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From the Quendon & Rickling Photographic Competition, Spring 2016. Winter 2nd Karen Crow -This way to Wonderland 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.

Once again this month I'd like to write about films, but not films I have seen recently. I'd like to write about death in movies. I recall reading about the original Star Trek series that any security guard who was transported to the planet wearing a red shirt was going to end up being killed. There are the blockbuster movies where there is a lot of death, but it all seems to be not very real as it doesn't have an emotional impact. Anyone who has seen The Lord of the Rings trilogy will know that there is a vast amount of death but it isn't real as it is a fantasy film.

But then there are films in which there is a lot of death that does have more of an impact because it is a real situation. War films are like this, and 'Hacksaw Ridge' that I wrote about last month has its fair share of gruesome and meaningless deaths amongst both American and Japanese armies. These deaths do strike closer to home because it is easier to imagine or relate to them ourselves.

Then there are the deaths that impact us emotionally. They may make us angry or upset, but they impact us in our very being. I could, at this point, write about recent films I have seen but that would give away crucial plot points so instead I'll choose older films. I saw the film 'A Single Man' in which Colin Firth played someone whose long term partner had died in an accident. The film follows a day in which the man contemplates suicide, but towards the end of the movie meets someone else. Hooray I thought! Then in the last act he suffers a heart attack and dies. So wrong. I had invested in the man's survival as he thought about taking his own life, and thought I was going to get a happy ending. His death really angered me. Then there is the sheer heroism on Bruce Willis' character in Armageddon as he switches places with his daughter's boyfriend and gave his own life so that the character played by Ben Affleck would live, as would the whole earth.

In April the church celebrates the most meaningful and sad deaths of all; that of Jesus Christ. I've been asked in the past why it is called Good Friday, because Jesus's death was anything but good. He suffered a great deal both before and in his death on the cross. Yet it is good because I believe that in his death he took upon himself the pain of everything that we do wrong, or think wrong or say wrong. His death means that we can know forgiveness from God, which means that our guilt and pain are removed. I believe Jesus died for every single one of us. Please join us over the Easter weekend as we celebrate his death, and what it means for us.

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Contact details for local Police

Essex Police operate through Local Policing Hubs, and it is not possible to contact individual members of that team for day-to-day activities.

The recommended procedure is to contact the police using the 101 service (if 999 is not appropriate, i.e. for non-emergency situations). Calls to the 101 Centre will determine how to respond and, where appropriate, this will be passed to either Response Officers or members of the Local Policing Hub.



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Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 2nd April			
9.30am	Widdington	Family Service	
11.00am	Newport	Family Communion	
Sunday 9th April	l (Palm Sunday))	
9.30am	Quendon	BCP Communion	
11.00am	Newport	All-Age Service	
Friday 14th April (Good Friday)			
10.30am	Newport	Messy Easter	
2.00pm	Widdington	Hour of the Cross Service	
Sunday 16th April (Easter Sunday)			
9.00am	Quendon	Holy Communion	
10.00am	Widdington	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Newport	Holy Communion	
Sunday 23rd April			
8.00am	Newport	BCP Communion	
9.30am	Rickling	Family Service	
10.00am	Widdington	Holy Communion	
11.00am	Newport	Morning Worship	
Sunday 30th April			
9.30am	Quendon	Holy Communion with B	

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.

Quendon & Rickling Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

24th April 2017 – Quendon Church - 8.00pm

Baptism

Rickling C of E Primary School News

Recently our school had its annual celebration of World Book Day. World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, marked in over 100 countries all over the world. This is the 18th time it has been held. So a huge *thank you* for all the support we had with all the fantastic costumes – the children all looked amazing and it was great to hear them talking about who they were! The children participated in many different activities throughout the day, from creating book marks, writing a book review and sharing their favourite story with a friend.

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday by taking part in some great fun pancake races. There was also a special assembly learning all about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and what it means to Christians.

We have some busy weeks ahead of us as we head towards Easter.



Acorn Class

In Maths the children have been using their counting skills to count forwards and backwards from 0 to 20. They have also been learning about the many different ways you can make the number 10! In PE the children are learning all about ball control, from pushing, catching to throwing. In English they are learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood and having a go at rewriting the story themselves; the children are really using their independent writing skills. Well done children.

Oak Class

In History the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the features of medieval castles. They have been learning about the key features and beginning to understand what they were used for. In Maths the children have been using their multiplication and division skills in the form of arrays. Some children have even been finding a remainder after dividing a number. In Science the children are learning all about their five different senses and using them to carry

out an investigation.

Beech Class

The children are so enthusiastic about preparing for their performances of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Well done to all those who are learning and practicing their lines at home. In English the children have been learning the story of Alice in Wonderland. They have been focussing on the beginning of the story when Alice falls down the hole and goes on an adventure. For World Book Day they imagined their own character falling down the hole. They described what they saw and felt.

Maple Class

This week in English the children have been using the research skills to find out about a famous person. They have then used this information to write a biography. In Maths the children have been learning all about fractions as well as understanding equivalent decimals.

Sports Report

A massive well done to the Rickling Hockey team, who qualified last week for the final, which is to be held at Felsted. The same to the football squad, yesterday they played a home match against Henham and Ugley Primary—**we won 3**—**0** !!!

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Parish Council Meetings

The March meeting was a busy one with Parish Councillors all reporting back on tasks from the previous month. If you haven't attended a meeting, this is how it works: Councillors will discuss topics that affect the residents of Quendon and Rickling, this could include planning applications, signposts, footpaths, parking, along with a number of other issues. They will then take away various actions arising from the meeting, this could involve attending a number of meetings outside of the Parish Council, visiting residents, inspecting footpaths, the list goes on. All of this being done in their own time on a voluntary basis. Parish Councillors do not receive any payment, they are residents of our village who are trying to do what they can for the benefit of the Community. All are very active with a number working full time whilst others give many hours of their own personal time each week.

There are lots of projects residents can get involved in, all desperate for volunteers. If you would like to make a difference to the village that is yours then please get in touch with the named person or the Clerk.

Following each meeting, the draft minutes are uploaded to the village website www.quendonandrickling.co.uk

The next meeting is 12th April at 7.30 pm and is held at the Village Hall, there will be an Agenda on the village website as well as being displayed on the notice boards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Village circulation list

If you would like to receive email updates/notices which are of interest to residents, send your email address to the Clerk who will be happy to add you to the village circulation list.

Essex Police Active Citizen Scheme

The Parish received an email from Inspector Couldridge who informed us of a new scheme where Essex Police are looking for a volunteer from the village to be an Active Citizen. Active Citizens are volunteers in the community assisting to reduce crime and the fear of crime by interacting with the public on behalf of the Police and Community Safety Partners, including the District and Parish Councils. They effectively act as link between the community and the Police and could therefore provide a link between the Police and your Parish Council.

Ideally, we're looking for local people who know the area well and who are willing to spend some time speaking to local residents, running "Beat Surgeries", taking part in organised events in their area, or, even in supporting other areas.

This is a non-confrontational role and supported by your Community Policing Team. Volunteers must be 18 or over.

Potential volunteers will be subject to some initial background Police checks before they are signed up as an Active Citizen. Where it is necessary and appropriate for an Active Citizen to have access to confidential Police information they will undergo fuller vetting.

Details of the Essex Police Active Citizens scheme can be found at https://www.essex.police.uk/join-thepolice/volunteers/active-citizens/

This is an excellent opportunity to become involved in village life and really make a difference to the community.

If this appeals to you, please contact the Parish Clerk who will make sure all volunteers details are coordinated and passed on.

Notice Boards

There are three notice boards around the village, one at Coney Acre, another at Thistley Crescent and one outside the Village Hall. These are updated on a regular basis and always worth looking at to find the latest events in the village and surrounding areas. If you have any events that would be of interest to residents, pass the details to the Parish Clerk who will be pleased to display them on the boards.

Household repairs

Should anyone have any minor repairs around the house and you are over 65 or disabled or at risk of falling due to illness or other factors, the Papworth Trust Handyperson service is available.

Tel 0300 333 6543 www.papworthtrust.org.uk/homesand-repairs/handyperson-service

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. The pack has now been updated and delivered to known new residents, if anyone knows of any newcomers to the village that have not received the pack, do please let the Clerk know on the contact details below and a welcome pack will be dropped off 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.

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 upto-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

Walking the Dog

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

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, Anne Webb can be contacted by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone 01799 543988.



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

There has been recent mention in the press of police commissioners, funding and crime rates. Within the Hundred Parishes are some interesting examples of early methods of punishment and confinement.

Before the County Police Act of 1839, when local police stations started to be built, temporary

detention of villains, especially drunks, was the responsibility of the parish. Lock ups, also known as cages, were often used and some fine examples still exist in our area.



Anstev



Newport



St. George's church in Anstey has a 15th century lychgate. In 1831 the left side was bricked up and a studded door added so the structure could be used as the village lock up. In the 18th century a lock up was incorporated into the ground floor of Thaxted's 15th-century Guildhall. Great Bardfield has a 19th century cage which is open to the public in the summer months. Other lock ups can



Thaxted

easily be found in Barley, Buntingford and Great Chishill. Newport has a much larger18thcentury 'house of correction' whose original purpose ceased in Victorian times.

A form of punishment which was 'popular' from medieval times was the use of stocks. The

purpose of this punishment was to subject the offender to humiliation. Stocks were sited in public places where the 'victims' could be pelted with anything from mud to rotten fruit. Ancient stocks can be seen in Great Amwell churchyard, outside Brent Pelham church and also at

Hellman's Cross in Great Canfield. The latter is on the site where Elizabeth Abbot was burnt as a witch in 1683.

All the features mentioned are protected as listed buildings and most are pictured on the Hundred Parishes website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. I hope the website will inspire you to explore our area.



Brent Pelham

Great Bardfield Ken McDonald, Secretary.

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

Well, the eagle eyed among you, not to mention my leagues of literary fans, will have noticed that my scintillating addition to THE LINK was missing last time. I can only grovel and beg forgiveness. When I should have been here dedicating myself to our favourite newspaper, I was swanning around in New York without a care in the world. It's a tough job!

Regular service will now be resumed. First off, a plug for the Village Plan Action Group. They are looking into the possibility of opening a small shop in the village. Of course the first problem they have is finding premises for it. But looking ahead in the hope that it can be done, they will need volunteers to help run it. If you think you might be interested, and especially if you have some retail experience and could commit to perhaps a couple of hours per week, then please contact the action group, or me, or Anne.

During the next year some pretty momentous decisions are going to be made in Uttlesford. The subject, of course, is planning. Representatives from our own parish and from Newport are working hard to produce our Neighbourhood Plan, and UDC are putting together a new Local Plan. I'm well aware that planning as a subject is becoming a bit of a bore but it is single most important issue facing us and will affect EVERYONE in the district. So, I would urge you, when consultation documents and surveys are posted through your door, to complete and return them. If you don't, you will have missed your chance to have a say in how our immediate area, and the district as a whole, evolves.

On a strictly local note, we are hopeful that the newly repaired sign will soon be reinstated on the green; we continue to investigate various possibilities to deal with parking and speed management on our roads and finally, Spring has almost sprung so let's all enjoy a return to sunshine.

Alan.

Well I couldn't possibly finish without a dose of corn....

I was getting into my car when a bloke came up and said, "Can you give me a lift?" I said, "Sure, you're looking good, the world's your oyster, go get 'em".

Thank you to all the people that attended the March coffee morning. It was so nice to see so many people and also some new friends from Birchanger. Everyone had a great time and we raised £77 towards the Hall Fund to be added to the previous money collected in February.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK - Saturday 4th March

There were only 8 of us but many thanks to those who turned up to make our village a little tidier, very much appreciated.

Quendon Churchyard

We're sorry to say that the two watering cans provided for those wanting to water flowers in the Churchyard, have disappeared. We suggest you take a container to collect water when you visit. The tap is to the left of the Church.

NhW NEWS

AGM – The Uttlesford Steering Group AGM will take place on Monday 15th May at the Thaxted Day Centre, Vicarage Lane, Thaxted CM6 2RL starting at 7.30 pm. Parking is available in the nearby Margaret Street Car Park.

As well as the AGM, we have invited speakers from the local Community Policing Team and a specialist officer to tell us about the growing threat from cybercrime. This should a very useful evening and I would encourage you to be there.

Alan Johnson, Chair – Uttlesford NhW Steering Group

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Would whoever is spoiling our beautiful countryside in this way please explain to the rest of us why?



Saturday 22nd April 2017 Clavering Village Hall 11am - 3.30pm

Entrance fee will be 50p

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For more information or to donate items for sale please contact: Jean on 01799 550758 or Andrea on 01799 550425

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A VILLAGE SHOP

IF WE REALLY WANT A VILLAGE SHOP WE MUST HAVE SUPPORT FROM YOU IN THE VILLAGE!!

This subject has been under discussion for some time and whilst we have a few ideas as to what a shop may look like, where it might be, what it may sell, possibly have a coffee area, we need to know if this is what we/you really want.

To make any further progress it is essential that we have more of you come forward to help us. If you have any views or thoughts, or would just like to get involved please contact us. Your thoughts and/or presence would be very welcome and you would contribute to something which could be the best thing since sliced bread..... sorry, couldn't resist it when talking about a shop!

If you have any experience in the retail trade or would like to start please contact us. We are looking for a manager and at this stage there may be a possibility that we could raise some funds for payment.

This project is one that could make all the difference to enhance the community feel within the village, let's get going!! Please feel free to call or contact any of us, look forward to hearing from you,

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Obituary and some local history

Sadly Jill Day (nee Woodcock) passed away peacefully at home following a long illness on 9th February 2017. Jill was a 'True Local Person'.

Her grandparents Cornelius and Alice Walters purchased Bradbury Hall, Quendon in 1926. From here they ran their milk business, known as Bradbury Hall Dairy - delivering milk to Quendon, Rickling and surrounding villages. They had four children, Diana (Jill's mum), John, Richard and Michael. Michael became the local builder, and still lives in Rickling.

Jill's other grandparents were Sidney and Gertrude Woodcock. They lived next door to the original Post Office, in the house now known as Flint Cottage. This is where Doris, Dennis, Norman (Jill's dad) and Eunice were all born - they also had a step-brother called Owen. Eunice (now Warwick) also still lives in Rickling.

Diana and Norman had four daughters, Jill, Jacqueline, Judith, and Janice; Jill being the eldest. They were born and lived at 3 Rickling Corner Cottages until 1961, when they moved to 4 Woodside. Norman eventually became the local milkman and carried on the Walters Family Dairy for a number of years.

After giving up the business, he opened the Red Star Garage in Quendon, before re-opening the Coach and Horses filling station, which he ran with he help of Judith (now Graves), who still lives at 4 Woodside.

Diana and Norman also had a private car hire business, used by the locals and Essex School Contracts. Diana was a very active village person - arranging local dance and bingo in the village with the help of Leslie and Victor Basham. She later became involved with the Over 50's Club.

Jill attended Rickling Primary School, as have four generations of her family. After passing her 11+ exam she then attended Saffron Walden Technical and Modern School (now Saffron Walden County High). After her school day finished during the week and on a Saturday, Jill worked at Mumfords Stores, Quendon.

When she left school she went to work in one of the offices at Millars Machinery in Bishop's Stortford. Jill met Jimmy while still at school whom she then later married. Jill gave up her full time job and became a mum to Gary, Jamie (Buster), Jon and Kerry. She took on various part time jobs to help support the family.

As the children grew up and left home, Jill then helped her mum run the Molehill Green Post Office Stores. In 2004 after her mum passing away, Jill then took over until she had to retire through ill health in 2015.

Jill was always very proud of her 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren - all of whom she absolutely adored, and who will all miss her dearly.

Her family would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for giving Jill a fantastic send off at Quendon Church on 16th March 2017, they are so grateful for all of your support. It was great to see so many locals from past and present there.

We must give a special thanks to Reverend Neil McLeod for the brilliant service, who just seemed to 'get' Jill without having met her - also to Christine Osbourne and Maureen Hawkins for their help at the church and village hall.

FRIENDS OF BERDEN CHURCH CONCERTS ARE BACK!...

.....After a break of a few years, following the recognition that such events in the church were not practical until the WC facilities had been improved.

We have put together a short, but thoroughly entertaining, programme for the spring / early summer with the intention of following it with, maybe, three concerts in the winter of this year and the spring of 2018.

Come and enjoy good music and entertainment with superb acoustics in a beautifully lit environment.

Saturday 29 April 8pm

Chris Bishop will be returning to the village with Short Songs & Tall Stories

Chris has been 'touring' with this popular little show and will be performing free of charge for the benefit of Friends of Berden Church. Tickets will be £6.00, including a welcome refreshment, with a concession of £3.00 for children.

Saturday 3 June 8pm

Pimms on a Summer Saturday Evening with Flossie Malavialle

Many of you will remember Flossie as being the French half of the Dark Horses duo that entertained us so well in 2013. With her superb voice, and humour, she will fill us with a selection of light jazz, folk and songs of her own creation. Some will be in French but the majority will be in English. Tickets will be £10.00, including a glass of Pimms, with a concession of £6.00 for children

Both will be great evenings and tickets are available now.

Interval refreshments will be available.

All profits from both events will be going to the Friends of Berden Church to help with the maintenance of our superb grade one listed gem.

Tickets available from John Burton – 01279 777674

Email – JOHNBURTON@BERDEN.ORG.UK

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many congratulations!

Local Lady seeking house work few hours a week reasonable rates.

Tel Carole 01799 540938.

QUENDON & RICKLING 100 CLUB

The following outlines the Quendon & Rickling 100 Club which is operated by **Quendon & Rickling Village Hall Committee** and **Quendon & Rickling Churches**. This is your chance to win a monthly cash prize and help support the upkeep of the Village Hall and our two churches. If you are interested please complete the application form overleaf and return it to Clare Willoughby at the address shown by 17 April 2017.

This is how the Club works. You are invited to purchase a number or numbers (max 5) to be entered in the cash prize draw each month. The cost per number is £2 a month or £24 a year. With the current 70 members we offer three cash prizes of £35, £25 and £15, but once at least 100 members join hope to offer £50, £30 and £20 prizes. There is also the prospect of having a Superdraw once or twice a year where a higher value prize could be offered if more than 100 numbers are purchased. We publish cash prizes each draw in THE LINK

Half the Club's income will be allocated to the cash prizes and the other half, less expenses, to the Village Hall and the local churches. In the current year to date, £400 has been given to both the Village Hall and the Churches.

Each draw will be in the presence of an independent witness. Winners will be notified individually and their names published in THE LINK.

We hope that we will have your support for this village activity. It is possible that we could be contacting YOU soon with the good news that you are a lucky winner! If you have any questions please speak to Clare 01799 543637 cgtwilloughby@hotmail.com.

Sonia Michaelides for Quendon & Rickling Village Hall Clare Willoughby, for Quendon & Rickling Church

Overleaf you will find an application form. It may also be downloaded from the Village Pump page at www.quendonandrickling.co.uk

Hello Everyone!

Our third FunRun is in full preparation mode to make it as successful as 2016. We raised over £8000 for Rickling School which was used to refurbish the school library and the provision of a home economics suite for the children.

This year the school is planning to build a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) which will benefit the school immensely and we would like to raise a big chunk of the money needed from the FunRun.

For those of you that have volunteered previously, you will know what a great day it is for both villages as well as being part of an event that makes such a positive impact on the school.

This years format is much the same as last year which means we are looking for around 60 volunteers/marshals to make sure everything runs like clockwork. We would love to see as many of last years marshals as well as some new faces. For those of you who are new to the villages, this event is a great way to get involved!



We are not asking you to volunteer all day (although you are welcome to!), just an hour or two would be fantastic. Please go to the link http://doodle.com/poll/6ces6gtdxgtcrf3f and tick what times you would like to volunteer for. Please note that this link is also on the quendon and rickling Facebook page. If you would like to do the same role as last year or you would like a particular job, please email me to let me know. I'll be sending out email updates for all volunteers so if you could send an email to quendonandricklingfunrun@hotmail.com so I have your email address.

Look forward to hearing from you all!

Stevie Green

Marshal Organiser

Address Telephone number Telephone number Date
Signed Name
Cheques should be made payable to QUENDON & RICKLING VILLAGE HALL
I would like to pay by cheque or cash for the year 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018 and enclose £ (£24 per number)
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PART A
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APPLICATION FORM 2017/18
QUENDON & RICKLING 100 CLUB

Burglaris Disembowelis

Some years ago a previous Crime Prevention Officer now retired penned the successful crime prevention campaign "Burglaris Disembowelis" and just like a number of good movies and TV series it is worthy of a remake.

On entering spring and as the weather changes once again we venture into the garden and garden centres . Do you think of protecting your property while choosing that attractive plant? "Burglaris Disembowelus" using spiky plants and shrubs to protect your boundaries, vulnerable windows, statues and garden ornaments. Just think about it fragrant attractive spiky plants and shrubs that can be used to deter the thief and burglar. A trellis with a climbing rose looks nice, smells nice and those curved thorns are a great deterrent. In other areas such as in front of fences consider such as: Berberis, Mahonia, Holly, Pyracantha, the list is endless and if there is concerns about children within the garden then consider soft planting in front of it. A chat to staff at your local garden centre will provide you with the knowledge to choose the right plant or shrub with the right habits or you can have a look at the list at:

http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/garden-boundaries-fences-and-defensive-plants/618/defensive-plants-shrubsand-trees-shrub-fences/

Barbed wire and spiky toppings are unattractive, make use of what nature has and unlike these it does not require a warning sign just a little care and attention. When a large number of burglaries are committed at the back of properties it makes sense to protect your boundaries and keep robust tall gates securely locked. Don't forget your sheds security too, nothing of value in there? Well it adds insult to injury when they get your garden spade from your shed to break into your house.

For further crime prevention advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officer by dialling 101 or see https://www.essex.police.uk/advice.

Stephen Armson-Smith, 070317

Essex Community Messaging

Essex Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner of Essex held a positive meeting with district councillors to discuss concerns raised by Uttlesford residents about policing in the district.

Assistant Chief Constable Maurice Mason, officers from Uttlesford and Braintree district, deputy Police and Crime Commissioner of Essex Jane Gardner, and Uttlesford District Council leader

Howard Rolfe and district councillor Vic Ranger were among the community representatives at the meeting on the 2nd of March.

It was held to discuss residents' concerns about crime and police visibility.

Officers have been patrolling Saffron Walden town centre and surrounding villages, including taking the mobile police station to rural locations.

In response to concerns about hare coursing, there is an ongoing county-wide operation to tackle offenders and associated problems including criminal damage and anti-social and threatening behaviour.

Officers and an Essex Police licensing officer carried out licensing checks on licensed premises throughout the district and an anti-drugs operation in Saffron Walden last month resulted in five people being arrested.

An operation last month to target criminals travelling on the district's roads resulted in police stopping 37 vehicles, of which six were seized because the drivers were uninsured.

There is a further operation on Saturday, March 11, in which police officers and special constables will be carrying out patrols and roadside checks and working with British Transport Police to patrol around train stations in Uttlesford. There will also be events in Saffron Walden, Thaxted, Dunmow, Felsted, Hatfield Heath, Newport and Clavering,

where members of the public can speak with officers and specials to talk about their concerns, and find out more about becoming a special constable.

There are also plans to set up a Victim's Panel and there will be ongoing engagement between the police and parish councils.

Inspector Mick Couldridge, community policing team inspector for Uttlesford and Braintree district, said: "Uttlesford is a district with low crime in a safe county but we take all crimes seriously and we understand how important it is for us to have a reassuring visible presence in local communities. We have been targeting our resources and working with our partners to tackle emerging crime trends, crime hotspots and local issues.

"We have also sought to maintain a visible presence at the heart of community. In April last year we opened a front counter at Uttlesford District Council's London Road headquarters, giving people easy and convenient access to us five days a week and we will be relocating our operational base to Lodge House, a self-contained building within the same grounds.

"We rely on information from the public and urge people to contact us if they have any concerns, or to come and see us



at any of community engagement events.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Jane Gardner said: "Local, visible and accessible policing is a high priority in the current Police and Crime Plan and having heard a number of concerns from communities over the last few months it is very positive that Essex Police have put in place a programme of actions to provide a strong visible presence and reassure the public.

"It is important that people across Uttlesford recognise that Essex Police are here to help and support their communities. "The actions agreed last week will build on the existing strong relationships that already exist between the police and local communities to help secure the strong, safe communities we want across Essex."

Please report non-emergency crimes to the police front office at Uttlesford District Council's office in London Road between 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays.

Alternatively, call 101 or report online at www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online. You can also report crime anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

The Uttlesford and Braintree Community Policing Team advertises forthcoming public meetings and events at https://www.essex.police.uk/your-area/braintree-uttlesford and on Facebook, Twitter and through Essex Community Messaging.

Essex Police and members of the Community Safety Partnership will also continue to take part in rural roadshow events throughout the year in Uttlesford. The dates and locations can be found online at http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/mait

Report from District Councillor Neil Hargreaves

Councillor changes

As Jo and David Parry are later this year moving to Chicago, Jo has resigned as a district councillor. She says 'lt has been a privilege to have represented the people of Newport, Quendon, Rickling and Widdington for the past four years' Jo was elected as an Independent to UDC in the by-election of 2013 and was a founder member of Residents for Uttlesford when it formed in 2015. She has worked tirelessly for the ward and was a member of the Local Plan Working Group as well as being on the Licensing, and Performance & Audit Committees. Until she leaves for America she will continue to serve on Newport Parish Council and as Chair of the Newport Quendon and Rickling Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

By-elections

This means that there will be a district council by-election on 4th May, concurrent with the County Council election. Oddly by-elections do not happen automatically. They must be called by two registered electors and then must take place within 35 working days. So in order to ensure the election is on 4th May, rather than irritate everyone with elections on two dates, the resignation and call had to be carefully timed.

The R4U candidate for the ward is Anthony Gerard, who is also standing for the County Council. (The current Dunmow and Saffron Walden county councillors are also district councillors. There is logic to holding both posts as there is significant overlap of interests. And from residents' point of view the councillor can't say 'Not me guv, it's the other one!" At the time of writing no other district candidates have been announced.

In the Elsenham and Henham by-election in February R4U took both of the seats, previously held by the LibDems, with a large majority. This temporarily took our number of councillors up to eleven, out of 39, prior to Jo's resignation, and means we get another seat on council committees.

School Transport

The Department for Education is continuing its investigation into Essex County Council's refusal to provide free school transport to catchment schools. The long term failure to provide enough school places means that for many primary and secondary students they now have only one 'choice' of school. If this school is not the nearest to where the student lives, which applies in several parishes, free school transport is refused. The Dept for Education statutory guidance, based on the law, is that transport must be provided to the nearest school ...which has places.

This policy to refuse transport was initiated by the current County Councillor for this Division, who is Cabinet member for Education. The cabinet minutes indicate that what has happened was not intended, but following repeated refusal to modify this harsh policy, R4U referred the matter to the DfE and supplied examples from families around the district. The DfE is now awaiting Local Government Ombudsman decisions (I believe from elsewhere in Essex where this has also been challenged) and the latest holding response from the DfE received 17th March is 'I just wanted to drop you a line to let you know that we are still considering the evidence that you and the LA have provided as part of this investigation. I apologise that it is taking so long to reach a conclusion but it is important to ensure that we are making the correct decisions. I will be in touch as soon as I have something to report'

I will let parents know as soon as there is a conclusion from the DfE

Neíl Hargreaves

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE (SUPPLIED BY ESSEX POLICE)

Theft from Vans

Yet again this week Essex Police are investigating reports of theft from vans of tools and equipment in the Braintree & Uttlesford District.



Vans have been entered and tools have been removed, if you own or know a neighbour, friend or workmate who owns a van make them aware. **Think about security.** If you have tools on board think about removing them overnight if possible. Also, make a point of property marking your equipment both overtly and covertly.

Please also take on board and share the following advice:

- DON'T tempt thieves by leaving any items on display.
- DO CLEAN THE SAT NAV RING off the windscreen.
- DO TURN BLUETOOTH OFF anything left in the car it can be detected when on.
- DO lock your vehicle, close windows, and set the alarm, even when parked on your driveway or when carrying out any work.
- DO PARK REAR DOORS ON VANS up against garage doors or other to prevent access where possible.
- DO NOT just press the button on your fob to lock it look at your car to see the lights flash etc to confirm locking; someone may be nearby with a "remote blocker" and stop your car from locking.
- DO try to park in a secure, well-lit area where possible; if parking at a hotel try and park within view of reception, CCTV cameras or your room.
- DO mark tools and property visibly with your post code and house number, and consider products such as CRE Mark, Selecta DNA and Smart Water.
- DO register serial numbers of your property on www.immobilise.com. This is completely free service. Please visit the website for more information.
- DO consider having additional security door locks fitted, they make it harder for the thief and are a great visual deterrent.
- DO consider having a safe box secured within the vehicle and keep it locked.
- DO consider a PIR alarm that calls you on the mobile phone when activated; those intended for sheds work just as well in a van.
- If using a public car park Try to use a "Parkmark" approved car park www.parkmark.co.uk
- Empty your car before someone else does.

For further crime prevention advice see https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/your-property/vehicles/ or dial **101** and ask for your local Crime Prevention Officer. If you know who is committing crime call **101** or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE (from Trading Standards and Essex Police)

Essex Trading Standards is warning consumers about a new scam targeting those looking for help with printer problems. The warning comes after a rise in the number of 'printer helpline numbers' being displayed in online adverts placed on search engines and social media. These scams differ from others as it sees consumers contacting the criminals directly. Cases have involved those behind the 'helplines' gaining remote access to people's computers – under the auspices of helping them to resolve their technical problems – only for them to use this to steal personal information including bank account details and infect computers with malware. One group behind these scams – which claims to be affiliated with a wide range of technology brands and printer manufacturers – holds victims to ransom by taking control of their computers before demanding payment to return control.

Action Fraud said cases of computer service fraud, including the printer scam, had risen by 47% since 2014, to a total of 32,719 incidents last year.

For further crime prevention advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officer by dialling **101** or see https://www.essex.police.uk/advice.

Stephen Armson-Smith

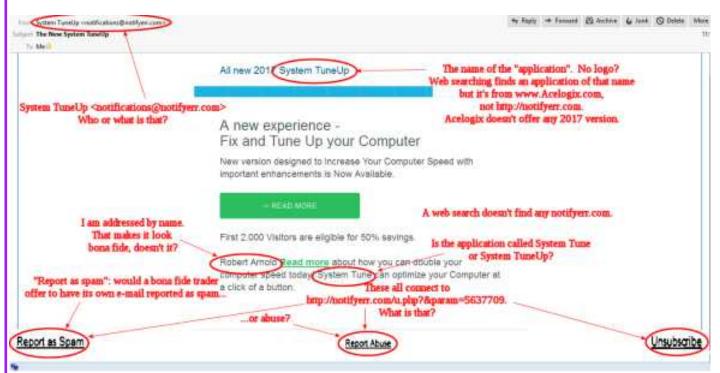






From the Editor's Sulkery

I thought it would be useful to share this spam message, because it shows the sort of things to look out for in an e-mail. At first glance it seems good, even addressing me by name. But look closer.



- A search does reveal a product "System Tuneup" but it's not from Notifyerr.com, and it doesn't offer a 2017 version.
- Searching for "System Tune" only finds motor tuning products.
- Would a bona fide computer application have no prominent logo?
- What about where it comes from? What does an internet search for "notifyerr" find (if anything)?
- Where do the hyperlinks lead? (Don't click on them to find out!)
- Would any respectable trader offer an easy way to report its own emails as abuse or spam?

The spamming/computer virus community has linked my e-mail address to my name, maybe because one of my correspondents has had his or her computer address book raided through falling for something like this.

Don't click on anything in an e-mail unless you are absolutely sure you understand where it leads. Use the internet to find out whether a product or an address is bona fide and don't just click on the link in the e-mail.

There's been much in $\mathbb{THE} \mathbb{LINK}$ about computer security already, but there are some extremely nasty people trying to infect your computer, get access to your information, steal your money, and they are getting more clever.

We must be clever too, and very, very careful.

Robert Arnold

The Quendon & Rickling Photographic Competition 2017

The Quendon & Rickling 2017 Photgraphic Competition entries will be exhibited at the Village Hall on the 28th-29th of May 2017. Get your cameras and phones out now and start composing your pictures for the competition.

Classes:

- Bridges
- Reflection
- Night
- Weather
- Wood
- Mystery

Details for entry are overleaf and are downloadable from the Village Pump page at www.quendonandrickling.co.uk

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otherwise telephone 01799 543075

CrimeStoppers

We have been asked to remind you that CrimeStoppers is a totally anonymous service. They will never take a name or other personal details and cannot even trace the call. Also, for early teens upwards, they suggest checking out www.fearless.org which is run by CrimeStoppers and again is totally anonymous. Emails sent to them are encrypted so they cannot trace who the sender is. The number to call is 0800 555111.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of The Quendon & Rickling Village Hall Committee Will be held on Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in The Village Hall (Large Hall) Please come and give your support All residents are entitled to attend and vote Coffee and biscuits will be provided



RICKLING SCHOOL HALL TUESDAYS BAM - 11AM (TERM TIME ONLY)

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The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Tracey for her very generous donation of £332 towards the underpinning - proceeds from her Vintage and Retro Sale.

Quendon and Rickling Photographic Competition 2017

Rules

Entry Form		1. Prints can be any size up to a maximum of A4, unmounted.	
Name		2. Prints need not be full colour.	
Address		 3. Photographs must have been taken during the last 12 months. 4. £1 fee for every photograph submitted. 	
Phone Number		5. All photographs must be submitted by the 14th May 2017	
If you wish to enter for the under 17 sections please state your age.		with completed entry form and appropriate fee.6. Copyright remains with the author of the photograph.7. By submitting photographs	
Which categories:	State Number of photographs in each category	you grant the organisers of the competition free licence to publish any of them in Quendon &	
1. Bridges		Rickling's THE LINK magazine.	
 Reflections Night 		8. All photographs will be displayed in an exhibition at	
4. Weather		Quendon & Rickling Village Hall on the weekend of 28/29th May 2017.	
5. Wood		9. Photographs can be collected at the end of the exhibition.	
6. Mystery		10. Judging will be prior to the start of the exhibition.	
Number of photographs entered		11. Adults and under 17 age group for all categories. Under-17s may	
Entry fee total £1 per photograph entered		enter for the adult section.	
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Please label photographs on the reverse with your name and the entry category and picture title. Photographs should be delivered to Talbots, Cambridge Road, Quendon, CB11 3XJ by 14th May 2017. If you require any further information please call 01799 543075.

BBC ESSEX RADIO SURPRISE VISIT

Every Sunday morning, Essex Radio send out two reporters on a mystery quest around Essex. They are given four cryptic clues and are assisted by the listeners to seek out locations.

On 26th February, the cryptic clues led to Quendon and the memorial fountain on the B1383.

Alan Price, Chairman of the Parish Council was hastily summoned to the spot where he was 'put on the spot' to give a brief history of the fountain. His local knowledge proved very useful when he explained



to a live audience of BBC Essex listeners that the fountain was dedicated to the wife of Colonel Byng and how, seven years ago, in the depths of winter it was hit by a car. A team of experts renovated it so that it can still be enjoyed today.

Alan on the right with Liana Bridges and Barry Lewis from BBC Radio Essex.



The fountain in its damaged state.

April 2017 at...

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www.saffronscreen.com

The Lego Batman Movie (U)	Sat 1st & Sun 2nd 2pm, Fri 14th 3pm, Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd 2pm.
La La Land (12A)	Sat 1st & Sun 23rd 5pm.
Sing (U)	Sun 2nd 11am (Autism-friendly) Thurs 6th 3pm & Sun 16th 2pm.
20th Century Women (15)	Sat 1st 8pm & Sun 2nd 5pm & 8pm.
Dancer (12A)	Mon 3rd 8pm.
Twelfth Night – National Theatre	Thurs 6th 7pm.
Beauty and the Beast (PG)	Fri 7th, Sat 8th & Sun 9th 2pm & 5pm, Tues 11th 11am & 3pm,
	Weds 12th & Thurs 13th 2pm & 5pm.
Fences (12A)	Fri 7th, Sat 8th & Sun 9th 8pm.
The Salesman (12A)	Mon 10th 8pm.
Jewels – Royal Opera House	Tues 11th 7.15pm.
Viceroy's House (12A)	Weds 12th, Thurs 13th & Fri 14th 8pm,
	Sat 15th 2pm & 8pm, Sun 16th 5pm & 8pm.
Lion (PG)	Sat 15th 5pm.
The Olive Tree (15)	Mon 17th 8pm.
Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead – The Old Vic	Thurs 20th 7pm.
Moonlight (15)	Fri 21st 8pm, Sat 22nd 5pm & Sun 23rd 8pm.
Kong: Skull Island (12A)	Sat 22nd 8pm.
Shadow Dancer (15) <i>Pop-up Hadstock Village Hall</i>	Sat 22nd 8pm.
The Secret Life of Pets (U) Cinema for Tinies	Sun 23rd 11am.
Elle (18)	Mon 24th 8pm.
Julius Caesar – Royal Shakespeare Company	Weds 26th 7pm.
Hidden Figures (PG)	Fri 28th 8pm & Sat 29th 5pm, Sun 30th 5pm & 8pm.
Moana <i>sing-along</i> (PG)	Sat 29th & Sun 30th 2pm.
Logan (15 tbc)	Sat 29th 8pm.
Aquarius (tbc)	Mon 1st May 8pm.

Tickets: Eve: Full price £7.90, 65 & over £7.10; Other adult conc: £6.10, 18 & under: £5.70 (£4.30 on Mon) Day: Full price £6.90, 65 & over £6.00; Other adult conc: £5.30, 18 & under: £4.50, Family ticket £20.00 For Special Event Tickets, please see website Available from the Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre, online at www.saffronscreen.com, or at the cinema Box Office (opens 30 mins before screening) at County High School, Audley End Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4UH.

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What's On

Where no organiser is shown for any event in Q&R Village Hall, contact the Hall Manager, Christine Osbourn on 01799 543367 for details

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Event Date Time Place Notes			
EXTEND Exercises <i>Mondays</i> 10.30 Q&R Village Hall Pat Turner 01799 54	43314		
Saffron Searchers 1st Monday in month - Q&R Village Hall -			
Dog TrainingMondays-Q&R Village HallPauline Everton			
RainbowsMondays16.00-17.00 Q&R Village Hall(Pre-Brownies)			
Prayer Meeting <i>Mondays</i> 16.30 Quendon Church			
PilatesTuesdays09.00-10.00 Q&R Village HallJan Crawley 077421			
Dance Exercise <i>Tuesdays</i> Morning Q&R Village Hall Christine Alexander			
Dance Exercise Tuesdays Afternoon Q&R Village Hall Christine Alexander	۹		
ArmadillosTuesdays (term-time) 09.00Rickling SchoolStevie Green 01799			
Carpet Bowls Wednesdays 19.00 Quendon Bowls Club David Edwards 017	99 540167		
Coffee Group 3rd Weds in month 10.00-12.00 Q&R Village Hall Angela 01799 21800	61/Carol 543807		
U3A Choir <i>Wednesdays</i> 10.30 Q&R Village Hall			
Wednesday Club Wednesdays - Q&R Village Hall Christine Osbourn 0)1799 543367		
Prayer Meeting <i>Thursdays</i> 09.00 Rickling Church			
Line Dancing Thursdays - Q&R Village Hall Dawn Bond 01787			
Rickling RunnersThursdays19.30The GreenStevie Green 01799	542734		
DiddiDance (2-4yrs) Fridays10.00Q&R Village Hall			
BCP Communion 9th April 09.30 Quendon Church			
Village Hall AGM12th April20.00Q&R Village Hall			
Parish Council 12th April 19.30 Q&R Village Hall			
Holy Communion 16th April 09.00 Quendon Church			
Coffee Morning19th April10.00-12.00 Q&R Village HallSee p14			
Spring "Fayre"22nd April11.00-15.00 Clavering Village HallSee p 7			
Family Service23rd April09.30Rickling Church			
Berden Show29th April20.00Berden ChurchSee p8			
Holy communion 30th April 09.30 Quendon Church			
Local Elections4th MaySee p11			
	4@btopenworld.com		
NhW AGM15th May19.30Thaxted Day CentreSee p 6			
Photographic Show 28th-29th May Q&R Village Hall			
Berden Concert3rd June20.00Berden ChurchSee p8			
FunRun25th JuneSee p9			

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. Anyone can save a life by using it until an ambulance arrives. In addition you can seek help from any of the volunteers listed below.

Name	Home Telephone
Alan Price	01799 542527
Jane Price	01799 542527
Robert Arnold	01799 543075
Chris Phillips	01799 542351
Sue Phillips	01799 542351
Nigel Ackerman	01799 540678
Anne Howes	01799 543545
Sandy Turner	01799 540557
Pat Turner	01799 543314
Janice Hart	01799 541196
Clare Willoughby	01799 543637

Locality

Northern end - Cambridge Road	
Northern end - Cambridge Road	
Northern end - Cambridge Road	
Middle - Cambridge Road	
Middle - Cambridge Road	
Middle - Cambridge Road	
Southern end – Cambridge Road	1
Rickling Green	4
Rickling Green	5
Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Ricklin	g
Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Ricklin	g



For further information see www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/

Remember: Using the defibrillator can't cause injury. Doing nothing can.



