

# The Link

Quendon & Rickling  
Parish  
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## NEWS

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*Combine Harvesting  
by Graham Willoughby*





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30th August 2021

Dear Friends,

Well this wasn't how neither you nor I wanted to say goodbye, but the change of circumstances means it has come to this. You may not be aware but I have decided to bring my moving date forward, meaning that – providing everything goes onto the van and in my car – I shall be heading north to Sunderland on Thursday 2nd September.

What can I say of my last 9 years here with you? It has been fantastic. I have enjoyed being your vicar and walking this part of your lives and my life together. We have laughed! We have cried! I have certainly done things I never thought possible but we have done them together. I shall be taking lots of love and memories with me as I move onto the next part of my life. I am focusing on the future; my settling into the new home, my wedding day on 30th October and my new life with Mel as his husband. I am fortunate and happy to have this, and it avoids me dwelling on the nature of the ending of my ministry.

Had I got to hold my final service I would have been using the passage from Ecclesiastes 3:

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

During the past week I have been reflecting about seasons and how we are not in control of them. None of us can hasten the change from winter into spring, and none of us can extend summer thereby delaying the autumn. Sometimes the change of season in our lives are forced upon us, as this earlier change has been put upon all of us. But no matter what season we are in we must remember that God is there with us. He is the Alpha and Omega and the seasons of our lives are points in between his beginning and ending, although there is no ending for there is eternal life.

In terms of the reading from Ecclesiastes I would have added one of my own, 'There is a time to succeed, and a time to fail'. I hope that despite the nature of my ending you can remember all of the good things we achieved together, and all of the good times that we shared together. I haven't been a perfect vicar and there have been things that I got wrong; not just the mistake that led to my early ending. For my failures I say sorry to each one of you. But know that I have always loved you, and always wanted the best for you. Now we must all, in our own way, move into the future and whatever that holds for us. For the churches I pray that God will bring the right person to be your next vicar and I will want to hear all about it. For me I have the excitement of my new life in Sunderland. But I shall miss you all!

Many of you know that I often used songs or movies in my time here, so I am going to close with words from a song from Phantom of the Opera. I have listened to this song on YouTube a lot during this past week as the words resonate with me. I hope they touch you too.

*Think of me  
Think of me fondly  
When we've said goodbye  
Flowers fade  
The fruits of summer fade  
They have their season so do we.  
Recall those days  
Look back on all those times  
Think of the things we'll never do  
There will never be a day  
When I won't think of you.*

I shall be using the email address that is at the top of this letter should you wish to keep in touch. I pray God's blessing on you all. Goodbye and God bless.

Love  
Neil

## From The Church Wardens

This last month saw many changes with Neil leaving earlier than planned, necessitating changes in both services and leaders. Our 'last service' celebrations and farewell were cancelled.

Chris Bishop is taking our service each month in Quendon. Chris is retired but was our vicar here from 2003 to 2013. We are borrowing John Saxon from Debden to lead October's service in Rickling.

Our Harvest Service will be on the 10th of October, at 11.15am where gifts of dried goods and tins, or toiletries will be collected and taken to 'Streets to Homes' in Harlow. This is morning prayer and not communion.

In November our Remembrance service will be at Quendon, at 10.50am and we will be joined by Newport and Widdington. Newport have building work taking place at the moment.

Please note the change of service time. Our visiting clergy are all taking earlier services in their own parishes and need time to get to us, apart from our remembrance service which is at 10.50.

Meanwhile we are putting together a 'profile' to advertise for a new incumbent.

If you have pastoral needs, a churchwarden (see box below) may be able to provide contact details of someone suitable.

### Services

#### Sunday October 3rd

9 30	Morning Worship	Newport
11 15	Harvest	Widdington

#### Sunday October 10th

11 00	Harvest service	Newport
<b>11 15</b>	<b>Harvest Service</b>	<b>Quendon</b>

#### Sunday October 17th

9 30	Holy Communion	Newport
11 15	Holy Communion	Widdington

#### Sunday October 24th

9 30	Morning worship	Newport
<b>11 15</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rickling</b>

#### Sunday October 31st

9 30	Benefice Communion	Newport
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#### Sunday November 7th

9 30	Holy Communion	Newport
11 15	Shoe box service	Widdington

#### Sunday November 14th

<b>10 50</b>	<b>Benefice Remembrance</b>	<b>Quendon</b>
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#### Sunday November 21st

9 30	Holy Communion	Newport
11 15	Holy Communion	Widdington

#### Sunday November 28th

9 30	Morning Worship	Newport
<b>11 15</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rickling TBC</b>

**Priest in Charge of the parish of Quendon and Rickling** - post vacant

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

**Rickling:** TBA

**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/>

**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.

**0300 123 2040**

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 not lost money, phone or report online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing>

To give information **anonymously** phone CRIMESTOPPERS or report it on-line at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

**0800 555 111**



## Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,  
Quendon CB11 3XQ

## Quiz and Fun Bingo



Wednesday 15th October 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

## Quendon Churchyards

Assistance required with tidying our churchyards at Quendon.

Come and help on **Saturday 23rd October from 1pm** or choose a time that suits you to do what you can.

Jobs include:

- general weeding around the church,
- cutting back overgrown shrubs,
- clear overgrown graves
- rake up fallen twigs/branches
- clear out rain water gullies

Please contact Sandra Arnold – 01799 543075 - for more details and if you can help in any way



## District Councillors Surgeries

On Fridays at Dorringtons from 10.30 to 11.30 am

Please pop in and see us if you have any concerns about local matters.



### Ward Councillors Initiative

We each have available £2000 available to give for projects of benefit to the local community in the Newport ward, which covers Newport, Quendon & Rickling and Widdington. If you have suggestions or proposals for this please let us know!

Judy Emanuel

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Neil Hargreaves

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We are also on the village Facebook groups and at the parish council meetings



## Litter!

If you are interested in trying to keep the area you live in clean and tidy then why not join our new **Monthly Litter Pick** starting on Sunday 3rd October. Purely voluntary and children must be accompanied by a responsible adult - please remember to wear GLOVES. Meeting at 10am on The Green near the pub.

Any questions please contact Jennie on [jssutton@btinternet.com](mailto:jssutton@btinternet.com)

## 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 (contact details below) and a welcome pack will be provided. Provision of an e-mail address enables 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>

### 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](http://www.essex.police.uk/ecm)

### Contact the Parish Council

The Clerk, Keith Williams can be contacted by e-mail at [quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com) or by telephone 01279 814473

## From the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear Fellow Villagers!!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer! It seems to have gone very quickly and now autumn is upon us! The villages have been busy though, with Quickling, the Run Fest, cricket matches on The Green, events in The Cricketers and endless chasing up of Essex Highways! Never a dull moment!

Due to unforeseen events, Andy MacNaughton has had to step down from being a councillor so a big thank you for all his input, therefore there is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested in joining our team, please let us know, come and have a chat, or attend our next meeting to see how it all works.

Despite the initial torrential rain when setting up Quickling, the rest of the day was a huge success! We raised over £1,000 for the village and it looked as though everyone who attended had a lovely time. Unfortunately due to the morning rain, a lot of the stalls decided not to attend, which was a shame because a lot of hard work had gone into organising the event so a big thank you to all the organisers and helpers who made it such a success. Also a big thank you to Sue Lydamore, who opened the event and judged the very successful dog show. Next year, third time lucky, there will be no wind, no rain and the sun will shine all day long!

Our next event, Autumn Daze, is planned for Saturday, 9 October, from 1 - 4pm, based at the Pavilion. Waffle & Co will be in attendance as will Tiddly Tuk, selling autumn-related food and drink and there will be various stalls selling their wares, including The Jam Trolley, The Loaf Tin Bakery and Lara Windsor Art. The apple press will also be there so do bring along any of your apples and bottles to begin the process of making your own apple juice or cider! Obviously the highlight of the day will be the result of the Pumpkin Growing Competition - a very exciting day for the villagers who have spent months tending their pumpkin plants with such care and dedication in the hope of winning the infamous Quendon & Rickling Pumpkin Competition Cup! The pumpkin weigh in will begin at 2pm. Please put the date in your diary.

The Parish Council have purchased a marquee, with the Stonebond contribution, for village events, such as Quickling, Autumn Daze etc, but we are also looking to hire it out to villagers for their parties or events, so if you are interested, please contact our Parish Clerk, who will be able to give you hire charges and more information.

Autumn is the time to plant bulbs so Paul Wilsher will be in charge of planting 500 native English bluebell bulbs under the Quendon trees. If anyone is interested in helping plant, of any age, please either contact our Parish Clerk or put your name down on our FB page. A date is yet to be set but do keep an eye open for more

information. Please read "A Wildlife Village", which you will find further on, which gives you more information about bluebells and their planting.

Jennie Sutton is organising a monthly litter pick, starting in October. Anyone interested in helping, please turn up on the day. Bags and litter pickers will be available but it is advised to wear a pair of old gloves. The first one is on Sunday, 3 October, meeting on The Green near The Cricketers at 10am. Children are very welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. If any further information is required please contact Jennie on [jssutton@btinternet.com](mailto:jssutton@btinternet.com).

The traffic calming scheme on the B1383 through Quendon seems to have ground to a halt despite promises from Essex Highways that it would be implemented in the third quarter, which is now! Apparently the engineer who was doing the detailed design has disappeared, almost overnight - probably just as fed up with Highways as we are - and allegedly recruiting new engineers at the moment is almost impossible so the scheme is lying on a drawing board somewhere in the depths of an office in Chelmsford, waiting for the dust to be blown off and work to be started again! We are constantly on the case, so will keep you informed every step of the way! One solution which has been mentioned, which has been approved by the Police, is that cars can park on the road. We appreciate that this has not been a huge success in the past, but perhaps if everyone does it, it could make a big difference. Speeding vehicles have been witnessed on this road well above the legal limit and I am sure that everyone hears the motorbikes going through! Last weekend the Community Policing Team carried out speed checks outside the village hall following concerns from local residents and alongside 4 other villages, they issued 36 tickets with one motorist going at 49mph in a 30mph limit!

On this note, the Village Community Speedwatch team are looking for new recruits so if anyone is interested in helping slow the traffic down, please contact our Parish Clerk.

The VAS sign coming into Quendon from the south, outside the village hall, is still not working properly despite numerous nudges by our councillors although we have now been informed that an engineer (an ever decreasing species) will be sent out to look into it! We can live in hope! At least the 30mph sign heading into Quendon from the north has now been mended!

Finally, here's to autumn! A beautiful season of colours and falling leaves and the re-organisation of the Highways Department, if only!!

*Sally Kitcat*

## Report from District Councillors Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

### New chief executive

UDC has a new chief executive, Peter Holt, who will be starting in early October. I'm on the cross party Appointments Committee, which met at Chesterford Research Park for final interviews following a very thorough process. There was an excellent response to the advertising and it came down to three for the interviews. Peter has extensive local government and leadership experience. He has been an independent Strategic Consultant since April 2021 having previously been Assistant Chief Executive and Deputy Monitoring Officer for South Northants Council from 2018. Prior to this Peter held a number of Interim roles dating back to 2013 – a very comprehensive list, showing a wide range of experience relevant to the challenges and intentions of the council. All three candidates were highly skilled but just one point was that Peter was the only one to mention parish and town councils. He has for a short time been a councillor, and even a council leader, which I thought will give him a fuller perspective on dividing line between officers and councillors.

### Scheme of Delegation

The opening position is that all council activities are officer responsibility. There is then an agreed Scheme of Delegation which specifies which are councillor responsibilities, such as Planning Committee decisions, and a host of other matters. A further refinement is which committees are responsible for what. Some responsibilities are set to officers by statute, such as the financial matters under the control of the s151 Finance Officer, and the Returning Officer for elections, which is typically the chief executive. Councillors can talk with officers about matters which are not member responsibilities, but the decisions are solely with officers and we can't tell officers what to do. And the only member of staff we can hire or fire is the chief executive, although, see below, we have influence over the recommendations for senior positions.

### Planning department and other senior staff changes

Rob Tinlin, the current interim chief Executive who has been in post since 1st July will leave as soon as Peter is in place. Rob's brief has been to secure the permanent chief exec. as soon as possible, to start the revamp of the planning application side of the planning department, and similarly for the wider council operations post Covid – a project called Uttlesford Moving Forward.

The head of the planning department has left and an interim, Jeanette Walsh, has been appointed to implement changes set out in a review carried out by EELGA (East of England Local Government Association). For

Uttlesford Moving Forward another interim, Nick Kemp, has been appointed.

Finally, Roger Harborough, who has been a senior council officer for many years, having served 44 years at UDC!, has indicated he would like to retire. There is therefore more work coming up for the UDC HR department and the Appointments Committee. I was much encouraged by the number and quality of applicants for the chief executive role and so look forward to assisting the new chief exec. with building a strong senior officer team.

### News from Newport

An application for 89 eco-homes on land west of London Road (on the left before the petrol station as you drive into Newport from the south) was approved this month at planning committee. The developer is owned by a Swedish timber co-operative. Uttlesford District Council, Newport Parish Council and both District Councillors worked co-operatively with the developer to agree the scheme. It has a lower provision of affordable homes than usual at 28%. However, it includes several positive very much needed infrastructure benefits including land and a new car park for the primary school, an upgrade of the track to the recreation ground, a new foot/cycle path, a new playground (to be located on the common) and contributions for healthcare and education. The land had been previously granted planning permission at appeal for 94 houses with a very urban appearance, this scheme is a distinct improvement!

### Ward Initiative Funds

**We have £2,000 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, see the poster above. Our contact details are:

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or 07801 039550

[cllrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk) 01799 540411

or 0745 4687748

And we are on the village Facebook.

*Cllrs Judy Emanuel and 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](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/keepmeposted).

## Our Member of Parliament

How to contact me

Email: [kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk)

Tel: 0207 219 1943

Write: Kemi Badenoch MP,

House of Commons,

London, SW1A 0AA

*Kemi Badenoch, MP*





### APPLE PRESSING

Please bring along your apples for the village presser to produce fresh, natural apple juice. Don't forget to provide your own containers as we won't have any spare on the day.

### PUMPKIN WEIGH-IN

This will take place at 2pm so please have your entries up to the pavilion in time for this. Prizes are being awarded for the top 4 and there's an impressive engraved cup for the winner!

In addition to the Apple Press and culmination of the Pumpkin Growing Competition, this year's Autumn Daze will also feature:

**Waffle & Co.** – serving fresh sweet and savoury waffles, pre-order from their website: [www.waffleand.co.uk](http://www.waffleand.co.uk) or order from the hatch on the day.

**The Jam Trolley** – the perfect opportunity to pick up seasonal jams and pickles.

**Lara Windsor Art** –selling fabulous artwork and cards featuring our beautiful village.

**The Loaf Tin Bakery** – freshly baked bread and other sweet treats.

**Tiddly Tuk** – back by popular demand offering autumnal local cider, seasonal cocktails and apple soft drinks.

Tea and Coffee also on sale.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please check social media (“Quendon and Rickling Events” on Facebook) or the Q&R Community Updates group on WhatsApp for further updates.**



## A Wildlife Village

Rafts of blue floating through woodland on a clear day in April announce to those passing that winter has been discarded and that spring has properly arrived.

The native English bluebells, *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, that create this spectacle provide nectar seeking insects, like bees, with an early source of sustenance and indicate that the woods in which they are found are ancient.

These English bluebells have dark blue, nodding flowers, with curled back petals and a delicate fragrance. All the flowers are on the same side of the stalk which tends to droop. They are distinct from the Spanish bluebell, *Hyacinthoides hispanica*, which is larger, has more open and paler flowers and a more upright stalk.

Unfortunately the two types of bluebell can hybridise, and this hybridisation represents a threat to the survival of the English bluebell. The hybrids have no scent, but like the Spanish bluebell they are more vigorous than the English variety. About a third of all the world's bluebells are thought to be located in Britain so any loss of of the bluebell in this country would be particularly significant. In order to avoid hybridisation any Spanish bluebells that are growing near the site of a bluebell wood should be removed.

However, English bluebells are generally easy to grow as

they tend to be pest and disease free. Bluebells are legally protected so it is against the law to dig them up from the wild, but bulbs can be found at garden centres, nurseries or online. When purchasing bulbs it is wise to check that the bulbs are cultivated, not collected from the wild and that they have been sourced and grown in the UK.

The Parish Council has decided to do just this and has purchased 500 bulbs that will be planted in the grass adjacent to the fountain. Bluebells like dappled shade, so this area of grass under deciduous trees is a perfect environment for them.

The plants may take a couple of years to establish themselves after they have been planted, so they may not flower in 2022. To help them prosper and gather the energy to flower the following spring it is important to ensure that their foliage is not cut down until it has died back naturally. However, in the following years they should spread, multiply and add to the blue scented spring display that Quendon and Rickling enjoy.

The new bulbs will be delivered soon and planted this autumn. If you would like to lend a hand with the planting please leave your details with the Parish Council.



On August 19th some 50 members met in St John's Hall for our second monthly meeting since the lifting of Covid restrictions to hear Eve Regelous' amusing talk entitled "Everything Stops For Tea." She spoke about the history of tea from when it was introduced to Britain as a rare commodity, tea sampling and her experiences in various tea rooms such as The Ritz, Harrods and tea rooms around Essex. We were given recipes and the names of a few of Eve's favourite tea rooms.

On 28th August about 30 people attended our second Saturday Seminar since Lockdown ended. Julian Whybra spoke at length about the history of East Seaxe, the origins of the tribes and settlers who lived in this region and Roman influence in what is now Essex. We learnt that East Seaxe was a kingdom from 527 AD to 839 AD and this is the basis of the name of Essex. In a fascinating talk he traced the names and lives of the kings of East Seaxe and included the origins of the names of many villages around here.



Now that Covid restrictions are lifted many of the interest groups are meeting again in person and a new Gardening Group is being launched.

Our next meeting is on October 21st when Tony Diamond will speak on "The History of Chocolate." This meeting will include the AGM and the Committee is welcoming nominations for posts on the Committee.



### Consultation on draft housing strategy

We are asking for comments on plans for the delivery of affordable and social rented homes within the district for those that need them.

A new draft six-year housing strategy has been put together which outlines the key housing issues within Uttlesford and intended responses to them in the coming years.

Before the strategy is put forward for adoption, people can comment and give their views and opinions. These will be considered prior to publishing the final approved strategy.

The consultation runs until **5pm on Wednesday 13 October.**

► Find out more about the housing strategy and give your feedback with this QR code (you REALLY don't want the U.R.L. as text!)



### Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the August and September 2021 Winners

August			September		
1st	A Bishop	£33	1st	C Mandy	£33
2nd	R Heggie	£22	2nd	D White	£22
3rd	C Mandy	£11	3rd	T Wilson	£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.



## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

Recently, climate change has brought examples of extreme weather all over the world. Part of the solution to global warming is to use natural energy. Our ancestors harnessed the power of water by means of water mills, thought to have been invented by the Greeks. The Domesday Book of 1086 AD recorded no less than 5,624 watermills in England alone. Most were used to grind wheat. They continued as a prime source of energy until the Industrial Revolution.

The Hundred Parishes has a wealth of these mills, many retained through their conversion into private homes. Several may be seen on Hundred Parishes walks whose descriptions can be freely downloaded from [www.hundredparishes.org](http://www.hundredparishes.org)



**Hinxton**

On the River Cam, Hinxton once had three water mills. One remains, a 17th-century mill built on the site of an older one mentioned in Domesday as worth 8 shillings. It ceased to operate commercially in 1955 but now works again on days when it is open to

the public – the final opening in 2021 is on October 3rd from 2:30pm to 5pm. It can be seen at any time from the outside – and is on our walk number 14.

Linton's watermill on the River Granta dates from the



**Linton**

early 18th century and there has been a mill on the site since the 13th century. It stopped working in 1972 and has now been converted into apartments. Walk 109 passes it.

Weatherboarded 18th-century Kings Mill in Littlebury was originally powered by the River Cam and then steam until it stopped working in 1924. Walk number 165, only 1.4 miles, passes Kings Mill during a short exploration of historic Littlebury.



**Littlebury**

What remains of Great Bardfield watermill can be seen on walks 103 and 104,



**Great Bardfield**

while the remains of Tilty watermill are on walk 120.



**Tilty**

*Ken McDonald, Secretary*



[www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org](http://www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org)

### Visiting the Museum!

Our opening times are currently Thursday-Saturday 10-5pm and Sundays & Bank Holidays 2-5pm.

We no longer require online advance booking.

Please pay by cash or card at our welcome desk on arrival at the museum.

In the interests of safety, we encourage

- Wearing of face coverings
- Maintaining social distance
- Using hand sanitiser

These measures are no longer compulsory.



### Saffron Walden Museum Needs You!

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.

To find out more about these and 'Learning and Support' volunteer opportunities please contact the museum using the details below.

Email: [museum@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:museum@uttlesford.gov.uk)

Phone: 01799 510333



## Quendon Bowling Club (not just a Lawn Bowling Club?)

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The game of Lawn Bowls has been played in Quendon for over eighty years. Originally games were played at the many garden parties on the lawns of some larger houses, and at fêtes on the green of the vicarage.

In 1936 a small plot of land in Cambridge Road was offered to the newly formed 'Rickling and Quendon Bowling Club' by Quendon Hall and this site has been used ever since. The name of the club was changed to Quendon Bowling Club sometime later.

Originally a four-rink bowling green with basic facilities the green has been extended over time to become a full size six rink green.

To celebrate the club's 50th anniversary in 1982 a new purpose-built club house/pavilion was built with modern



facilities.

The outdoor bowling season begins in May and continues until late September. During the season Quendon compete in both the North West Essex and the Steeple Bumpstead leagues. Mixed teams of nine male and female players play 3 games of 'triples' in each match, scoring points for each rink win and for the better aggregate overall 'shot' total.

This season Quendon finished in a respectable mid table position in the North West Essex league but disappointed in the Steeple Bumpstead league with a lowly finishing



position.

Together with competitive league matches which normally take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings there is a full programme of weekend friendly matches

against local teams. Ladies play friendly matches on Thursday afternoons and there is a full complement of club competitions throughout the season. Trophies are awarded at the annual AGM in November.

Tuesday evenings are normally reserved for 'Roll Up Nights' where club members can get together to practise, learn and improve their bowling skills, or just come along



for a drink and a chat!

Both league matches and friendly games are sociable events. Matches normally end with players gathering in the club house for refreshments and an earnest discussion on the day's play.

During the winter months on Wednesday evenings members move inside to play carpet bowls where matches are arranged between local friendly teams. Some members continue to play indoor Bowls at Turpins during the winter.

It is often assumed that the game of lawn bowls is reserved for ladies and gentlemen of a certain age, even more so today this is far from the case. Bowls England, the game's governing body (to which Quendon is affiliated), have recently invested heavily in promoting the game throughout the country.

Bowls England have recognised that the game needs to evolve in the modern world and have set out a 'Fit for The Future' five-year plan. Part of this plan will be to make the game far more inclusive for all members of society and more integrated into the local communities. Full details can be found on the Bowls England web site.

The commonwealth games in Birmingham next year will see a strong Bowls England team competing for honours. This squad consists of 8 young women and 6 mostly young men.

In keeping with all Lawn Bowling clubs Quendon do need to constantly attract new members. We always welcome both young and not so young, girls and boys, ladies and gentlemen to come along and find out what our club can offer.

We are happy to arrange training sessions at convenient times, provide tuition and equipment and encourage any interest. Some junior members who began playing at Quendon have gone on to compete at national level.



## Quendon Bowling Club (not just a Lawn Bowling Club?) (cont.)

Indeed one young lady was recently voted best young player of the year.

Each year we hold an open day, usually early in May where we welcome all to come along and find out more about our club. Our plans for 2020 included a fun day and mini fete. We had arranged fun games for children as well as activities for the whole family.

Unfortunately, these plans were scuppered by the Corona Virus pandemic, but we hope to be able to put on a good show next year.

The facilities at Quendon Bowling Club are the envy of many other clubs. The green itself is widely regarded at one of the best playing surfaces in the area. This has helped the club to be chosen to host county fixtures, memorial and Gala days, together with important league fixtures. Each year we hold our own Richard Walters Memorial Day in memory of a much-loved player.

If the game of Bowls is not for you, why not consider becoming a social member? The clubhouse has a licensed bar, a pool table and darts board.

In the winter months we have held quiz nights, whist drives and a Christmas fayre.

Membership of the club covers full playing membership either singly or as couples, social membership or Junior membership.

The management committee have for some time felt that

the Bowling club should be more integrated within the local community and that our facilities could be better used.

The clubhouse itself has been updated in recent months, new LVT flooring, refurbished washrooms, extended changing rooms and more.



Together with the licensed bar and catering facilities we offer a large secure car park.

The clubhouse is available to hire for private functions and social occasions. We often cater for birthday parties.

The club would welcome any approach from activity groups or clubs and associations who would like to take advantage of our facilities.

For more information about what Quendon Bowling Club can offer please either ring the club number on **01799 543544** and leave a message if nobody answers or [email jvparker50@gmail.com](mailto:jvparker50@gmail.com)



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## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

 Hedges have long been a significant feature of our landscapes. They reduce erosion and offer shelter and forage for livestock and wildlife. Over the centuries, nuts, berries, and herbs from the hedgerows have provided food and natural remedies too. Woody material cut from pollarded hedgerow ash, elm and oak trees was once used as fuel or turned into useful objects.

Hedges go back a long way: Roman farmers favoured a living hedge to mark out boundaries. Their value was recognised in 1567 guidance from the court at Felsted: “Any persons breaking any hedge or stealing wood be put next Sunday or holiday in the stocks for 2 hours at the least”.

50% of hedges have been lost since the late 1940s as farmers enlarged fields so bigger machines could operate,



with the occasional forlorn oak tree as a faint reminder of a lost hedge. The former layout of hedges in any parish can be seen in 19th century tithe maps; comparison with current aerial maps will demonstrate what has been lost. The consequent loss of habitat is often blamed for reduction in species and biodiversity.

Today, hedges are again valued as wildlife corridors and as a way to lock up carbon. There are encouraging signs of new hedgerow planting, for example in Saffron Walden and beside the B1051 between Broxton and Thaxted.

This summer, blackberry blossom has been much in evidence in the hedgerows so Autumn walkers may be in for a treat. Look out also for sloes that can be turned into delicious sloe gin. Many of our footpaths follow field edges beside hedgerows. If you are not yet familiar with the Society’s walk routes, please download one from our website – there are many to choose from and they range from 1 mile upwards.



*Tricia Moxey, Trustee*

## In Loving Memory

David Turner's death, so soon after Pat, his wife earlier this year was a sad loss to their family. David's funeral took place on 1st September at Cam Valley Crematorium and was led by Chris Bishop, who was our vicar here for some years.

The village will miss them both. Our sympathy goes to their family.

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- 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](mailto:quendoneandricklng.clerk@hotmail.com).

## Picture Gallery

More of our readers are now offering pictures for inclusion in The Link, and here are a couple that I hope you'll like. Are we heading for a photographic competition? Wouldn't that be grand!

Others will appear on the front of future issues. **Keep them coming** - I'm sure the challenge of choosing which to use where is good for me!



**Forest Monster**  
**By Tony Jones**



**Red Admiral on**  
**Michaelmas Daisies**  
**By Peter Warwick**

## What's On

The Village Hall is able to open once again. We are remaining cautious and reviewing the Covid safety measures. Some regular events are restarting.

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
Saffron Searchers	1st Monday in month-		Q&R Village Hall	
Rainbows	Mondays	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	(Pre-Brownies)
Armadillos	Tuesdays (term-time)	09.00	Rickling School	
Carpet Bowls	Wednesdays	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Line Dancing	Thursdays	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Buffy Playbus	Fridays	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Litter Picking	3rd October	10.00	The Green	
Autumn Daze	9th October	13.00-16.00	Pavilion on The Green	
Harvest Service	10th October	11.15	Quendon Church	
Coffee Morning	15th October	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Churchyard tidying	23rd October	13.00	Quendon Churchyard	
Holy Communion	24th October	11.15	Rickling 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. 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
Robert Arnold	01799 543075	Northern end - Cambridge Road
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Nigel Ackerman	01799 540678	Middle - Cambridge Road
Wendy Stannard	01799 541869	Middle - Cambridge Road
Anne Howes	01799 543545	Southern end - Cambridge Road
Joanne Hales	07903 596011	Rickling Green
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For further information see [www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/)

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