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Parish
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NEWS

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May!
by Peter Warwick



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Forsythia
by Sandra Arnold



*The Cricketers Arms all
lit up and waiting for us!*
by Mike Stevens

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.

Last month I wrote about the light at the end of the tunnel that is the covid-19 pandemic. We have since passed a couple of milestone dates on the government's roadmap out of lockdown now: 29th March & 12th April. Apart from us now being able to rush to barbers & hairdressers to get our hair cut, the good news is that so far there doesn't appear to have been any adverse impact. Although the impact of pub gardens reopening may not be known for a few weeks, I remain hopeful that the further milestone dates of May 17th & June 21st will still be met, as the vaccination program continues to be successful.

However, we are still living under restrictions and we must all be mindful of that. The churches are reopening for Sunday services but there is still a need for social distancing and, as far as I'm aware, we still cannot sing. It is good to be back in the church buildings once again.

Nowhere was the sight of ongoing restrictions more noticeable than in the televised funeral of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. I thought the sight of The Queen sitting alone in St Georges Chapel was really sad. Also the sight of the family following behind the coffin pausing to put their masks on as they entered the chapel was moving. It echoes funerals that I have conducted throughout the pandemic, and I was personally relieved to see that the legal restrictions were followed. Yes, there were the bands and military personnel outside but they were all socially distanced on the green or along the route. I think there may have been an outcry if restrictions had been waived for the Royal Family, but I get the impression that Prince Philip would have understood and approved.

Throughout the pandemic numbers at funerals have been limited, and there are people who have been unable to attend a funeral in person. I have 'attended' a couple of funerals online but it is just not the same as being there in person. Some people may have found it difficult to grieve. Once all restrictions have been lifted then I shall be holding a special Commemoration Service in the church to allow people to gather to remember those people who have died. There will be an opportunity to remember them and to light a candle for them. Please keep an eye out for future editions of *The Link* for news of when this service might be.

Please stay safe. God bless.

Rev'd Neil McLeod

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 2nd May

10.00am Online - Zoom: Contemporary Communion

11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May

10.00am Online - Zoom: All Age Service

11.00am Quendon BCP Communion

Sunday 16th May

10.00am Online - Zoom: Holy Communion

11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd May

8.30am Newport BCP communion

10.00am Online - Zoom: Morning Worship

11.00am Rickling Holy Communion

Sunday 30th May

10.00am Online - Zoom: Morning Worship

10.00am Widdington Holy Communion

Sunday 6th June

10.00am Online - Zoom: Contemporary Communion

11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

Sunday 13th June

10.00am Online - Zoom: All Age Service

11.00am Quendon BCP Communion

Sunday 20th June

10.00am Online - Zoom: Holy Communion

11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

Sunday 27th June

8.30am Newport BCP communion

10.00am Online - Zoom: Morning Worship

11.00am Rickling Holy Communion

Quendon & Rickling Parish Churches - Annual Meeting

Our two parish churches of Rickling and Quendon rely on volunteers to look after them and ensure they are available for all of us. This year the PCC will be holding the Annual Meeting during our service at Rickling Church on Sunday 23rd May. All welcome.

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

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999

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101

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If you have been defrauded i.e. lost money phone or report online at

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>

0300 123 2040

If someone has tried to defraud you but you have not lost money, phone or report online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing>

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0800 555 111

Our Member of Parliament

Face to face surgeries for you to meet with me, your Member of Parliament, and seek advice or assistance on confidential issues are not currently possible. For all enquiries please send an email or speak over the phone.

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Kemi Badenoch, MP

Parish Information

Welcome Packs

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

Allotments (part of the Quendon Hall Estate):

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

Highway Problems

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

A tracking facility for all reported faults is available.

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 at quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone 01279 814473

From the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear Fellow Villagers!

How lovely to see the sun come out, The Cricketers Arms open, cricket and football being played again and being able to have visitors in the garden! There is definitely a feeling of change in the air!

I am afraid April's Parish Council meeting was cancelled at very short notice due to a period of mourning for Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We were only informed of protocol that morning, so apologies to those of you who wished to attend and were unable to. As of this month's meeting, all meetings must be held in person, face-to-face. The government has put the onus on Parish Councils to ensure that all social distancing measures and other Covid-related requirements are met. The village hall will, therefore, be set up with councillors and members of the public 2 metres apart and masks must be worn.

Everyone was so shocked and upset by the damage done to the football changing rooms. We all appreciate how difficult the last year has been but are at a loss as to understand such wanton destruction. The football pitches are a much valued asset and deserve respect. Much time and energy is spent by volunteers in maintaining them so please don't let this happen again. Young people have now been spotted hanging around the Bowling Club, so if you do see any suspicious activity, do put comments on Facebook, but also ring the police and hopefully we can put this dreadful behaviour behind us.

As you will all have seen, a planning application has been put in for more houses on the land of Foxley House. We are well aware of everyone's concerns regarding access, disruption and building over more green space in the village. We will be examining all aspects of the application and its implication before reaching a decision.

Good news on the Highways Survey front! Cllr. Ray Gooding has confirmed that funding for the detailed design of the calming measures on the B1383 was agreed at the Local Highways Panel and the funding for the installation has been reserved. We are waiting to be briefed as to what aspects of the scheme that we put

forward are going to be funded and when work will begin, but as soon as we know, we will let you know.

You will probably have seen that the 40mph buffer zone pole outside Monarchs Place is now the same height as its opposite number, but we are still waiting for the second sign at the beginning of the buffer zone to be installed. Apparently it was an oversight of the Essex Highways contractor, but we have been assured that the additional sign and the roundel on the road surface will be in place soon. Despite these being missing though, the buffer zone is still enforceable.

Strutt & Parker have asked us to convey to all of you that the football pitch is private property and not to be used for anything apart from approved football matches. They have also asked us to tell you to follow the public footpaths around the villages and not go "off piste". On that note, there have been numerous reports of uncollected dog poo - please can you pick it up and dispose of it in the correct bins. Thank you!

A defibrillator has now been installed at the school, courtesy of funding from Cllr. Ray Gooding and Cllr. Neil Hargreaves. It is for the benefit of the local community as well as the school. It is located outside the reception area at the front of the school and no code or key is required.

On 6 May, there are local elections being held but you will also be asked to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan. This has been a long time in the planning, but will have full weight in relation to planning applications. Cllr. Neil Hargreaves did an article in last month's *The Link* explaining it in more detail, which is well worth reading again. You are recommended to vote in favour of this plan.

Do please pencil in Saturday, 7 August, in your diaries for "Quickling". At the moment, we are not sure what is going to be happening, but it would be lovely to be able to gather together to celebrate in some way.

Finally here's to seeing leaves emerging on the famous Quendon trees!

Sally Kitcat

Community Speed Watch

Tired of listening to speeding traffic? Frustrated by road users unable to drive the designated speed limit? Then please get in touch with the Quendon and Rickling Community Speed Watch Volunteers.

The easing of lock down means Community Speed Watch (CSW) sessions can now start to take place again.

If you would like to join the village CSW team please contact quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com



A Wildlife Village

At the March Parish Council meeting a decision was made to try to encourage more wildlife to the villages. The intention is to create habitats that support a diverse range of creatures, to preserve the ecosystems that we already have and where possible to encourage that which has been lost to return.

One of the first aims that the PC have is to bring a great deal more wildflowers to the villages.

Wildflower meadows were once a common site across the country, but 97% of them, equating to 7.5 million acres, have been lost in less than a century. This loss from the landscape has deprived us all of the beauty of a spring wildflower display, along with the delights of butterflies, moths and other insects that once found a home in them. And the loss of these insects adversely affects the birds and the bats that need them as food.

So to address this and bring some beauty and life to the heart of the village the Parish Council intend to create two wildflower areas at the edge of the village green. The first is around the village pond to the south-west of the cricket pitch. The second is part of the triangle of grass to the north-east of the cricket pitch, adjacent to Green Road and opposite Long Ridge .

These areas of grass have been mown in a fashion that resembles a traditional garden lawn for a number of years. These frequent cuts have kept the grass short and devoid of much life.

But now the Parish Council intend to amend the mowing rota so that it more closely resembles that which is associated with a wild flower meadow. This means that the grass will be allowed to grow until late summer when the grass will be cut and removed. The grass will then be allowed to grow until another cut in late autumn. This mowing regime is intended to allow any wildflowers within the grass to grow, flower and set seed. The edges of the wildflower areas will be mown more frequently to keep them short. This will show that the long grass is intentional and allow drivers a clear view.

By the end of the summer it should be clear whether there are many existing wildflowers within the grassland and whether it may be necessary to seed the areas in the coming years. But, even if the areas are mainly grass, allowing the grass to grow long and managing it like a traditional hay meadow will provide a habitat for a far greater amount of insects, and the birds that feed on them than a harshly mown sward.

Finally the idea of allowing grass to grow longer to see if wildflowers bloom is one that can be adapted to a back garden. The wildflower charity Plantlife is recommending a 'No Mow May', whereby lawnmowers are set aside for the month to bring back flowers and provide extra sustenance for pollinators.

Report from District Councillor Neil Hargreaves

The District Council after covid

UDC is seeking to build on one of the good things which has happened as a result of covid. That is the ability to run services with most staff working remotely. The flexibility has been appreciated by staff who have been able to work from home, or indeed from anywhere, particularly those with caring responsibilities. Another example was a council officer working on covid admin at the Lord Butler, but also carrying on with regular council meetings via Zoom. It is also better for the environment in reducing car commuting. I have not driven to any meeting for over a year.

The office in Saffron Walden, or at least the old part, is not easy to alter, being listed, and does not for example have a training room or conference facilities, apart from one committee room which is heavily used, and is open to public access. The Council Chamber and some facilities are intended to be retained in Walden, with other operations probably distributed to a new building just down the road in Stansted – the black barn-like building you can see near the Walpole Farm estate just this side of Stansted. And to UDC's new facility at Canfield, which will also be where the bin lorries are housed overnight.

Staff will be working at all three sites as well as working flexibly from home. These changes will allow more of the Saffron Walden office to be rented out. As well as reducing the risk of having all council work in one place, it will rebalance the council's location as Walden is at the north extremity of Uttlesford and for example the people of Dunmow may consider Saffron Walden a bit remote.

Stansted Airport

The application by the Manchester Airport Group (MAG) to expand the number of people using Stansted Airport from 35m to 43m was unanimously refused by the UDC Planning committee in January 2020. This was a rearguard action after the previous council administration had approved it. Because of this earlier approval the new administration could only reasonably object on the detail of the planning conditions, which had not been agreed at the meeting at which the expansion was approved in principle. There may also be the possibility to change a decision if there has been a subsequent material change in circumstances. The MAG appeal against that decision was heard between January and March this year and the result is expected later this year. The earlier approval meant that the defence mounted by UDC had to be

Report from District Councillor Neil Hargreaves (cont.)

restricted largely to the planning conditions. However, one of these was the vital issue of the increase in carbon emissions, which the UDC barrister and professional experts defended. In my opinion there can be nothing MAG can do to get around the increase in CO2 emissions created by more flights.

In planning appeals for Newport where a consultant and barrister have been appointed, the guidance from them is you only need one solid refusal reason. It is not wise to muddy the waters with other less substantial matters which an inspector may dismiss. And anything not reasonable to object over will be a cause for costs to be awarded. It is even possible to win an appeal and still pay costs for unreasonable behaviour over insubstantial matters

On the other hand, Stop Stansted Expansion were under no constraint in their submission. I feel the criticism of

UDCs barrister's conduct of the appeal from some political opponents and SSE has been unfounded and possibly from a failure to understand the realities, and has been unhelpful in providing ammunition for the MAG barrister.

Councillor Surgeries

These are currently suspended but I'm available on **01799 540411** and on the village Facebook and by email at cllrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk.

By the time of the next report there will be two councillors, there having been a vacancy for over a year!

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.

Rickling COE Primary School News

We have today had a defibrillator fitted at the school, courtesy of some funding from two sources, Cllr. Ray Gooding from Essex County Council and Cllr. Neil Hargreaves from Uttlesford Council. A great big thank you must also go to Sally KitKat our Parish Councillor, who helped with sourcing the funding; a huge thank you to them all!

Please find below the training, please take a look when you are able. Hopefully, we won't ever have to use it, but it is there if we do.

This defibrillator is for the benefit of the local community as well as the school. It is located outside the reception area at the front of the school. No code or key is required.

iPAD SP1, CPR & AED Real time at https://youtu.be/1v_tM6eUGaU



Quendon & Rickling Soccer Pitches

As reported in past editions of *The Link*, our newly revived soccer pitches are now in popular use. Here are details of matches remaining to be played in the 2021 season on the large pitch

17.04.21	Saturday	2.00pm	Simon Faal Hatfield Broad Oak		
18.04.21	Sunday	10.30am	Sewards End Dragons	v	Grange United
25.04.21	Sunday	10.30am	Bishops Stortford Wanderers	v	Bishops Stortford Swifts
25.04.21	Sunday	2.00pm	Tony Gavin BS Youth	v	
01.05.21	Saturday	2.00pm	Newport FC	v	
02.05.21	Sunday	10.30am	Bishops Stortford Wanderers	v	Grange United
02.05.21	Sunday	2.00pm	Foxton Old Boys	v	Sewards End Dragons
08.05.21	Saturday	2.00pm	Newport FC	v	
09.05.21	Sunday	10.30am	Foxton Old Boys	v	S Town
15.05.21	Saturday	2.00pm	Newport FC		
16.05.21	Sunday	10.30am	Sewards End Dragons	v	Bishop Stortford Swifts
23.05.21	Sunday	10.30am	Bishops Stortford Wanderers	v	Foxton Old Boys
29.05.21	Saturday	2.00pm	Newport FC	v	
30.05.21	Sunday	10.30am	Sewards End Dragons	v	Finchingfield
05.06.21	Saturday	2.00pm	Newport FC	v	
06.06.21	Sunday	10.30am	Foxton Old Boys	v	Finchingfield

and on the small pitch

01.05.21	Saturday		Elsenham U8	v	League
12.06.21	Saturday		Elsenham U8	v	League

Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club and Fairhurst Menuhin Solicitors

We are very proud to have been sponsored by Fairhurst Menuhin Solicitors for the last three seasons. It is no coincidence that this partnership has reaped rewards for the team, as we have enjoyed great success in that time. The sponsorship of the team by Paul Fairhurst and his team has coincided with a purple patch on the field with a number of promotions and Cup successes.

The club took the decision to join the Cambridge Cricket league after many years in the now defunct Herts and Essex Cricket League. Since joining the league, the team has enjoyed three consecutive promotions having been runner up in two divisions and winning the Junior Division 3 title in 2018.

This league success has been complemented by the team winning the Adam Harrison Midweek 20/20 Cup in 2019 and again in 2020. The midweek league has seen some sparkling performances with both bat and ball. This has included a quick fire century from Alex Emsden, complemented by an unbeaten 90 by Archie Adams in a game where the team scored exactly 300 off their 20 overs. Great to watch unless you are the opposition!

The team has a strong squad that has been put together by the club captain Jack Culpin and as a result we have the resources to field strong teams in both the 40 over and 20 over formats of the game.

The emphasis in both formats has been to develop a strong team ethic and this has been achieved thanks to the understanding, commitment and dedication of the entire squad.

Although we are a young team with an average age in the early twenties, this is somewhat dented by the elder Statesman in the team, the wily old fox John Lodge, who even into his 70s makes a great contribution, mainly with the ball. He has also excelled with his slip fielding and last season took two wonderful catches that a player 50 years younger would have been proud of. John has played his 50th season for the club and this will be celebrated at the end of this

season with a game between a John Lodge Invitational XI against a team put together by another wonderful servant of the club, our groundsman Henry Waites, who like John has been associated with the club for over 50 years.



The Covid 19 pandemic has inevitably had an effect on recreational cricket, but thanks to the efforts of the Cambridge League we had the opportunity to play in an unofficial Saturday league programme and the midweek 20/20 league so we did enjoy a successful, if somewhat truncated season.

The team have performed extremely well with superb contributions from many players including with the bat, Josh Monk, Alex Emsden and his dad Peter, our captain Jack Culpin and Spencer Hill. Our bowling attack has been spearheaded by Joe and George Templeman who consistently provide the platform for our victories. The support that they receive from John Lodge, Tom Culpin, Matt Howard and Matt Cullingworth makes it a real all round team effort.

The sponsorship that Fairhurst Menuhin provide has, without doubt, moved the team forward and has enabled us to purchase new kit, introduce a proper net practice regime and play competitive and attractive cricket.

Our new season “kicks off” on Wednesday 28 April with a 20/20 league game, followed by our first Saturday league game on 1 May, with both games being away from home. A complete list of fixtures is available on the clubs website (www.ricklingramblers.play-cricket.com) and any support for games home and away would be much appreciated.

We are looking forward to continuing that partnership and would like to take this opportunity to

thank Paul and his team for their very generous support.

Dick Culpin

Chairman Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club 15 April 2021.

Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club Fixtures for 2021.

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Fixture Type	Division / Cup	Start Time
18/04/2021	Bishop's Stortford CC - 3rd XI	1st XI	Friendly		13:00
28/04/2021	Wratting Lions CC - Midweek XI	1st XI	League	Division Two	18:00
01/05/2021	Little Shelford CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
05/05/2021	1st XI	Sawston and Babraham CC - 2nd XI	League	Division Two	18:00
12/05/2021	Chesterfords CC - Midweek XI	1st XI	League	Division Two	18:30
15/05/2021	1st XI	Ashwell CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
19/05/2021	1st XI	Ickleton CC - Midweek 1st XI	League	Division Two	18:30
22/05/2021	1st XI	Birchanger CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
26/05/2021	Haverhill CC - Midweek XI	1st XI	League	League Cup	18:30
29/05/2021	Thriplow CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
02/06/2021	1st XI	Wenden CC - 1st XI	League	Division Two	18:30
05/06/2021	1st XI	Whittlesford CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
09/06/2021	Linton Village CC - Midweek XI	1st XI	League	Division Two	18:30
12/06/2021	1st XI	Thriplow CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
15/06/2021	Takeley CC - 1st XI	1st XI	Cup	Davies Cup	18:00
19/06/2021	Linton Village CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
23/06/2021	1st XI	Chesterfords CC - Midweek XI	League	Division Two	18:30
26/06/2021	1st XI	Audley End & Littlebury CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
30/06/2021	Sawston and Babraham CC - 2nd XI	1st XI	League	Division Two	18:30
03/07/2021	Great Chishill CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
10/07/2021	1st XI	- Dell Boys XI	Friendly		13:30
14/07/2021	Ickleton CC - Midweek 1st XI	1st XI	League	Division Two	18:30
17/07/2021	Birchanger CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
21/07/2021	Wenden CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	Division Two	18:30
24/07/2021	1st XI	Linton Village CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
28/07/2021	1st XI	Linton Village CC - Midweek XI	League	Division Two	18:30
31/07/2021	1st XI	Great Chishill CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
04/08/2021	1st XI	Wratting Lions CC - Midweek XI	League	Division Two	18:00
07/08/2021	Ashwell CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
14/08/2021	1st XI	Little Shelford CC - 1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
21/08/2021	Whittlesford CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30
04/09/2021	Audley End & Littlebury CC - 1st XI	1st XI	League	CCA Junior League 1 South	13:30

As you can see it is a very full campaign and would be good to see a few of you around the boundary to support when you get the chance.

Everything in Green is a home fixture.

Stansted Mountfitchet U3A

Telephone information 07874 385541

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted/home

Many groups have been able to continue during lockdown, mainly using the ZOOM App. Keep an eye out for details of some planned Zoom coffee mornings!

Tony Wellings has kept us alert with his e mails giving details of some lovely local walks and photos of the wild flowers and wildlife that we should look out for on the way.

Some recommended books to read with a pastoral theme are English Pastoral by James Rebanks, A year Living Simply by Kate Humble and Arthur's Garden by Pam Rhodes. The Book Group have continued with their passion for reading but we are all looking forward to regaining some sort of normality with a general meeting on 24th June, taking advantage of the Government's hoped for end to lockdown. This will be a social meeting with tea and cakes and an opportunity for us all to have a catch up chat and generally get used to meeting together again.

We are also proposing to have an Open Day on Thursday 1st July and we hope you will come along and see what we are about and hope you will find something to interest you and if you haven't already joined, we would love to have you join up and find a group you would like to belong to. More details in June issue of *The Link* and there will be posts on the Information Boards around the village. This year our membership is just £12 for the year and our membership secretary Lynda Webb will be happy to take your details and join you up. Our first speaker at the meeting on 15th July will be Alan Haines who will talk on 'The Baby Boomer Nostalgia Show.'

Eileen Quinn

Registered Charity No: 1148073



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Many of us wait anxiously for the outcome of the recent public inquiry into a possible increase in the passenger cap at Stansted Airport, yet the local community's love-hate relationship with Stansted Airport is only the latest in a series of significant aviation events that have occurred within the Hundred Parishes.

In a field at Standon Green End in the parish of Thundridge, a monument marks the spot where Italian balloonist Vincenzo Lunardi landed in 1784 after completing the first manned flight in England. He took off from London beneath a



Lunardi Monument

balloon filled with hydrogen.



Bentfield Hucks

In 1913, Bentfield Hucks was the first Englishman to loop-the-loop in his Bleriot aeroplane. He was born in 1884 in Bentfield Cottage, Stansted Mountfitchet and thus acquired his unusual

forename.

Duxford airfield, now the site of Imperial War Museum, Duxford, first became operational in World War I. Some of its buildings, constructed by German



Duxford WWI Hangar



Spitfire

invention of the turbojet engine just before the end of WWII.

Altogether, twelve military airfields operated within the Hundred Parishes during WWII.

Andrewsfield, straddling the parish boundary between The Salings and Stebbing, was the first American-built base in Europe, becoming operational in



Andrewsfield Memorial

1943. Stansted was another American-built airfield. Thousands of Americans were based in this area; many never saw home again.



Nuthampstead Memorial

Many of us have enjoyed the relative peace that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought to our skies, in particular discovering the joy of walking in the countryside. It is sad that it has taken so many deaths to remind us of the quality of life that exists right here, without the need to fly.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

A Quendon & Rickling Parish Council led Event

Quickling Village Pumpkin Competition

We are very happy to report Quickling Village Pumpkin Competition is in full swing with several reports from our entrants of seeds sprouting!

To anyone who would like to enter our Pumpkin growing competition there is still time!

- Come test your growing prowess - All ages welcome
- £2.50 Entry Fee
- 3 seeds per competitor will be provided, to be sown either indoors March-May or outdoors March-June, for the Grand Finale Weigh-In in October.

(Details will be announced later in the year as to how the weigh in will be carried out)

- Prizes to be awarded for the heaviest Pumpkins
- ★ A big thank you to all those who have already entered and purchased seeds. Good luck and we can't wait to see who's grown the biggest pumpkin!
- ★ Contact Carrie Williams or Katherine Nuthall to purchase your seeds (knqrpc@gmail.com)



Have you an announcement for publication in

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Unless it's commercial it probably will be free.

We welcome the arrival in these pages of news from the cricket and soccer pitches.

The Link **is a great way to promote your club, activity or social group. Let us know what's going on!**

**Send your news to the Editor
at robert@arnold-q.uk.**



**Security News and Advice from Stephen Armson-Smith,
Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer - 090819**

Before you venture out again

Naturally with more people being at home during the Covid19 pandemic burglary numbers have fallen, and internet purchasing has increased resulting in new desirables in our homes.

When you did get out, maybe someone was left in the house so locking up would not have been needed. As restrictions begin to be eased again and more of us venture out, we need to get back into our old habits, ensuring that when left empty our homes are secure. Burglars are opportunists seeking an empty house that is easy to enter. Whether just popping out for a moment, or longer make it look like someone is in even if no one is there; always making sure you lock up when you leave.

Just a few tips to remind you:

- Ensure that windows, doors, outbuildings and gates are closed and locked correctly and make sure all tools are put away too. Remember with PVCu and similar doors – when locking lift the handle, turn and remove the key. If you have a night latch and a mortice lock ensure that you lock both, not just the night latch.
- No keys outside in hidey holes please, the thief will find them no matter how well you think they are hidden.
- Create the illusion of occupancy: a radio on, a chair that looks like you have just got up, book or magazine open with a pair of spectacles and a mug next to it, a vacuum cleaner with the lead trailing out of sight (not

plugged in); the usual signs of habitation and don't leave it too tidy. (*Hurray! - Editor*)

- Consider a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone. A lot of these you can add further CCTV cameras that you listen and speak through too.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark, also consider a "Fake TV" unit discretely hidden from view.
- If you have an intruder alarm make sure that you set it before leaving and ensure that your neighbours know who the keyholders are.
- Keys to other cars: put them away and in a "Faraday bag" if you have a keyless car.

If you do get away for a longer period:

- Curtains open or curtains closed? The worse thing is half open, half closed. Day or night the thief will know you are out. I go by the principle that some people do not close all curtains at night, but most are open during the day, especially in those "lived in" rooms. So as long as you have evidence visible that looks like you are in the house somewhere then it makes sense to leave them open.
- Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries, delay ordering online purchases before you go away or have them delivered to friends or family that are at home to hold until you return.
- Use the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away. Mail

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

sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away.

- Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites; watch what you are posting including photographs (they may be date stamped) while you are away too, or you may find you are giving useful information that the burglar or fraudster may use.

Don't forget the car when you leave it unattended:

- Close the windows and lock it; verify it is locked by

the sound, the flash of the lights or try the handle.

- Leave nothing on show - remember to the thief even the empty bag or jacket is inviting, they don't know what they may contain until looking in it after damaging your car getting in!
- Choose a safe place to park, with lots of visibility over it, if you can look for a "Parkmark" accredited car park <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder>.

Further advice can be found at www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or www.securedbydesign.com/

Stephen Armson-Smith

If only warning messages like this were shared 37,000 times in a day!

'Tell2, protect many' is a communication initiative that empowers you to spread crime prevention messages to others in your life, who otherwise may never know. Start with 'tell2' and ask them to do the same. It starts with YOU!

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on **101**.

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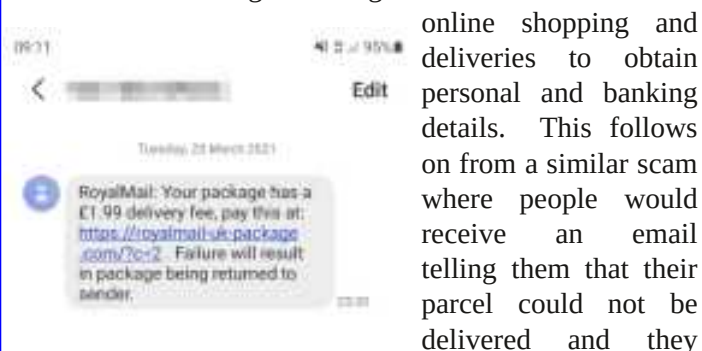
Neighbourhood Watch advice CRIME PREVENTION



ROYAL MAIL SCAMS — UNDELIVERED PARCEL TEXT MESSAGE

The public are being warned to stay alert to a new wave of scam text messages claiming to be from Royal Mail.

Criminals are taking advantage of the new reliance on



online shopping and deliveries to obtain personal and banking details. This follows on from a similar scam where people would receive an email telling them that their parcel could not be delivered and they

would have to pay a fee for it to be released.

The text messages come from a variety of different numbers but all will ask for a small payment which is accessed by clicking on a link in the message.

Royal Mail have stated that this is not a text that they would send out, they will only send text messages to those who have opted in to their SMS service.

Remember:

- Unexpected messages should be treated with caution
- Phone numbers can be easily spoofed by criminals - don't trust a number just because it appears to come from a genuine organisation
- Never click on links sent via email or SMS text message.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

TIPS FOR GETTING EVIDENCE

The problem starts. You call the police or other agency. When they arrive everything is calm. No one else has seen or heard the problem. Sounds familiar? You are not alone. This can be very frustrating but agencies also need evidence to act. Here are some tips to getting it.

Courts are busy.

Applicants need good quality evidence. Without good evidence, the judge will not act.

Here are some suggestions to help you build up a case against the perpetrator(s). Please note that your initial report of the incident is still the foundation of the case.

Diary sheets are a great way to record what is happening and how often over time. This is particularly effective in the case of issues with noisy neighbours. Don't just expect to remember it. Write it down.

We recommend a simple diary with the date, time and place the behaviour happened, what you were doing at that time, and also how you felt. This all helps to build up a picture for the agencies that get involved. Most Councils will have a template ASB monitoring form – if the issue is noise, call the Council and ask to speak to the ASB officer. They should be able to supply you with official forms (but in the meantime you can use your own diary or notebook. This will still be accepted in court). The agency investigating your complaint should collect these forms from you regularly.

Neighbourhood Watch advice

CRIME PREVENTION (cont.)



ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (cont.)

Written proof of threats

Keep everything if you have received threatening emails, letters, text messages or anything on social media. Written evidence is so powerful and even if it is distressing to see, you should keep it. If you have voicemail or answerphone messages that prove the anti-social behaviour you should keep them indefinitely or, if this is not possible, we would recommend asking a Police or Council official to listen to it and give you a statement proving what was heard. If the message is something posted on a social media site which the person posting it could later remove, we would recommend you print it out and again ask an independent person (preferably in an official capacity) to sign it and confirm they saw it live on the Internet.

Petitions – evidence that you are not the only person suffering.

Noise monitoring equipment (DAT machines) should be available from the Environmental Health officers at your Local Authority (or possibly at your Housing Association). These can be placed in your house to record the noise you are hearing. The agencies can then measure the decibels and times of the noise. This allows them to decide whether it is a statutory nuisance (affecting your health and/or normal lifestyle). This is necessary to get an abatement notice, which asks the offender to stop making the noise, or limit it to certain times of the day.

Noise monitoring equipment is brought in a small suitcase by someone not in uniform. It cannot be seen once it is installed inside. Therefore you should not need to be afraid that the anti-social neighbours will see it. Always worth stressing this though with the official bringing the equipment.

The other 2 main ways of getting evidence if this is not enough are:

1. CCTV surveillance and other filming

CCTV surveillance equipment has been very effective in showing evidence for crime and anti-social behaviour. However, there are strict rules for how you install and use it which we would advise you consult these rules carefully first.

2. Professional witnesses

There is great news here, particularly for those suffering

intimidation and living in fear – you don't have to be the one giving evidence against those making your life a misery. Someone else can testify to what they see or hear – this could be someone from your Local Council or there are Professional Witnesses who offer a service to come and witness the behaviour and give that evidence in court. Professional Witnesses charge a fee for this service.

asbhelp.co.uk

ASB Help is a small charity that seeks to help and advise victims as to their rights about anti-social behaviour, who they should report it to and how to cope with its effects. It champions the effective use of the Community Trigger, a legal power designed to allow victims to hold their local agencies to account.

BOGUS CALLERS

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes, people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into people's homes. They are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers', whose only aim is to get into homes to distract people and steal their money or valuables. You should always be aware when someone you don't know calls at your door. By using this advice, you can protect yourself and vulnerable members of your family.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the police, health organisations or gas, water or electricity companies. They can be convincing and persuasive. They may be men, women or even children.

They may ask for a drink of water or to wash their hands. Some may be looking for a lost pet. In fact, people may use any story.

They often use 'props' like an identity card or wear overalls with a company logo. If you are expecting the caller, remember to check their identification very carefully against the letter you have been sent or the password you have agreed before you let them in.

And, if you are in any doubt, keep them out!

Official visitors should always arrange an appointment with you beforehand. If you are not expecting them and are alone, ask them to call back when you have someone with you.

Paul Harris, Essex Police Staff No 42077939

Essex Watch Liaison Officer for Brentwood, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford districts

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Thanks)

You can also find me on TWITTER: Paul Harris EWLO@PaulEssexWatch



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Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Armadillos	Tuesdays (term-time)	09.00	Rickling School	
Rickling Runners	Thursdays	19.30	The Green	
Buffy Playbus	Fridays	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time



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Emergency Life-saving

Should someone suffer a cardiac arrest or show symptoms of a heart attack e.g. pains in the chest, then your first action should always be to phone the ambulance service on 999. The service will refer you to our Automated External Defibrillator which is at the front entrance to Quendon & Rickling Village Hall. Another is sited outside Reception at the front of Rickling School. Anyone can save a life by using one of them until an ambulance arrives. In addition you can seek help from any of the volunteers listed below.

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Jane Price	01799 542527	Northern end - Cambridge Road
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Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
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For further information see www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/

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

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