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Parish
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NEWS

November 2021

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*Elephant Moth Caterpillars
by Sue Phillips*



Parish Churches in Quendon and Rickling

Following the departure of the Revd. Neil McLeod, we are currently without a vicar.

In the absence of a resident vicar, the PCC will try to hold as many church services as possible, using such clergy as are available. Details of fixtures are given below.

Our Parochial Church Council is negotiating for the appointment of a replacement, but this will take some time. Meanwhile if you have any pastoral needs please contact either of the Churchwardens (see box below for details).

From the church Wardens

We had a successful Harvest Service and the various gifts have been delivered to Streets to Homes in Harlow.

Following our PCC meeting in September the decision was taken to NOT have services in Rickling church during the very cold winter months. We will however have our well supported nativity service on Christmas Eve.

Our next service is Remembrance Sunday on November 14th. This is a benefice service with Newport and Widdington, during which all the names of those who died will be read from each Parish.

Our Carol service will be on December 19th at 6pm

From the registers

Wedding on October 18th between James Abbott and Chloe Vant both of Rickling. Our Congratulations to them both.

Funeral on October 20th of Denby Allen of The Old Rectory Quendon. Our condolences to the family.

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday October 31st

9 30 Benefice Communion Newport

Sunday November 7th

9 30 Holy Communion Newport
11 15 Shoe Box service Widdington

Sunday November 14

10 50 Benefice Remembrance Quendon

Sunday November 21st

9 30 Holy Communion Newport
11 15 Holy Communion Widdington

November 28th

9 30 Morning worship Newport
No service at Rickling.

Priest in Charge -	post vacant
Churchwardens -	
<u>Quendon:</u>	Mrs Christine Osbourn 01799 543367 Mrs Maureen Hawkins
<u>Rickling:</u>	TBA
Treasurer -	
<u>Quendon and Rickling:</u>	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/	
Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. If you have been defrauded i.e. lost money phone or report online at https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime If someone has tried to defraud you but you have <u>not</u> lost money, phone or report online at https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing	0300 123 2040
To give information anonymously phone CRIMESTOPPERS or report it on-line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org	0800 555 111

Are you passionate about your community?

Would you like to become a voice for your community, with the potential of effecting real change and making a difference to your local neighbourhood?

Would you like to become a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council is the local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people of the Parish.

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council is made up of 7 councillors, supported by the Parish Clerk, who are elected to represent the voice of the residents within the two villages and who volunteer their time freely. You will be involved collectively in the following:

- engaging with local residents to ensure their views are heard, understood and addressed
- have responsibility for managing local services, amenities and policies
- help make decisions regarding finances involved in delivering local services
- work to protect and improve the environment
- contributing to long term policy development or being part of the team that assesses and comments on local planning applications
- liaising with other organisations, agencies or other parishes, where necessary
- helping to foster community spirit and engagement by organising/endorsing local events

You will be joining a great team, who meet once a month and email regularly in between, but how much time you are able to commit is largely down to you and the level of involvement you would like!

The best way to discover if this is for you is to join one of our monthly meetings, meet the team and see us in action!

Please drop the Parish Clerk an email registering your interest at quendoneandricklng.clerk@hotmail.com.

Culture, Creativity & the Arts

What's happening in your area now?

What would you like to see in the future?

How does culture and the arts contribute to a sense of community, wellbeing and distinctive placemaking?

How can we plan for and support arts & culture?



Please take part in our survey

If you work or take part in the cultural, creative or arts activities, as an amateur or professional, we'd like to hear from you

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FJYZYTS>

Survey closes 30 November 2021. On behalf of Uttlesford District Council.
For further details contact giles@culturalengine.org.uk



A Wildlife Village

Our wildlife correspondent hopes to be back next month!

From the Chair of the Parish Council

Dear Fellow Villagers!

What a lovely day it was for Autumn Daze! Pumpkins were weighed, rosettes were presented, apple juice was pressed, waffles and sausage rolls were eaten and delicious toffee martinis and cider were drunk - what more could one ask for on a sunny Saturday afternoon! Also at the event, you will have seen the village's new marquee which is available to hire, so if you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Tony Dear has had to step down this month from the Parish Council due to work commitments, so we would like to say a big thank you! Tony has been a huge asset to the villages in so many ways, especially providing the village and villagers with numerous signs for all manner of events. He really is the Signage King! He will be sorely missed!

There are now vacancies for 2 councillors. Please come forward to help, your village really does need you. It is so important that we have people in the villages to stand up and have a voice! If we do not have a full contingent we are unable to help the villages as much as we would like to. Remember we are all volunteers and the majority of our current councillors all have full time employment as well, so we really do need more feet on the ground. Please do come and have a chat - you only need give as much time as you are able to give but you will be giving so much back!

It will be no surprise to you that Essex Highways are still missing in action! The traffic calming scheme is apparently still waiting for an engineer to appear so the dust continues to settle! Despite numerous emails, we are being completely ignored, we do not even receive an email of acknowledgement any more but we are very persistent, have a plan of action and are determined to make this happen. The speeding through Quendon is becoming more frightening by the day so please bear with us and we will get there by hook or by crook!

The footpath, or lack of it, running from Quendon south to Ugley has been reported to Essex Highways, again! It has become increasingly dangerous and nature seems to have taken a hand and is attempting, with great success, to claim it back. It has been reported on numerous occasions and each time Highways say that it is not necessary work, but we will keep persisting and sending in photographs so that eventually someone will agree with us that work desperately needs doing on it.

The litter pick at the beginning of October was a big success with many of you turning out to help and 11 bags of litter collected. These will be held on a monthly basis, alternating between a Saturday and Sunday morning. Please keep an eye on the village Facebook page for more details. Litter pickers are provided but please bring your own gloves.

The planning consultant who we had come to an agreement with to help us on any future developments has decided to take early retirement! It is a huge disappointment but we are in the process of finding a replacement and will keep you up to date with our progress. If anyone knows of anyone who may be able to help or is in a position to help us themselves, we would love to hear from you!

It is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year (2 - 5 June 2022) and all councils have been asked to plant a tree in honour of her 70 years on the throne. As you may have read in previous Link articles, we have decided on a tulip tree. This will be planted at the entrance to the lane leading to The Cricketers and the school. The dying elder will be removed and replaced by a 5 foot tulip tree specimen. Let us hope in many years time, it will be a majestic symbol to our longest serving monarch.

Also on the theme of the Queen's Jubilee, it has been suggested that towns and villages purchase a beacon to light on the eve of the 2nd June to celebrate. We have discussed in detail about purchasing one of these but they are rather expensive so a bonfire or brazier will be lit instead so Quendon & Rickling can show their support. More details of these celebrations in the villages will be forthcoming in the months to come.

The bluebell bulbs have arrived and will be planted over the course of November. Volunteers are needed, with your bulb planting equipment, so please do come forward to help; everybody is most welcome.

We are planning a lighting of the Christmas tree again this year in December, hopefully with mulled wine, mince pies and a bit of singing to put us all in the mood for a fantastic, well deserved Christmas!! The date is yet to be finalised but please do keep an eye open for more details!

Finally, here is to fireworks on a clear night, the heating going on and a response from Highways!!

Sally Kitcat

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the October 2021 winners

1st	J Tissot	£33
2nd	P Fuller	£22
3rd	J Evariste	£11

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club generates a source of funds for the Village Hall and both our two churches, All Saints, Rickling and St Simon & St Jude Quendon.

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**

Report from District Councillors Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

Call for sites

On the day of writing this report the first assessment of the 299 sites put forward by landowners across the district has been published for parish councils to review. I haven't been through in detail, but at this stage it is only a review for factual accuracy of a set of computer generated factors, mostly distances to things like schools and services. This work was outsourced to a consultancy called AECOM. There will be further stages of public consultation after editorial comment has been added including, I assume, discounting the clear non-runners. A glaring error to be corrected is that the football ground/Belchams Lane proposal is shown as being inside development limits.

Stansted Airport

The council has been refused leave to take the Stansted Airport expansion decision to a judicial review. The review was requested because the Inspectors gave no weight to the extra CO2 emissions despite the large reduction requirement in the revised Climate Change Act, which now includes aviation. There was a seven day window to decide if this should be taken on to the High Court. At a full council meeting there was unanimous agreement that it should not be taken further. The council has already accounted for its own costs in last year's accounts, and has reserves for costs awarded against it, but to carry on further would have been difficult.

Council offices

Just a reminder that the Saffron Walden council office front desk is open from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The building will remain closed to the public every Wednesday because the car park is used as an NHS drive through and walk-in PCR test centre.

Council car parks

Following theft of the cash boxes from most of the council car parks across the district, with the loss of several thousand pounds, new ticket machines have been installed which are card only. This was intended to be a trial run in a few car parks, but the criminal activity has forced an immediate implementation. The old machines would have cost £1,000 each to repair, and still be vulnerable.

Archaeology

Archaeological finds will be on every location in this region, and it is always a planning condition to do a survey. A recent survey commissioned by developer Trivselhus for the large London Road development in Newport beneath the primary school is very comprehensive and runs to 106 pages. Here is an extract summary, with date ranges added from Google.

The earliest finds were worked flints of Mesolithic to Early Bronze Age (which is about 10,000 BC to 1,200 BC) including a tranchet axe (a paring knife flint), leaf arrowhead and a quantity of blades.

The majority of features were of Middle/Late Bronze Age (1,500–900 BC) date, possibly representing the partial remains of a field system peripheral to (a) settlement. A north/south row of postholes (near the croquet) defined a fence line associated with an east/west boundary ditch. Contemporary large pits may have related to water storage and collection, whilst dispersed smaller pits provided further evidence for occupation and disposal activity. The predominately domestic nature of the pottery assemblage recovered is indicative of settlement activity in the vicinity, possibly located beyond the site's western boundary (the primary school site?). Early Anglo-Saxon (410 to 660 AD) settlement was represented

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by a single Sunken-featured Building. Late post-medieval agricultural land-use was represented by the remains of a large possible quarry pit or pond, a dump of Ceramic Building Material in the subsoil and a ditch that contained a horse burial. There was little Roman material. There were lots of individual finds such as a clay pipe, a primitive quern (corn grinding stone), and two pieces of iron which they even x-rayed.

The report with photos and plans is on UTT/21/1031/DOC on the UDC website <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/4863/Comment-or-search-for-a-planning-application>.

The remains are considered 'of moderate local to minor regional significance' and worthy of publication. Brief summary to the new residents: ***'You are not the first people to live here!'***

Ward Initiative

We have £2000 each to spend across the Ward on useful things for the community and for local organisations. So please get in touch if you have a request

Councillor Surgeries

These are back on, in Dorringtons every Friday from

10.30 to 11.30

Our contact details are:



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And we are on the village Facebook.
Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

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.

Our Member of Parliament

I was delighted to be promoted and have now taken on the role of Minister of State at the new Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, working closely with Michael Gove MP as the new Secretary of State for the Department. I will also continue as Minister for Equalities, alongside the new Foreign Secretary Liz Truss MP.

Meeting with the East of England Ambulance Service

I met with Glenn Young, Head of Operations at the East of England Ambulance Service Trust recently for a tour of the Saffron Walden Ambulance Station and to hear more about the challenges the trust is facing, particularly as a result of the pandemic. One of the key concerns raised was the increase in calls to 111 due to residents being unable to book face to face appointments at their GP. Unfortunately this is resulting in ambulances being dispatched, in some cases unnecessarily.

I have raised the issue directly in my regular engagements with local NHS leaders, and I know CCGs are doing their utmost to assist GPs in managing the increasing demand on their services which are adjusting to this and focussing on their phone operation/digital offering. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at EEAST for their continued hard work despite the challenges they are facing and for Mr Young for meeting with me.

Insulate Britain protests and the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill

This country has a proud history of allowing free speech, but the right to peaceful protest does not extend to

harassment or threatening behaviour. I have received a number of emails from residents who have been impacted by the Insulate Britain protests. Some of the scenes at these protests have been unacceptable, including those in our constituency which included blocking the M11 roundabout.

Their actions are dangerous and counterproductive. We all agree that climate change must be tackled, but this sort of behaviour achieves nothing, puts drivers at risk and increases pollution. This has been echoed by my ministerial colleagues the Home Secretary and the Transport Secretary.

I welcomed the Government's swift action alongside Highways England to seek an injunction against the protestors, which was subsequently granted. This means activists face being in contempt of court with possible imprisonment if they do not adhere to it.

I am also very supportive of the Government's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill which will ensure that the police can better manage highly disruptive protests and maintain the balance between the rights of a protestor and the rights of individuals to go about their daily business.

Gas supply and the energy price cap

The Energy Price Cap is set by the energy regulator Ofgem, which reviews it every 6 months to reflect changes in the cost of supplying energy. I appreciate some residents are disappointed Ofgem raised the cap this month - this is due to an increase in prices on the

Our Member of Parliament (cont.)

wholesale energy markets. This clearly has been a difficult time for households and I am assured that Ofgem have taken into account the challenging circumstances many people are facing during the pandemic.

The Government has been clear that protecting consumers, particularly vulnerable or low-income households, is their main priority. The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has reiterated that the energy price cap will remain in place. Alongside this, there is significant support available via the Warm Home Discount, Winter Fuel Payments and Cold Weather Payments which will continue assisting millions of households with their energy bills.

I urge anyone worried about paying their energy bills to contact their supplier and access the support available. If you have any concerns or queries, please get in touch with me directly and I will continue to correspond with local organisations to ensure residents are getting support if they require it.

DVLA application delays

I know some residents have been experiencing delays with the DVLA. We have seen this have an impact across government such as with the severe backlog of HGV licence applications.

I have written directly to the Department for Transport to raise my concerns and the impact of the delays. I have been assured the Department and the DVLA are doing everything they can to process applications as quickly as possible, however in light of these delays there has been a significant increase in correspondence and telephone calls recently which has impacted the time taken to respond. The Minister has assured me that the DVLA understands the impact that delays can have on people's everyday lives and additional resource is being utilised in the relevant teams, with every effort being made to direct resource to the most critical work to ensure that customers in the greatest need are dealt with as a priority - they are also looking at securing extra office space, additional staff and new online services to help reduce the backlog.

I will continue to monitor this situation closely and urge any residents to get in touch with me directly if they are having difficulties.

The Government's consultation on outdoor measures for high streets

Last month the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities launched a public consultation to make outdoor measures for high streets permanent. The government is aiming to make a number of these permanent so that people can continue to enjoy outdoor hospitality and local attractions – something I have seen across the constituency as businesses have innovated, and can continue to do so as we build back better from the pandemic.

I am urging residents and businesses to give their views to the proposed reforms as part of the consultation – which can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/supporting-defence-infrastructure-and-the-future-of-time-limited-permitted-development-rights.



This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 14 November 2021

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.

How to contact me

Email: kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

Tel: 0207 219 1943

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House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA

Kemi Badenoch, MP



Identification of Police

There has been much recent discussion about Police activity and advice about verifying the genuine article. But how should we do that? Check their warrant? How do you know if it's genuine; **have you ever seen one?**

I approached the officers at their stand in Saffron Walden market recently to ask, "What does a real warrant card look like?"

One thing it doesn't look like is the silver badge in a black wallet that is so often flashed in TV dramas, though many officers (but not all) keep their warrant cards in such a holder. The card may be valid identification without the badge but not *vice versa*.

The warrant card is like a credit card with a hologram in one corner, the name, number and rank of the officer and a photograph of him or her. Bear in mind that they aren't necessarily renewed very frequently (typically on change of rank) and may be distorted by the effects of the passage of time (on the card as well as on the officer!). The genuine

Identification of Police (cont.)

card has on its reverse a note in braille of the officer's name. The Officer in the Market-place also had a number of other officially-identifying cards, for instance for parking at the Police Station. You might feel suspicious if shown what might be a warrant card, if it's on its own and doesn't bear signs of use.

We have been generally advised that, if in any doubt about the individual's *bona fides*, we should ask him or her to use their walkie-talkie radio to get their base station to confirm who and where they are, but as admitted by the Officer in the market-place, walkie-talkies are readily available in the Internet and could simply be used to contact a nearby accomplice.

The advice was that in serious doubt (obviously only then), call **999**. Where an Officer is on duty, his/her location is monitored, presumably by GPS. If in doubt, use the "tag" number as well as the claimed name to check!

Robert Arnold, Editor



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

"Please to remember the Fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.

We know of no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot."

This traditional rhyme appeared soon after the failed plot to ignite barrels of gunpowder beneath the House of Lords on the occasion of the state opening of Parliament



The Conspirators

by King James I on 5th November 1605.

The man found with the gunpowder was Guy Fawkes, one of a group of English Catholics whose intention was to assassinate the Protestant King James so that one of his young Catholic children could assume the throne, thereby restoring a Catholic monarchy.

Some 400 years later, the preservation of the monarchy and parliament is still celebrated by many with a bonfire and the burning of a Guy.

Like other major events in British history, there is a link with The Hundred Parishes. In this case, the primary link is Sir William Waad (pronounced Wade) of 17th-century Battles Hall in the parish of Manuden.

Waad, who lived from 1546 to 1623, had pursued a distinguished career in the service of the Crown and in 1605 held the position of Lieutenant of the Tower of London, responsible for those held prisoner there and specifically for the interrogation of prisoners.

The king gave permission for the use of torture, including the rack, to assist in this questioning. It was not long before most of the plotters were rounded up, interrogated, tried and executed by being publicly hung, drawn and quartered for their involvement in the Gunpowder Plot.



Manuden Church

Manuden's most famous former resident is remembered on a tablet inside the parish church.

There is a second local link to the Gunpowder Plot. It is believed that Tiptofts, a 14th-century house in Wimbish, may have been used as a meeting place by the conspirators.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

07874-385541

u3a

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted

At the end of September about 40 of us set off for Weymouth on a 5 day trip arranged by Nigel Johnson through Just For Groups. We had fabulous weather and so were able to enjoy lots of time out with our buckets and spades.... Only joking! On the way down we visited Mottisfont House, an 18th century building with a

medieval priory at its heart and the largest plane tree in Britain. On the way home we visited Kingston Lacey - a lavish family home re-imagined as a Venetian Palace in the rural Dorset countryside. In between we visited the market towns of Dorchester and Bridport, Corfe Castle and the model village and then to Swanage on the

Heritage Steam Railway.

In October we visited Knowle which has the last dedicated deer park. Originally an archbishop's palace, the house passed through royal hands to the Sackville family – Knowle's inhabitants from 1603 to today. It is also home to some of the last surviving furniture from Whitehall and Hampton Court Palaces and splendid 17th century tapestries. It was a most enjoyable day and.... they made really good scones too!

As part of the u3a's 40th Anniversary in 2022 the Trust are creating a u3a anniversary woodland situated in the

Brecon Beacons. This will benefit the environment, wildlife and climate for future generations. The target is to plant 5000 trees by March 22. You can buy a tree at the u3a Brand centre online.

At our next meeting our Speaker is Deborah Brady who will tell us all about being "A Female in Fleet Street" which no doubt will be quite an eye opener.

Meetings take place in St. John's Hall, Stansted at 2p.m. 3rd Thursday of the month.

Eileen Quinn

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted/home

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ

Quiz and Fun Bingo



Wednesday 24th of November 2021
10.00am-12.00pm

All Welcome to the Coffee morning - we look forward to seeing you all again.

Please contact:

Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Hi Rickling and Quendon Villagers,

I just wanted to say a MASSIVE Thank you to each and every one of you for your amazing support and generosity at the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at The Cricketers Arms on the 24th September.

It was lovely to catch up with so many of you and see you all outside enjoying the beautiful weather too.

We had an amazing attendance throughout the day/evening and have raised an epic **£2,408!!!**

I'd like to 'Thank' Michelle from Macmillan Cancer Support for coming to assist with raffle ticket and cake sales for the afternoon as well as to all of those that also helped on the day.

Thank you also to Rickling Candle Company who have created a beautiful 'limited edition' Seychelles range with 20% of all proceeds going to Macmillan (these are still available to purchase on their website) and lastly to The Cricketers Arms for letting me take over the pub for the day.

Thank you all again and see you all next year!!

Gemma

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School News

It has been an incredibly busy and enjoyable couple of weeks at Rickling Primary school. After the wonderful success of our annual Quendon and Rickling Fun Run, the pupils have been following up with fitness training through our daily 'Rickling Run', which consists of laps around the playground to get the brain working!



Year 6 have taken their Bikeability

qualification, which has

allowed them to learn the skills of riding on the road with cars. You may have seen them on your travels through Rickling Green last week.

We were fortunate enough to be visited by Olympic Gold Medallist Ben Maher, who spoke to the children about the importance of perseverance and trying again in order to be successful. The children asked Ben many questions and were really inspired by the story of his journey from riding as a child to Olympic success.



We've all embraced the changing of the season and children from Reception through to year 6 have enjoyed our outdoor learning provision.



Acorn class have been exploring the woodland and looking at the changing fauna. They

also made and ate porridge as part of a focus on reading and writing the story of The Three Bears. Oak class, our year 1 and 2 pupils, have been enjoying their topic of Enchanted Woodland, which has involved creating their own tree Bogarts which they have introduced to each other!



Beech class visited Wicken Fen and carried out a number of investigations including pond dipping and searching for mini-beasts. There certainly is a lot to learn from the outdoors at the moment.

Our Eco-council and School council (also known as our Courageous Advocates) have been thinking about the way in which we use plastic and the ways in which we can reduce our single plastic use. The children have given an Assembly to school which details our plan to become plastic free by 2023.



We are pleased to announce that Rickling parent and local resident, Helen Christensen, is our new Chair of Governors at The Federation of Farnham and Rickling. The pupils interviewed Helen and we've recorded the interview. We think they asked superb and quite challenging questions. The film can be viewed on our school website, which is www.federationfarnhamrickling.co.uk under the 'Our Team' tab.

Hannah Wheatcroft
Headteacher
Federation of Farnham and Rickling

Quendon and Rickling Golf Society

On Friday September 17th the Golf Society made a return visit to Thetford Golf Club.

The event had been booked for Spring last year but of course couldn't take place then, so after so many months it was good to finally get together. Sixteen of our members were signed up on what turned out to be a dry, mellow, early autumn day up in the Thetford Forest on their excellent course. The staff at Thetford were as welcoming as ever and we were all on good form and ready for the day.



The morning meet-up was characterised by our usual format of coffee, chat and bacon sandwiches whilst the teams were organised, and for most there was even time for a bit of pre-game practice. We had already decided to play for our very own 'Bandit Trophy' but also to incorporate a team game to make the day more fun for us all. Nothing left but to get out there and enjoy the game, so we did!

On return to the clubhouse we had much anticipated pie and chips late lunch with a few beers and drinks to ease

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our way towards our prize giving announcement.

Last year's 'Bandit' was Jamie Price but this year he handed over the trophy to our new winner - Brandon Chapman - so many congratulations to him. We had five teams competing for the best score they could accrue when adding Stableford points together. Simply put if you play to your golf handicap you should gain 2 points on each hole for your team and of course can gain more or less depending on how you play. The winning team was Tony Knight, Paul Fieldhouse and John Adcock with 93 points and they were closely followed by Mervyn

Waite, Brandon and Jamie on 91. Not wanting to stop there we also awarded the Straightest Drive of the day to Alan Price and Nearest the Pin prizes to Jan Rackham for the ladies and Paul Fieldhouse for the men.

Altogether another good day, thanks from me to everyone who came along. Look forward to seeing you again along with others who can join in to our next meeting which will be at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club for our annual return there in November with Susie and Richard Hartley. To join our group email me: janewaite@hotmail.com



Saffron Walden Museum

The museum for north-west Essex



Visiting the Museum!

From November, our opening hours will be Wednesday-Saturday 10-4.30pm, Sunday 2-4.30pm

Tuesdays will be reserved for pre-booked group visits by schools and other parties

www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

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New exhibition: Fossilisation: a slice of the Anthropocene

18 Sep 2021 – 20 Mar 2022

Fossilisation features original bronze and mixed media sculpture by acclaimed artist Kabir Hussain.

Drawing on the concepts of fossilisation and preservation and accompanied by objects from across the museum collection, Fossilisation: a slice of the Anthropocene questions what traces of modern society might remain in the fossil and geological record thousands of years from now.

Learning & Outreach

Saffron Walden Museum is committed to continuing to share stories from its collections through its learning and outreach services.

Now that the national lockdown has been lifted we can now welcome schools or groups back to the Museum or offer outreach sessions. Why not book for the next school year or for your community group.

Our loan boxes are also available for hire, £18 for 6 weeks, and will be quarantined in between hires to ensure they are Covid-19 secure.

Online Learning Hub

Our online learning hub is full of digital resources to help people explore the Museum's learning and outreach services online.

The aim is to make the Museum's wide-ranging collections available to support home learning and beyond, as well as providing blended learning for schools and informal groups of all ages from badged groups to the WEA and care homes.

The Learning Hub can be accessed from the Museum website's homepage www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org or direct www.swmuseumlearning.com

Initially three sessions will be available - Prehistory Hunters, Fantastic Fossils and Adaptations - with more being added in due course.

Why not join our team?

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team on a regular basis. We would also be delighted to hear from volunteers who are able to provide adhoc 'cover' for our regular shift volunteers when they have planned absences such as holidays, hospital appointments, etc.

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For full details of our opening times and to book online:

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Rickling Invitational 2 – 1 Dell Boys Athletic: Experience Triumphs Over Youth at the Battle of Quickling

“It was never going to be easy,” they said. Those famously regretful words have been uttered by many sporting stalwarts over the centuries. Sadly, the eleven Dell Boys Athletic players who fought Rickling Invitational on October 9th, were to utter those melancholy words too. The wandering multi-disciplinary sports team, playing in their first ever football match, also proved they were certainly not sporting stalwarts - and nor had they ever been.

The honour of triumphing over the exuberance of youth fell to Brick Kiln Lane’s Tony Gavin – a man and captain who demonstrated the heart and wisdom of a true sporting stalwart. He assembled a team that used their near-centuries of footballing know-how to dismantle the Dell Boys’ defence and attack with poise and patience. However, the contest didn’t begin that way.

In fact, the match began at a rapid pace – one that was destined to slow after just a few short minutes. As it turns out, a long cricket season, new football boots and a lack of substitutes will not make up for the fitness levels that come when your team’s combined age equals that of Rickling’s starting goalkeeper. A shrewd passing game at high intensity, with a range of through balls only possible with feet like De Bruyne, kept Rickling on their toes. With just 5 minutes left in the half, an attack that began from a right flank throw-in at the midway line press forward. Dell Boys’ quick-witted and remarkably handsome right back (who shall not be named) curled the ball over Rickling’s left back into the path of Jamie Williams, whose giraffe-like legs controlled the ball, swung it in towards Ben Miller at the back post, who deftly headed into the bottom left corner. Dell Boys had scored their first goal as a club, and excitedly stormed into the lead.

It was in the second half - after a precautionary mid-match break - that Rickling Invitational really roared. Maybe it was thanks to the cheers of Andy McNaughton, a Spurs supporter so excited by the prospect of seeing his team actually win for once, that fuelled on the Rickling eleven. More likely, it was the commandeering performances from Benjamin John in central defence and Biff Green in midfield that allowed Rickling to dominate possession thanks to precise distribution to the flanks.

The first goal came less than ten minutes in. A fast-paced move from the wings left the ball at the twinkling right foot of Simon Manchett, who volleyed into the bottom left corner from outside the box. I hate to say it, but it really was delicious.

Then after 25 minutes of back-and-forth struggle, the Dell Boys would witness their demise with another Manchett masterpiece. The midfielder found himself with space almost 25 yards out, and without hesitation (and admittedly anything that resembled the much-needed defensive practice of closing down) curled the ball over the goalkeeper’s flailing hands to hit the top right corner of the net.

And that, with the unwelcome addition of weariness and the 22 blistered feet of the Dell Boys, concluded the match.

Enormous praise and thanks must go to grass expert and future-Wembley groundsman, Ted Crow, for creating a dreamlike surface; and to John Joannou, the Howard Webb of Southeast Essex, for officiating the battle with the firm and fair grace of a swan.

But, to end this report, I must recycle a sentiment made infamous by the great Arnold Schwarzenegger. Rickling Invitational – we’ll be back!



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Armadillos	Tuesdays (term-time)	09.00	Rickling School	
Community Café	4th Weds in month	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	Wednesdays	11.15-13.15	Q&R Village Hall	
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Line Dancing	Thursdays	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Buffy Playbus	Fridays	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Q&R Golf Society	5th November	10.00 a.m.	Bishop's Stortford GC	semhartley@aol.com

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