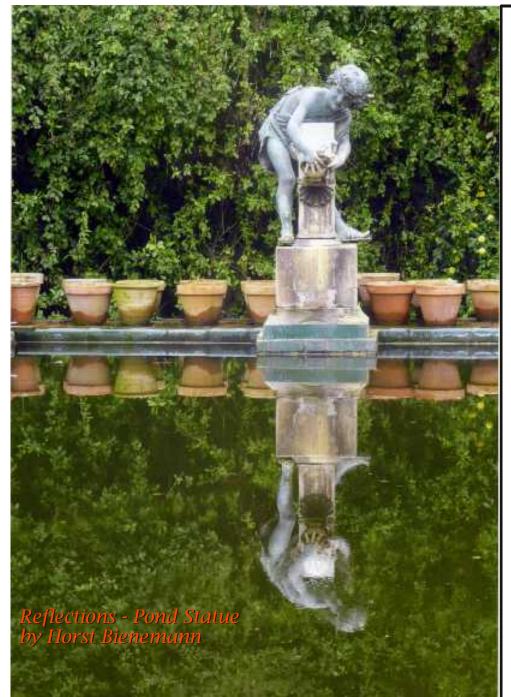
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Visits: If you would like the Vicar to visit you at home or in hospital, or know of anyone who would like him to visit them, please let the Vicar know.

The Rev'd. Neil McLeod, The Vicarage, 5, Meadowford, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 3QL **Telephone:** 01799 540339 **E-mail:** mcleod444@btinternet.com

From the Vicarage Study Rev. Neil McLeod, Priest-in-Charge of Newport with Widdington, Quendon and Rickling.



What's your favourite Easter Egg? I'm really bad because generally I like most chocolate that is out there. So I don't mind whether the Easter Egg comes with chocolate bars, or truffles, or smarties or, well just about anything. Although this year I haven't even had a Cadbury's Crème Egg, and now I'm off chocolate for Lent that isn't going to happen at all. I will of course enjoy having some chocolate once Easter Sunday arrives.

And that is the point of Easter Sunday – CELEBRATION. We celebrate that Jesus arose from the tomb; raised to new life by his heavenly Father. The sadness of Good Friday, of Jesus' death on the cross has passed, and now there are good things to look forward to. The feelings that the Mary had when she realised that the gardener who she was talking too was Jesus must have been amazing. The joy the disciples had when Jesus appeared to them in the upper room, which was locked, must have been euphoric!

Yes, there was doubt. Thomas hadn't been with the other disciples and he genuinely could not believe that Jesus had risen from the tomb. I like Thomas because he is so human, just like us! He wasn't going to believe it unless he saw Jesus for himself. Which he did. Then he fell to his knees saying, 'My Lord and my God'. What is amazing is that Jesus did not reject him or resent him for his doubting. Jesus did not get angry with Thomas because he questioned. Jesus simply loved him, and revealed himself.

I don't know whether you believe in the gospel account of the resurrection or not. What I do know is that Jesus has not judged you, nor rejected you. Jesus loves you even if you choose not to love him back. Jesus is waiting to reveal himself to you this Easter. Come to one of our Easter services. On Maundy Thursday we'll think about the last day before Jesus is arrested. At the Hour of the Cross in Widdington we'll mark the hour of Jesus' death, and on Sunday we'll share the joy of his resurrection. Remember Jesus himself he didn't come for those who already believed, but for those who don't. If that is you, what will you do with the invitation that Jesus extends to you this Easter?

Neil



| Sunday 7th April | | | <u>Sunday 5th May</u> | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 9.30am | Newport | Contemporary Communion | 9.30am | Newport | Contemporary Communion |
| 11.00am | Widdington | Christingle Service | 11.00am | Widdington | Family Service |
| Sunday 14 | <u>4th April – Pa</u> | <u>alm Sunday</u> | <u>Sunday</u> | <u> 12th May</u> | |
| 8.30am | Widdington | BCP Communion | 8.30am | Widdington | BCP Communion |
| 9.30am | Newport | Morning Worship | 9.30am | All Age Serv | vice Newport |
| 11.00am | Quendon | BCP Communion* | 11.00am | Quendon | BCP Communion |
| <u>Thursday 18th April – Maundy Thursday</u> | | | Sunday | <u> 19th May</u> | |
| 7.30pm | Quendon | BCP Communion | 9.30am | Newport | Holy Communion |
| Friday 19 | th April – Go | od Friday | 11.00am | Widdington | Holy Communion |
| 10.30am | Newport | Messy Easter | 6.00pm | | BCP Communion (Said) |
| 2.00pm | | Hour of the Cross | Sunday 2 | 26th May | |
| - · | 1st April – Ea | | 8.00am | 1 | BCP communion |
| 9.00am | | Family Communion | 9.30am | 1 | Morning Worship |
| 10.00am | Newport | Family Communion | 11.00am | 0 | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Rickling | Holy Communion with | 3.30pm | Newport | Messy Church |
| Baptism | | | In | addition to t | these services, prayer |
| Sunday 28th April | | me | etings are held | as follow: | |
| 10.00am | | Benefice Holy Communion | Qu | endon, Monday | vs 4 30 pm |
| *Note that the Quendon & Rickling Annual Parochial | | Rickling, Thursdays 9 00am | | | |
| Church Meeting will take place during the Palm Sunday | | Widdington, Tuesday 9 00am | | | |
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HELP REQUIRED URGENTLY

Quendon Church is in urgent need of volunteers to help dust/sweep or vacuum the church once or twice a year. **Do you have 2 hours to spare?**

Currently our church is cleaned monthly by two people. Please come and help our dwindling numbers of volunteers.

If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Christine Osbourn 01799 543367



Quendon Churchyard

Our group of volunteers has struggled for a couple of years to keep the churchyard at Quendon tidily mown, but for various reasons our number has dwindled.

The larger section around the church building only takes around a couple of hours to mow. It's not difficult, using the self-propelled mower provided, and the glow of satisfaction on seeing the job done is worth the effort! The smaller section, being more shaded, grows more slowly, but as noted in these pages a couple of years or so ago, looks spectacular when kindly tended!

So please join us in this undemanding but rewarding service to the community. The more volunteers we have, the less arduous it is!

Contact either John Watkinson, telephone 01799 543350, e-mail johnwatkinson@tiscali.co.uk

or

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Robert Arnold, telephone 01799 543075, e-mail robert@arnold-q.uk

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| To give information anonymously phone CRIMESTOPPERS or report it on-line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org | 0800 555 111 |

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

Another month on and we have witnessed a spell of warm sunshine, winds to blow you off your feet and, as I write this, it looks like a period of relative calm is heading our way, at least as far as the weather is concerned. It has been a busy month on the Parish Council with a number of planning applications to review, proposals to re-vitalise the football ground to consider, as well as trying to get somebody to fill those ever deepening potholes on the way to the school and pub. There are a few other matters, from our agenda, that I would like to update you on:

• **Lighting** - or to be more specific, the effects of lighting within our village.

Many of us feel more secure at night with a light shining in the vicinity, but if you don't really need that light on, then please consider switching if off. Not only will you save yourself a bit of money, but you will help to decrease the amount of light pollution in our a rural community. Another plus is that on a clear night you will be able to see all those stars, which are absolutely terrific.

• **Special Constable** - it has come to our attention that there is a scheme whereby we, the village, could have our own 'Special' who we would see around our patch for something like 16 hours a week. The post is voluntary, but comes with a payment for a duty allowance and associated expenses. It is very early days and the PC has to look carefully at the financial

implications, but if there is anyone out there who is interested in finding out a little more about this role, then do please contact our Clerk. I have to say that if someone comes forward from the village, this would certainly encourage the PC to look at this scheme more favourably.

• **Parish Council Elections** – by the time you read this, we may have passed the deadline whereby you can put yourself forward for election. I hope you all had a serious think about standing, if not personally at least a thought for those who have put themselves forward. Even if you do not wish to stand as a Councillor, there remain many opportunities where you can assist in the community. All you have to do is contact any Councillor or our clerk and they will be happy to let you know how you can become involved.

This is my last 'From the Parish Council Chair' as a new Council will come into being in early May and I will not be amongst them! I will be stepping down after something like 10 years, and I have to say that I have enjoyed being involved and hope in some small way that I have contributed to the village. I will, however, remain a parishioner and so will probably be involved in one or two things in the future.

All the very best to you all,

Brandon

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Potholes!

Don't you just love them? They hide during the day and then come out at night, under the cover of darkness, to embed themselves in the road just in time for you to drive over them, thus destroying tyres and alloys. And of course they breed like rabbits. Today one, tomorrow three and so on. As residents, you do not need me to tell you how bad the stretch is between the lane in Rickling Green up to the school. The Parish Council has been trying to find out who owns this stretch of road. Highways says "Not me guv", so they won't carry out any repairs. The Parish Council has looked into financing repairs, but the cost is prohibitive. Virtually twice the precept. So what to do? If there is anybody out there with a couple of tons of road-repairing tarmac and a shovel, and nothing better to do, please contact me or any member of the Parish Council. Seriously though, this is a nationwide issue and having recently reported ten (yes ten) potholes to Highways (not in Quendon), I received the same stock standard robot-produced reply to each one, basically saying resources are tight and that there is unlikely to be any action any time soon.

Community Special Constables

Essex Police is promoting a scheme whereby villagers are invited to sponsor a Special Constable who will concentrate on your village. The constables are volunteers, and may well be in full-time employment so their presence may only be on a weekends or evenings. However these are not PCSO's. They have the same powers as "normal" police officers. Essex Police will give full training to any prospective CSO but once appointed the village is responsible for the financing. It is estimated that this could be about £1,000 per year. Your Parish Council feels that this may well be worth considering. I have an information sheet giving full details. Please email me if you would like a copy.

In other news from the Parish Council meeting.....

Here are a couple of items for your information.

Planning applications

If you saw the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 13th March, you will know that there were several planning applications for consideration. All the responses will be in the minutes of the meeting which will be posted to the website.

<u>Football Field</u>

Thanks to the tireless work by Ted Crow, this is proceeding along very nicely. Already there is interest from football teams, and the pitch is to be inspected shortly to assess its suitability. The grass is due to be cut any day now, and football posts will be renovated.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. Any newcomers to the village have not received a copy of the

pack, do please let the Clerk know on the contact details below and a welcome pack will be dropped off to them.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be on 10th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

Contact the Parish Council

The Clerk, Keith Williams can be contacted by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone 01279 814473



Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

| Congratulations to this months winners! | | | | |
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| No 8 | Patricia Ball | £35 | | |
| No 17 | £25 | | | |
| No 52 Caroline Mackrill £15 | | | | |
| Please may I add a polite note? Subs are due now. | | | | |
| Please may they come to me, | | | | |
| Clare Willoughby, Bury Farm Cottage, Maces Farm, | | | | |
| Rickling Green. as soon as possible? | | | | |
| Many thanks everyone, most appreciated. xx | | | | |

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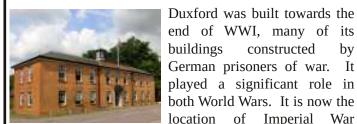
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he Hundred Parishes area includes **L** many airfields and former airfields.

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Most were constructed in a remarkably short period by the United States Army Air Force when the USA became involved in World War II, while others date back to World War I and the very early days of aviation.

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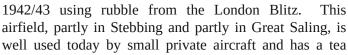


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fascinating site that includes many buildings from both World Wars and a huge collection

of military and civilian aircraft and other wartime exhibits. RAF Sawbridgeworth (actually in High Wych parish) also originated in WWI and was then used in WWII.

Andrews Field was the first US air base in Europe, constructed in





Nuthampstead



Little Easton

room open to the public.

Other airfields were built in WWII at Castle Camps, Hadstock (known as RAF Little Walden), Hunsdon, Little Easton (also known as RAF Great Dunmow), Matching (mainly in White Roding parish), Nuthampstead, Radwinter (known as RAF Great Sampford although only partially in that parish) and Stansted.

The runways, along with various buildings and more recent

memorials survive at most of these airfields, whilst the sites have been developed for a variety of uses. RAF Debden,

constructed in 1937 and mainly in Wimbish parish, is now the site of Carver Barracks. Wethersfield airfield (mainly in Finchingfield parish) was built by the



Debden

Americans and today is still used by the Ministry of Defence.

Fuller accounts of local airfields appear in the Society's 2018 book, The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



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Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves

District council elections!

These are on May 2nd and involve all 39 seats at Uttlesford District Council. Anthony and I will be standing for re-election for the Newport Ward. The other prospective candidates (we are all 'prospective' until you fill in the forms, get the signatures and UDC validate your nomination) at present are Conservatives Thomas Flack and Greg Smith. One is understood to live in High Easter and the other in Newport.

Speeding and parking and crossing the road

Still on the election theme, the Conservative election leaflet says "speeding traffic is an issue for Quendon and we will work for a solution to this dangerous situation". The village magazine may not be the place for electioneering but it is however necessary to clarify who does what. Roads are an Essex responsibility and UDC has done nothing about speeding. The opportunity was lost when permissions were given for Ventnor Road and Bluebell Drive, which could have required Cala to fund moving the speed limit, and put in a footway. Moving the speed limit will now be paid for by the tax payer and UDC have no involvement. Some council things, like the Local Plan, are very complex. But some things are simple. Getting a developer to pay for something like this which is obvious and of benefit to themselves and everyone, and of small cost compared with the profits, I think comes in the simple category.

I have made the same request for a speed limit extension in connection with a 20 house development at application south of Newport, and at a Parish Council meeting the developer said they would be happy to pay. However, at present the matter is being ignored by Essex and UDC. This has at least reminded me to do a follow up.

On the issue of Waterbutt Row parking, and speeding and safety, there is still on the Essex Highways 'to do' list a project to investigate it. However we can see no sign of that actually being done, so for the Neighbourhood Plan (NhP) the steering group, in consultation with the parish council, is going to get a road consultant to see if a scheme can be devised. The idea being that if we present to Essex a scheme from a professional, it cuts out the first delaying part of the process. The work can be funded, depending on the quote, out of the NhP funds available from UDC. So we aim to get UDC to pay for report for the Neighbourhood Plan to get Essex to do the work.

Planning Appeals - plural

Last month I wrote about the Countryside Properties appeal against refusal of 150 houses outside Newport. Now Gladmann have appealed against refusal for 74 houses on the other side of Wicken Road. With a 50% increase in housing already causing very serious problems, Newport is therefore now fighting two appeals at the same time to stop further traffic chaos and air pollution, and severe degradation of outward rural views, and inward views of the grade 1 listed St Mary's church.

<u>Surgeries</u>

We are available every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 in Dorrington's in Newport and we take turns to attend the Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall. We are also active on the two main village Facebook groups.

You may wonder why it is always me who writes these articles. Anthony is currently on the Planning Committee. Members of the committee are required not to pre judge applications, which could bar them from voting. So it is easier for me to do the articles as I can comment freely on planning matters. After elections all the committee seats are reassigned in the ratio of the number of councillors each party has in the new council. This is why R4U has no choice about being registered as party. If you are not a member of a group you have no automatic right to be put forward for committee seats.

Neil Hargreaves

Westminster News from Kemi Badenoch, MP

Greater Anglia Train Service

I have received many letters and emails from constituents regarding the service of Greater Anglia. Many have expressed frustration with various aspects of the company's service.

I am organising a meeting with representatives from GA to discuss issues such as punctuality, amongst other things. I also raised concerns over their service in Parliament.

You can read my contribution and the Minister's reply here: http://bit.ly/2VqYg45.

Mental Health Education

One of my proudest moments since being elected was becoming an ambassador for Mind in West Essex. Mental health is one of the biggest challenges we face and is an issue that affects young people more and more, particularly relating to social media.

The Government has taken an important step this month by announcing all children will be taught how to look after their mental wellbeing and recognise when classmates may be struggling. To ensure teachers are well-prepared ahead of the subjects becoming mandatory in 2020, there will be a £6m budget in 2019/20 for a school support package to cover training and resources.

Mental health education is a welcome step forward in preparing children for adulthood, improving their well-being and keeping them safe and healthy. I look forward to supporting schools across the constituency in this work.

I want to thank you to all those that came to my recent surgery in Boreham. Surgeries are an opportunity for you to meet with me, your Member of Parliament, and seek advice or assistance on confidential issues. For all other enquiries please send an email as it's often possible to meet sooner or speak over the phone. Should you wish to attend a surgery, please contact me at the earliest opportunity. Street surgeries do not require an appointment.

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Kemi Badenoch MP House of Commons London, SW1A 0AA kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

April 2018 at...

Foxtrot (15) Mon 1st 8pm Yuli – The Carlos Acosta Story Wed 3rd 7pm The King & I Thurs 4th 7pm Fighting With My Family (12A) Fri 5th & Sat 6th 8pm, Tues 9th 3pm Captain Marvel (12A tbc) Sat 6th & Mon 8th 3pm, Wed 10th 8pm La Forza Del Destino Royal Opera House Sun 7th 2pm Maiden (12A) Sun 7th 8pm Everybody Knows (Todos lo saben) (15) Mon 8th 8pm www.saffronscreen.com The Favourite (15) Tues 9th 8pm On The Town (U) *Relaxed screening* Wed 10th 3pm The Kid Who Would Be King (PG) Thurs 11th 3pm All About Eve Noël Coward Theatre Thurs 11th 7pm Fri 12th, Sat 13th, Sun 14th, Mon 15th, Tues 16th, Wed 17th & Thurs Missing Link (PG tbc) 18th 2pm & 5pm The Aftermath (12A tbc) Fri 12th & Sat 13th 8pm Fisherman's Friends (12A) Sun 14th & Tues 16th 8pm, Sat 20th & Sun 21st 5pm Mon 15th 8pm Ray & Liz (15) Wed 17th 8pm Alien (15) Benjamin (15) Thu 18th 8pm Bohemian Rhapsody Sing-Along (12A) Fri 19th 3pm Us (15 tbc) Fri 19th 8pm Bite-Sized Ballets: Elves & The Shoemaker (U) Sat 20th & Sun 21st 2pm Heat And Dust (12A) Sat 20th & Sun 21st 8pm 3 Faces (Se rokh) (15 tbc) Mon 22nd 8pm The White Crow (15 tbc) Fri 26th & Sat 27th 8pm, Sun 28th 4.30pm **Bite-Sized Ballets: Three Little Pigs** Sat 27th & Sun 28th 2pm Rembrandt Sat 27th 5pm The Matrix (15) Saffron Walden Town Hall Sat 27th 7.30pm Sun 28th 7.30pm NOTE START TIME Out Of Blue (15 tbc) Border (Gräns) (15) Mon 29th 8pm Faust Royal Opera House Tue 30th 6.45pm **DAYTIME** Full £7.30; 65 & over £6.50; other adult concessions £5.40; 16-30 £5.00; under 16s £4.60; family tickets (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children) £20.50 EVENINGS (films at or after 5pm) Full £8.40; 65 & over £7.80; other adults concessions £6.30; 16-30 £5.50; under 16s £5.20 (30 & under £4.50 Monday nights) CINEMA for TINIES Adults £4.00; children £3.00; under 2s free Tickets are available: online at www.saffronscreen.com (booking fee applies), in person from the Box office (opens 30 mins before each screening), in person from the Tourist Information Centre, Saffron Walden (booking fee applies) Saffron Screen is at County High School, Audley End Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4UH.

Telephone: 01799 524002, enquiries only.

New dementia friendly website

A new website is available offering a wide range of information and support for people living with dementia in Uttlesford.

The website – www.dementiafriendlyuttlesford.org.uk – is a free resource developed by Uttlesford Dementia Action Alliance to enable local people with dementia to live well. The website includes details of events, activities and news, as well as signposting to support agencies.

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.

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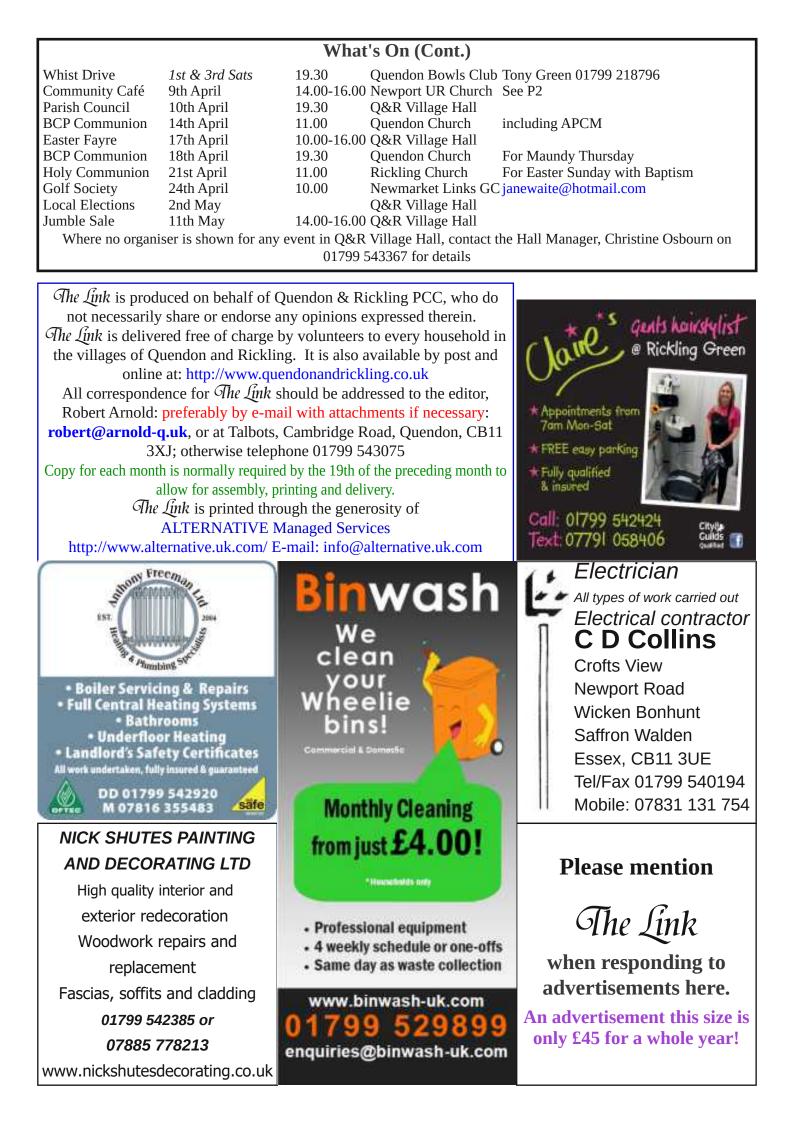


For further information see www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/

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

What's On

| Event | Date | Time | Place | Notes |
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| EXTEND Exercises | Mondays | 10.30 | Q&R Village Hall | Pat Turner 01799 543314 |
| Saffron Searchers | 1st Monday in month | ! - | Q&R Village Hall | - |
| Dog Training | Mondays | - | Q&R Village Hall | Pauline Everton |
| Rainbows | Mondays | 16.00-17.00 | Q&R Village Hall | (Pre-Brownies) |
| Prayer Meeting | Mondays | 16.30 | Quendon Church | |
| Pilates | Tuesdays | 09.00-10.00 | Q&R Village Hall | Jan Crawley 077421 82272 |
| Dance Exercise | Tuesdays | | Q&R Village Hall | Christine Alexander |
| Dance Exercise | Tuesdays | Afternoon | Q&R Village Hall | Christine Alexander |
| Armadillos | Tuesdays (term-time) | 09.00 | Rickling School | Stevie Green 01799 542734 |
| Community Café | 3rd Weds in month | | Q&R Village Hall | Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807 |
| U3A Choir | Wednesdays | 10.30 | Q&R Village Hall | |
| Wednesday Club | Wednesdays | - | Q&R Village Hall | Christine Osbourn 01799 543367 |
| Carpet Bowls | Wednesdays | 19.00 | Quendon Bowls Club | David Edwards 07804 954095 |
| Prayer Meeting | Thursdays | 09.00 | Rickling Church | |
| Line Dancing | Thursdays | - | Q&R Village Hall | Dawn Bond 01787 460274 |
| Rickling Runners | Thursdays | | The Green | Stevie Green 01799 542734 |
| Buffy Playbus | 5 | | 0 | Term-time |
| Social Evening | Fridays | 19.00 | Quendon Bowls Club | David Edwards 07804 954095 |
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