake TV" for the evenings, you can now even get a timer that fits over your light switches (search on the internet for light switch timer). During the day leave a radio on, boots outside the back door, vacuum cleaner out with the lead going out of sight (not plugged in though), newspaper over the arm of the chair with a drink on the table and a pair of spectacles, the list goes on.

Naturally these are but a few measures you can take that will reduce your risk and depending on the property there may be others that also reduce the risk of being a burglary victim.

If you would like further crime prevention advice contact Stephen Armson-Smith your local Crime Prevention Officer using the police non-emergency number of 101 then extension 407110 or Stephen.armson-smith@essex.pnn.police.uk

Recording Problems with Main Drains

Residents along the Cambridge Road are only too well aware of occasional problems with the main drainage system in the village. Although the local water authority have assured us that their infrastructure will support further development in the village, many of us are doubtful that this will be the case and it would seem prudent to monitor the situation and record any incidents that are reported to Affinity Water or Anglian Water.

It would also be helpful if anybody who has had to report an incident in the past two years could let us have as much detail as possible of this. With the new development of 19 homes at The Pavilions and planning permission for a further 12 homes at Ventnor Lodge, this information would let us monitor the effect that the increase in usage has on the existing system, and would support our objection to any further development within this parish.

The information we need is:

- Name of authority and date reported
- Location of incident
- The nature of the complaint
- Their response
- Date resolved

Alan Price will be collating this information and can be contacted by email at alanqrpc@hotmail.com or phone 01799 522777.

Thank you.

Annette Chapman

Village Plan Action Group

Essex Community Messaging

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Old News!

Report of the village fete 1995

The Village Fete.. Before, during

Somehow the Vicar had a way of making it impossible to say no when he asked for help, and although I keep trying to get out of it, apart from moving house, which seems a bit drastic, I haven't succeeded yet.

It begins in January and February when the date is set and planning begins. Everybody agrees to do various jobs and it all seems easy as pie and I wonder why I make such a fuss.

About a month before, we all remember that there is work to be done. Probably everyone in the village is asked for a cake (some are asked for several!!), tombola prizes, raffle prizes (yes, they are different), bric-a-brac, books and etc. By this time we have a feeling that everyone is heartily sick of the Fete Committee and will probably boycott the day.

The night before the big day is always eventful. Trying to put up a tea tent in a force 9 gale is always fun. Luckily Ivor Bunster must have been a boy scout because he effortlessly mastered the chaotic heap of ropes, poles and canvas and issuing orders like a sergeant major soon had the tent and helpers in order. Tim Procter climbs into the little basket on the end of the for lift truck and is hoisted up above the tent to put up the loudspeakers and, if he can find it, the bunting! Luckily he doesn't seem to suffer from vertigo and Andy is a skilful driver, but I always close my eyes for this bit.

Finally, Saturday dawns (and I mean dawns) and a pair of very grumpy husbands (mine and Clare Richardson's) are despatched to collect the swing boats. I arrive on the green to help set up and find everyone in a state because there are no tables. Poor Christine and Os Osbourn have left their holiday cottage at about 5 a.m. in order to get the tables from the village hall to the fete on time - will they do it? A puncture or breakdown and we are all up the creek. A 'phone call on my mobile (very impressive!) and we can relax - they are on their way.

Meanwhile the swing boats arrive and are assembled in in time, grumpy husbands look at me accusingly; they could have had at least another 2 hours in bed.

Somehow or other we are all ready by midday, which is when the rain begins. The cake stall finds refuge in the tea tent and the band takes cover. Somebody mutters that the Good Lord could do better, since this is the Church Fete, but He must have known what He was doing because in spite of the weather we made more than last year.

By 6.p.m. it is all over, bar the clearing up and we stagger home exhausted.

Next day Gavin Lord, the Treasurer, tells me we have made over £2000. What a relief; now, who's going to do

it next year?

>Ann Jowitt

....and After

It seems almost unbelievable that the third Rickling Green Fete has come and gone. The weather was not as good as for the first two fetes, and the only significant rain to fall for some time fell! A very solid shower of about 15 minutes fell at 1.30 p.m. and in 30 second there was nobody to be seen. Luckily it soon passed, the sun resumed normal duty and the green was once again colourfully populated.

An attempt to rig an awning over the cake stall was thwarted by a rather vicious Mr Wind, so it was moved into the marquee. The only other rain to fall was after 4 o'clock, so although a hindrance, it didn't destroy the fun.

I think those who attended will agree with me that the organisation and presentation of this year's fete reflected the efforts of the previous two, establishing a definite "learning curve".

Fete 1995 was a much more robust affair, with additions to please (I hope) everybody. The Hadstock Silver Band looked very good, played well, and were in a central position. I had a fleeting glimpse of the lady Morris Dancers near the pub. I suppose they must dance on hard surfaces but they seemed a bit peripheral. I never saw the men!

For a couple of hours Gavin and I were occupied with the swing boats (or is it boat swings?). The idea was to take the money and make sure the swings kept their momentum. Most of the youngsters knew how to manipulate the ropes, so ours was mainly a watching brief. They certainly had a wonderful time and were a great attraction. Many had painted faces, and some of the tigresses looked very fierce!

The tombola and raffle were their usual success, but it was very gratifying to see that all stalls were a great success.

If anybody deserves medals it is those valiant gentlemen who sat in a little cubby hole with a bucket of water suspended above them. A small bolt secured the door, so there was no escape. About once in three attempts the aim was accurate enough to tip the bucket. It was a reasonably warm day, but I don't suppose they felt too warm. Some of the youngsters were chuckling quite loudly - did I hear a whisper that one hapless gentleman was the Headmaster? A lot of organisation and months of preparatory work went into this fete, which was reflected in its success. To those that came and spent a little, and to the organisers, I take this opportunity to say "thank you". The day raised £2,520.

>John Stauber

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Finding Dory (U) <i>Cinema for Tinies</i>	Sun 2nd 11am
The Hard Stop (15)	Sun 2nd 8pm
Summertime (15)	Mon 3rd 8pm
Star Trek Beyond (12A)	Fri 7th 8pm
Asterix and the Mansion of the Gods (PG)	Sat 8th 3pm & Sun 9th 2pm
The 9th Life of Louis Drax (15)	Sat 8th 8pm
Yarn (12A tbc)	Sun 9th 5pm
Jason Bourne (12A)	Sun 9th 8pm
Chevalier (18)	Mon 10th 8pm
King Lear – RSC	Weds 12th 6.50pm
Café Society (12A)	Fri 14th 8pm, Sat 15th 5pm & 8pm
Pete's Dragon (PG)	Sat 15th 2pm
Eddie the Eagle (PG) <i>Pop-up Hempstead</i>	Sat 15th 4pm
Miss Saigon – <i>Prince Edward Theatre</i>	Sun 16th 7pm
Julieta (15)	Mon 17th 8pm
Captain Fantastic (15)	Fri 21st & Sat 22nd 8pm
Kubo and the Two Strings (PG tbc)	Sat 22nd, Mon 24th & Tues 25th 3pm
Così fan tutte – <i>Royal Opera House</i>	Sun 23rd 2pm
The Beatles: Eight Days a Week (cert tbc)	Sun 23rd 8pm
The Childhood of a Leader (12A)	Mon 24th 8pm
Hunt for the Wilderpeople (12A tbc)	Tues 25th 8pm, Weds 26th 3pm & 8pm
Nine Lives (PG)	Thurs 27th & Fri 28th 3pm
The Entertainer – <i>Garrick Theatre</i>	Thurs 27th 6.50pm
Bridget Jones's Baby (cert tbc)	Fri 28th & Sat 29th 8pm, Sun 30th 5pm & 8pm
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What's On

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
EXTEND Exercises	<i>Mondays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pat Turner 01799 543314
Saffron Searchers	<i>1st Monday in month -</i>		Q&R Village Hall	-
Dog Training	<i>Mondays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Rainbows	<i>Mondays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	(Pre-Brownies)
Prayer Meeting	<i>Mondays</i>	16.30	Quendon Church	
Pilates	<i>Tuesdays</i>	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 077421 82272
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Morning	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Afternoon	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Bowls Club Night	<i>Tuesdays</i>	18.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 01799 540167
Armadillos	<i>Tuesdays (term-time)</i>	09.00	Rickling School	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Coffee Group	<i>3rd Weds in month</i>	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	<i>Wednesdays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Wednesday Club	<i>Wednesdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Osbourn 01799 543367
Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
Line Dancing	<i>Thursdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Upholstery Class	<i>Thursdays</i>	9.30-12.30	Q&R Village Hall	Adult Education Harlow 03330 132158
Upholstery Class	<i>Thursdays</i>	13.00-16.00	Q&R Village Hall	Adult Education Harlow 03330 132158
Rickling Runners	<i>Thursdays</i>	19.30	The Green	Stevie Green 01799 542734
DiddiDance (2-4yrs)	<i>Fridays</i>	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Karate (4 to adult)	<i>Fridays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	Sensei Claire Kemp 0781 648 8834
Coffee Morning	30th September	09.00	Rickling School	see p8
Apple Pressing	8th October	14.00	Rickling Green	see p5
Harvest Festival	9th October	09.30	Quendon Church	
Walk	9th October	AM	Quendon Church	see p2
Parish Council	12th October	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Churchyard Clearance		10.00	Quendon Churchyard	see p8
Open Morning	18th October	09.30	Rickling School	
Coffee Morning	19th October	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	see p3
Holy Communion	23rd October	09.30	Rickling Church	
Q&R Golf Society	4th November	10.00	B'p's Stortford GC	Susie & Richard Hartley 01799 543357
Christmas Market	18th November	13.00	Henham Village & OSCA Halls	see p9

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