

The Link

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Parish
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NEWS

November 2019

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The Door at Lanhydrock
by Jane Davis

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:** vicar4nqrwchurches@gmail.com

From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Neil McLeod,

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

Revd Neil McLeod is on Extended Study Leave until Sunday 1st December.

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 3rd November

9.30am Newport Contemporary Communion
11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 10th November

10.50am Newport Remembrance Day Service
6.00pm Quendon BCP Communion, with
Reading the Names of the Fallen

Sunday 17th November

9.30am Newport Holy Communion
11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

Sunday 24th November

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

Sunday 1st December

9.30am Newport Contemporary Communion
4.00pm Widdington Christingle Service

Sunday 8th December

8.30am Widdington BCP Communion
9.30am Newport Morning Worship
11.00am Quendon BCP Communion
3.30pm Newport Messy Christingle

Sunday 15th December

9.30am Newport All-Age Service
3.00pm Widdington Carol Service
6.00pm Quendon Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December

11.00am Rickling Holy Communion
6.00pm Newport Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Widdington Crib Service
4.30pm Rickling Crib Service
5.00pm Newport Crib Service
11.30pm Newport Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

9.00am Quendon Family Communion
10.00am Widdington Family Communion
11.00am Newport Family Communion

Sunday 29th December

10.00am Newport Benefice Holy Communion

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 and Rickling services in November will be taken by Revd. Canon Chris. Bishop

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

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Churchwardens - Quendon: Mrs Christine Osbourn 01799 543367 and Mrs Maureen Hawkins

Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 07771 541944

Treasurer - Quendon and Rickling: Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

Police contact information

For crimes and suspicious activity **NOW** phone

999

For non-urgent incidents and reporting a crime that has already happened

101

Alternatively you can report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes on-line at <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-on-line/>

To give information **anonymously** phone CRIMESTOPPERS or report it on-line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

0800 555 111

AUTUMN DAZE featuring the Village Apple Press



We gathered on Sunday 6 October to toast the new season with all things Autumnal and apple!

The Village Apple Press was in full production and pressed approximately 50 litres of fresh, delicious juice for villagers, who also enjoyed seasonal fare on sale such as fresh homemade doughnuts, pumpkin soup and hot mulled apple juice, as well as selection of baked goodies.

Tiddly Tuk was back by popular demand serving apple-themed cocktails (a Toffee Apple Martini was very popular!), as well as Aspoll cider and apple sangria.

Approximately £100 was raised for Quendon and Rickling Parish Council village initiatives.

Thank you to everyone who helped and joined in on the day, especially Tom Duncan for manning the press!



Rickling/Quendon Community Café Quiz and Fun Bingo



Wednesday 20th November 2019
10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Please contact: Angie and Carole
01799 543807/218061

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon, CB11 3XQ

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There's a pavilion in Rickling Green,
Well kept, spacious and clean,
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to enquire about renting the pavilion or cricket pitch.

Kemi Badenoch, MP

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.

kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

Advertising in *The Link*

reaches every household in
Quendon and Rickling at
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**This space could be promoting
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Contact:

Advertising on telephone
01799 543297 or

The Editor preferably by e-mail
at robert@arnold-q.uk, or
telephone 01799 543075

Quickling Festival Saturday 10th August

The first annual Quickling Festival, run by Quendon and Rickling Parish Council to raise funds for the Quendon and Rickling Community Football Pitch, took place towards the end of summer and was a great success by all accounts with some 300 people attending from the village and further afield. After some extensive last minute changes of plan the festival went ahead in spite of the 50mph winds predicted on the day, raising a total of £857.

The day was centred around Winstanley's Dragon Treasure Quest, which explored the history, notable residents and landmarks of Quendon and Rickling; villagers were invited to enter "treasures" to be found along the walking route and 24 were received, including



Converted food and drink suppliers parked up offering delicious options

"Fireddie" the ferocious wire mesh dragon (made by a villager from scratch!), a Christmas tree for William Winstanley, Queen Rricula (the 6th century Queen of Essex, allegedly after whom Rickling is named), a lighthouse for Henry Winstanley and a "Tommy" stood sombrely in remembrance at the Village Hall, the village memorial to fallen soldiers from both wars. There were fairy houses belonging to the Field and Forest Folk of Quendon and Rickling "revealed" for the day, open gardens and several riddles to decipher, among other entries too.

The Village Hall also hosted the Art and Craft



Art and Craft Competition entries at the Village Hall

Competition with entries received from children associated with the village, including students of Rickling School (which will feature again at the Winstanley Celebration event on 8 December at Quendon Church).

Festival goers enjoyed a picnic and garden games on the green, and owing to the windy weather it was perfect for

For more information on upcoming village events why not join the QUENDON AND RICKLING EVENTS public group on Facebook or look out for further advertisements in *The Link*.

"Charlie", a villager's vintage tractor, was a hit on the green, which also featured a WWII Jeep



kite-flying, which made up for the cancellation of the inflatable bouncy castle and obstacle course!

There were food and drink offerings from parked-up converted horseboxes, camper-vans and tuktuks with options of gourmet waffles, jacket potatoes and cocktails, and The Cricketer's Arms, who'd only one week prior re-opened, put on a BBQ. We also had seasonal plants and a bake sale with jam and pickle swap in the cricket pavilion.

The organisers of the day would like to sincerely thank our many generous sponsors of the day, everyone who took part - be it the army of helpers who volunteered their time, the makers and bakers and those who joined in by entering treasures and art work, as well as the judge of our competition, all of whom contributed to the success of the day.

The funds raised have been used to purchase much-needed equipment for the football pitch (including a line marking machine and paint), which is already being rented out to local teams - villagers are welcome and encouraged to use the pitch for family kickabouts, etc.

See you there next year!



"Fireddie" took centre stage, marking the end of the Treasure Quest



The cricket pavilion was Quickling HQ, and sanctuary from the wind

PHOTOS: Various Quickling Festival organisers

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Normal service resumes

Seems like a long time since last submitting an entry for The Link. There was no *The Link* in August and due to the September parish meeting being put back a week, the meeting took place after the copy deadline for September.

What's been happening. Well there was Summer (allegedly) plus the very successful Quickling Festival. More recently the Apple Pressing Day. And of course The Cricketers Arms re-opened. Parish councillors have been allowed to take holidays. All in all not really a great deal.

Speeding

Always a sensitive issue. The Speedwatch team still require further volunteers. Our County Councillor Ray Gooding will try to arrange a speed survey for the village.

Broadband

Here there is some progress. Some parts of the village now actually have fast broadband. There's a sentence I never thought I would be writing. The service will roll out to other parts of the village in due course. I am told that 50% of residents who have "pots" installed can expect to receive the upgrade. (I have no idea what these "pots" are – but if you have one then I guess you do).

Other news from the Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council has been looking into the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing at Waterbutt Row but as you will see from the minutes of the September meeting, just a survey to investigate the logistics is likely to cost £10,000. So don't watch this space. There is also talk of a bus stop at the village boundary, opposite Boundary Cottage. No further information at the time of writing.

The skip will be returning to the village, it is hoped some time in November. The actual date will be announced shortly. The grit bins have been renovated (with thanks to gritty Ted Crow).

It is apparently deer rutting season (and you thought that only happened in Scottish wildlife programmes), and there is a danger to motorists from deer dashing out into the road. The parish council is endeavouring to get some signs erected to warn motorists.

The football pitch goes from strength to strength. It was

fully used in September and into October. And Ted has had an enquiry from another team.

You may have noticed that some of the horse chestnut trees outside Rickling House are in a bit of a sorry state. An inspection has confirmed that canker is in evidence, together with that leaf virus which is affecting so many of the horse chestnut trees in England. An arboriculturist has made a report and recommends that, in the long term, the trees will need to be replaced. But not with horse chestnut trees. Which seems sensible.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. If any newcomers to the village have not received a copy of the pack, do please let the Clerk know on the contact details below and a welcome pack will be dropped off to them.

Allotments (part of the Quendon Hall Estate):

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be on 13th November 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 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

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 the October winners

1st.....M. Hawkins.....£35

2nd.....J. Evariste.....£24

3rd.....B. Hutchin.....£14

If anyone else would like to participate an application form can be downloaded from the Village Website (www.quendonandrickling.co.uk). Remember this generates a good source of funds for the Village Hall and both our two churches, All Saints, Rickling and St Simon & St Jude, Quendon.

From the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear Fellow Villagers!!

Autumn is here, the pub is open, village events have been taking place, the football pitch is back in business and Gigaclear has arrived!!!!

The Cricketers has been open for three months now and I'm hoping that you have all been in for a tippie of whatever takes your fancy! The food is delicious and well worth sampling. They have started up a Midweek Set Lunch Menu and a Wednesday Supper Club and are now doing takeaway burgers on Thursdays and takeaway Fish and Chips on Fridays. They are currently serving Full English breakfast whilst the Rugby World Cup matches are on and I am hoping that I will be there on Saturday, 2 November watching England regain the cup!!

Carrie and Katherine have been very busy organising Quickling Festival and along with Tom Duncan, Autumn Daze, both very successful - please see separate articles on these. There are more events planned so keep an eye out and hopefully there will be something for everyone in the villages.

Ted Crow has also been very busy preparing the pitches for the arrival of the senior and junior teams and it is lovely to hear the jubilant cheers coming over the hedges again! Unfortunately, there is a downside to this as various empty packages of illegal substances have been found around the changing rooms and cars have been spotted "hanging" around the various parking areas in the villages. The police have been informed and have begun patrols of the village. There have also been "deposits" found on the actual pitch so PLEASE could people pick up their dogs poo as it would be particularly unpleasant to kick one of these piles whilst playing!!!

I'm afraid dog poo has also been spotted on The Green again and I have had quite a few complaints about dog poo being abandoned in Quendon Woods. Please could you remember to reclaim your poo bags after your walk, some have even been spotted left hanging in trees!!

Gigaclear has eventually arrived, only 4 years late but hopefully it will be worth the wait! Unfortunately not the whole of our villages are eligible at the moment but we will keep Gigaclear on their toes until it is! I believe that cable is laid for 75% of the village and about 90% of that proportion are able to order it now. It looks like they will be working on Cambridge Road from 10 December so you may have it in time for Christmas!

The Parish Council has had a couple of meetings with Stonebond, the potential developer on Foxley 2. There are 9 houses planned for half of the original site and we are in the process of determining how the villages can benefit from this development and how to make it as balanced a community as possible.

Finally, there have been quite a few "Lewis Hamiltons" racing along Brick Kiln Lane and Belchams Lane! Our Speedwatch volunteers were out there a couple of weeks ago and unnerved quite a number of them but we need to do this on more of a regular basis. To do this, we need more volunteers so I am appealing to you all to step forward and put a stop to these boy racers! We are also going to request a speed survey to be done on this road with an option for traffic calming measures.

Enjoy an autumn of beautiful colours and clearing of leaves!

Sally Kitcat

Rubbish skip

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall, Cambridge Road CB11 3XQ

Saturday 30th November 2019

The skip will be removed Monday, however, Saturday will be the only day it can be utilised as it will be locked from that evening.

Items which cannot be placed in the skip;

- Asbestos
- Food waste
- Wet paint and spray cans
- Hazardous waste
- Flammable items/liquids
- Batteries
- Medical waste or body parts

UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE EVENTS

Early 2020 - Wine+Waffle Evening

Spring 2020 - Saffron Screen Pop-up

Quendon Bowling Club

Whist Drives

SATURDAYS 7.30pm.

2019:

5th & 19th October

2nd, 16th & 30th November

14th December

2020:

4th January

1st, 15th & 29th February

14th & 28th March

4th & 18th April

Admission. £2.50 (Includes Refreshments & Raffle)

Was that a Bus?

How to find out about transport options in our area

There's no doubt that living in this part of the UK has many advantages. We are surrounded by beautiful countryside and picturesque villages, have London within easy reach, Cambridge on our doorstep, and all number of stately homes and interesting places to visit.

However, life being what it is, rural living comes with its own set of issues. One of which is transport. Cuts to local services mean buses are few and far between. So for most of us a car is essential - whether to get to the station for the daily commute, to medical appointments or the nearest town. But what happens when driving is no longer an option?

Fortunately, there are alternatives, though tracking them down can be time-consuming and frustrating. And what's available largely depends on where you live.

For the over 60's who find public transport too difficult, Uttlesford Community Travel can be a godsend as can the Social Car Schemes which some villages offer to ferry residents to medical appointments. While for those who have been assessed as in medical need there's the non emergency transport service for hospital appointments.

For a comprehensive over-view of all local transport options Uttlesford Frontline offers a free fact sheet "Getting Places" - via www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk.

This includes: Social car schemes; bus travel - with access to route planning and timetables; DaRT (on demand) services - villages covered and booking details plus how to check whether a particular bus is accessible for anyone with mobility problems; rail travel and how to gain assistance by Greater Anglia, as well as at Stansted Airport. Details about concessionary bus passes, the Blue Badge Scheme and help available to pay travel costs for medical appointments are included together with full contact details, links and telephone numbers.

www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk is an initiative of Uttlesford Citizens Advice enabling one-stop access to more than 170 organisations locally who can provide help, support and information - with full contact details. Also available as an app for mobile devices.

More information: Amy Rowson, Business Development Lead, projects@frontlineuk.org.uk, 01799 618842/Janet Elsey admin@frontlineuk.org.uk

Report from District Councillor Neil Hargreaves

Neighbourhood Plan

At the time of writing (18th October) the 'Regulation 16' consultation is about to end and the examination begin. The Plan policies have already passed their first big test in relation to the large Countryside Properties application for 150 houses on a site going out to the west of Newport. This was not a site supported by the Plan and contrary to a number of Plan policies. That was strongly refused at appeal by the Inspector. Earlier this month another application appeal inquiry finished, this time for 74 houses on the other side of the same road – Wicken Road. Similar Plan policies apply and we are hoping that the Inspector will also reject it, despite the District only having a 3 year housing supply when we are required to have 5 years' worth of sites allocated. If it is rejected the Inspector's report will add significant weight to our Plan.

The next test is then immediately upon us with on 22nd October yet another appeal, this time by developer Hill

for 24 houses hemming in the cricket ground at the Joyce Frankland Academy. One of the problems is that the drainage plan is to put a new flood sewer directly into the worst flood zone in the village. It would empty into Wicken Water directly onto the house in the photo:



Report from District Councillor Neil Hargreaves (cont.)

The photo is 7th February 2014. One of the Plan policies is to ensure some weight is given to locally provided evidence of flood risk. This resulted from our experience at an earlier appeal for 95 houses at the south side of Newport. These were permitted but have not yet been built. Flooding was also an issue but at the appeal our local evidence on flood matters got swept away by the appellant's barrister on the grounds that we were not Flood Engineers. Common sense was ignored and two years on there is still no agreed drainage plan and the site has gone to seed with only archaeological trenching done. Quite a few of the Plan policies are to deal with planning issues we have witnessed not being well handled.

The Parish Council and concerned residents are however suffering fatigue from constant appeals and all the preparation work. The Parish Council has spent over £100,000 on fighting these appeals. I know these are not of immediate relevance to Quendon & Rickling but I thought you may nevertheless be interested to know what is happening nearby

Foxley 2

The Parish Council and myself have been in discussion with the developer and Essex Highways and the UDC case officer. The application is for 9 three- and four-bedroom houses filling in the space to the south of Hallfield. We have been trying to negotiate the best deal for the village, including funding of a road safety and parking review as requested in the Neighbourhood Plan. Matters are still fluid so there is not much to say at this point.

Implementing manifesto promises

In the last report I covered the improvements to the procedures at the Planning Committee to give residents and parish councils more involvement.

We have now moved on to the commercial investment process, necessary to fill the increasing gap in the Council's finances resulting from cuts in government

funding. This is, or was, not a normal part of a local council's activities. Very considerable sums are involved. Processes to assess potential opportunities in an independent way didn't form part of the existing structures. To resolve this, earlier this month the Council approved the setting up of an Investment Board. It consists of a mix of councillors from all the political parties at UDC plus two external members who will be recruited by advertising for the positions. I am on the Board. It will be advised by senior UDC finance officers and will review potential investments in detail against a set of criteria including level of risk, level of return, location, and type and quality of asset. The Board will make recommendations to the Cabinet, and full Council gets final say on releasing funds.

The Green Party

Most people will have seen in the papers that Anthony Gerard, and two other councillors have left R4U and joined the Green Party. There was a joint press release from the two parties. Anthony is therefore no longer a Cabinet member but remains a District Councillor. Seats on committees such as Planning or the Audit committee are allocated according to the number of seats each party holds. As a party of three the Greens will be able to secure some seats, but for example their membership of Planning, currently two, will fall to one.

Councillors Surgeries

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 village Facebook group.

Neil Hargreaves

Other News from Uttlesford District Council

You can get email newsletters and alerts on a whole range of topics via Keep me posted – sign up and find out more at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/keepmeposted.

Quendon & Rickling Christmas Fair

We are looking for volunteers who would like to

Volunteer to help on the day

Bake a cake or savoury treat

Donate a bottle

Craft something for our community stall

Recycle those unwanted gifts!

All contributions welcome, proceeds will go to support village amenities

Contact Tracey 01799 542095 / 07740 867252



Keeping your vehicle safe at home

Your garage is the most secure place to keep your vehicle, so if you have it, use it. Make sure your garage is secure by fitting extra garage locks such as up and over or rolling deadlocking door handles. Consider extending your home alarm system to cover your garage or if you do not have one you can purchase a separate garage alarm.

Add extra security to your vehicle by fitting a Sold Secure steering wheel, gear lever or clutch pedal. This will add to the existing security already on your vehicle and could also put off a potential thieves.

Keep vehicle doors locked and windows shut. It may sound obvious but unlocked doors and open windows are invitations to thieves so make sure your vehicle is secure even if you are only popping into a shop, paying for petrol or getting car park ticket.

If your vehicle has remote locking, please check that the doors have locked before you leave it. Thieves in the area may use a device to block the remote locking signal so check your vehicle is locked by pulling the door handle before leaving it.

Place car keys somewhere safe, out of sight and away from the front door to avoid "fishing" through the letterbox. Put them in a drawer (preferably one that is noisy to open) or some other secure place, but to avoid any confrontation, don't take the keys to the bedroom with you.

Car thieves are identifying vehicles that do not use a traditional key (keyless vehicles), by creating a signal that tricks the car into thinking the key is nearby, allowing them to drive off with no interference. To stop this from

happening, make sure your front door is double locked and place your keys (including the spare) in a Faraday Bag. This will act as a blocker to the signal, meaning the thieves are unable to trick your vehicle.

Don't leave anything on display: Thefts from vehicles greatly outnumber thefts of vehicles so never leave your property on display on the dashboard or front or back seats. Removing valuables like dash cams, sat navs, mobile phones and laptops helps remove temptation.

Don't forget to wipe away the marks left by the suction pad on your dash cam, sat nav or phone holder as they may lead thieves to believe it's in your car somewhere. Keep an eye out for devices on the market that can hold devices in place without using sucker pads. Consider leaving a card in your car. "All valuables removed from this vehicle"

If you are unable to remove your property from the vehicle, lock it out of sight in the boot or a vehicle safe.

Look at past crime stats for your area and the types of vehicles targeted, then consider other crime prevention measures such as tracking devices for high value and frequently stolen car types, and anti-theft devices for catalytic converters on some makes and models and of course as anti-tamper screws to secure your vehicle's number plates. Whilst a new set of plates won't cost the earth, think of all the hassle you may get such as trying to quash parking fines for infractions you haven't committed.

Paul Harris, Essex Police Staff No 42077939

Neighbourhood Watch Advice

Phone Scams that try to trick people via a phone call are on the rise, and are often targeted at older people. Here are a few general tips to protect yourself:

Do

- hang up on cold callers and ignore cold texts
- sign up with the Telephone Preference Service to opt out of receiving unwanted sales and marketing calls (**0345 070 0707**, tpsonline.org.uk)
- contact your phone provider to see if they have the option to block unwanted calls or texts
- remember, if you have a smartphone, it acts like a mini computer, so keep its operating system up-to-date and install antivirus software. Only download apps from official app stores, as apps can infect your phone with viruses. As with emails, don't click on links in unsolicited text messages.

Don't

- ever give out bank details such as your PIN or online banking login details, including by keying your PIN into the phone
- assume a call is safe just because the number matches the number on your bank card or statement. Callers can modify the caller ID so that your phone displays a fake number
- make a decision about an investment based on what

someone has told you over the phone. Always seek independent financial advice

- ring a number the caller gives you to check the legitimacy of a call. Use a source you trust to find the number – for example, the company's website or the phone book.
- Agree to a visit from the caller or his/her company without making checks first that they are genuine.

It's important to report scams to make sure the police are aware of what has happened and can try to stop the scammers acting again.

If you've been the victim of a scam – i.e. if you've lost money or exposed your personal details – contact Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre (**0300 123 2040**, www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud).

To report a scam email that you were targeted by but didn't fall victim to, use their separate reporting tool (www.actionfraud.police.uk/scam-emails).

If a crime is in progress and you need immediate assistance, call the police on **999**.

(Advice with additions taken from the excellent "Scamwise" publication by Independent Age – a charity for advice and support for older age (but suitable for all!))

Do you want to have a say in how your community is policed?

Essex Police Strategic Independent Advisory Group and Local Independent Advisory Groups play an important part in ensuring that Essex Police consult with and understand the views of our diverse community. The aim is, in reviewing our work practices, to help the Force better understand how our processes and policies can affect the different communities in Essex.

To allow this consultation process, members are recruited to offer advice and guidance to the police, to assist and advise at times of critical incidents and provide constructive feedback around new policy developments and police recruitment.

If you're interested in shaping the way policing is delivered in Essex and ensuring your community has a voice, download an application form from www.essex.uk or email iag@essex.pnn.police.uk or 71102@essex.pnn.police.uk for more information.



Saffron Walden County High School

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 7th November 2019

6.00pm – 9.00pm

Presentations 6.15pm and 7.15pm



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SWCHS Sixth Form, Audley End Road,
Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4UH
01799 513030





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**Twelve Christmas Tips from Stephen Armson-Smith,
Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer - 090819**

1. If you must store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure that they are out of sight and that it's securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.
2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window.
3. Ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked before leaving the house. Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too.
4. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
5. Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.
6. Park safely; look for a Parkmark accredited car park www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder. Check that your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.
7. When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.
8. Attending a Christmas party – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advance and avoid using unlicensed taxis. Ensure you drink responsibly and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe. www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety
9. Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are not at home and the lovely gifts you have received.
10. After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection; disguise them, fold them up inside out or put them inside other non-descript box.
11. Record your new property free on www.immobilise.com, install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.

Twelve tips for Christmas and after (cont.)

12. Have a Great Christmas and New Year!! For further crime prevention advice see: www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/

Recently a fraud device was found attached to a Lloyds bank ATM in Saffron Walden and caused £1,500 of damage. It is not yet known if any fraudulent withdrawals were successful.

If possible use internal ATMs as they are less likely to have been tampered with. If you can't, pay extra attention to the visible part of the machine: does part of the fascia look new but other parts older? Does the section where you place your card in look as if it is a separate piece? Does it move or feel less solid if you try to give it a little wiggle? If it feels flimsy or does not look right, or work in the normal way then don't use it and don't enter your PIN code but cancel the transaction. Let the ATM owner know of your concerns as soon as possible.



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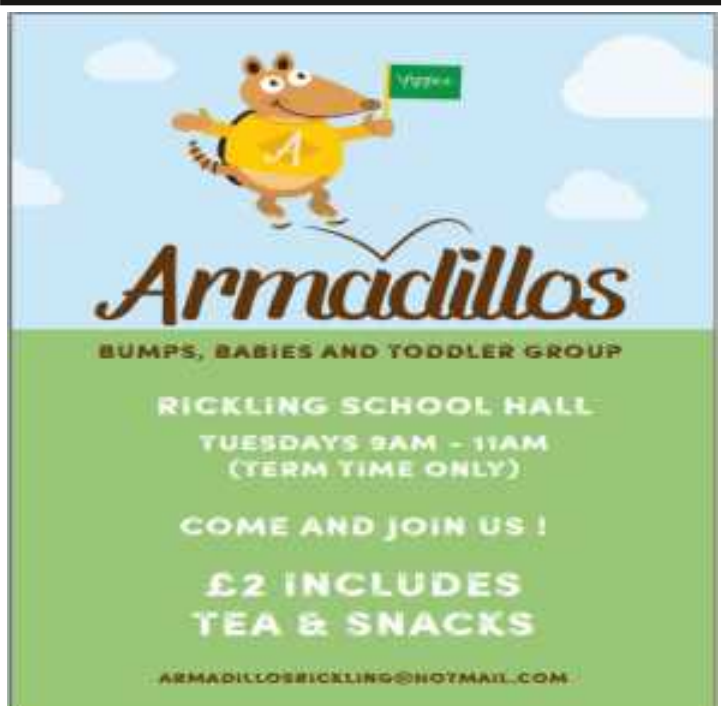
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Each year has its own unique pattern of weather with records of notable events. The spire of Finchingfield Church blew down during the great storm of February 1661. The inhabitants of Finchingfield suffered again as 16 barns were destroyed in the great storm of November 1703. The freezing conditions of the very cold winter of 1895 allowed the people of Saffron Walden to enjoy tobogganing by moonlight, while folk in Dunmow held an ice carnival. There are many accounts of hot summers when wells ran dry or hail ruined crops.

Those who study long-term trends are concerned about the warming of the atmosphere, hotter summers and an increase in the frequency of storms which can cause serious flooding, damage to trees and property and loss of power.

In May the UK Government declared a Climate Emergency with ambitious plans to plant 50 million trees per year across the country to help soak up carbon. Current tree cover in the Hundred Parishes is about 6% and any new trees will bring significant visual changes to its landscape. Trees produce timber, habitats for wildlife and reduce flooding risk. Groups of trees can modify the local climate by providing shade, cooling the air and making urban areas more attractive.

To ensure that this project is successful, consideration must be given to the location of plantings and the most appropriate species, with maintenance plans so that these new trees thrive.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

What's On

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

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
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
Armadillos	<i>Tuesdays (term-time)</i>	09.00	Rickling School	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Community Café	<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
Carpet Bowls	<i>Wednesdays</i>	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
Line Dancing	<i>Thursdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Rickling Runners	<i>Thursdays</i>	19.30	The Green	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Buffy Playbus	<i>Fridays</i>	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Whist Drive	<i>Saturdays see panel</i>	19.30	Quendon Bowls Club	Tony Green 01799 218796
BCP Communion	10th November	18.00	Quendon Church	
Parish Council	13th November	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Christmas Fayre	16th November	14.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	See Advertisement
Holy Communion	24th November	11.00	Rickling Church	
Christmas Fair	24th November	14.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	see p9
Rubbish Skip	30th November		Q&R Village Hall	See p6
BCP Communion	8th December	11.00	Quendon Church	
Winstanley Day	8th December		Quendon Church	See p9
Carol Service	15th December	18.00	Quendon Church	
Holy Communion	22nd December	11.00	Rickling Church	
Crib Service	24th December	16.30	Rickling Church	
Family Communion	25th December	09.00	Quendon Church	

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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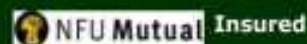
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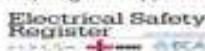
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