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*A Picture
by Someone*

Parish Churches in Quendon and Rickling

Following the departure of the Revd. Neil McLeod, we are currently without a vicar. 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 are delighted our churches are still open; although at the time of writing masks are to be worn.

Our visiting organist on Christmas day was so pleased with the quality of the organ he requested to come again; which he did on January 9th.

Our normal service is on the second Sunday of the month in February and as the weather warms we hope to return to Rickling for Mothering Sunday.

Chris Bishop is continuing to support us and has dates in his diary up to Easter.

Church Services in the Benefice

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. Here are details of fixtures.

Sunday February 6th

9 30am Morning Worship with Old Newportanians. Newport

11 15am Holy Communion Widdington

Sunday February 13th

9 30am All Age service Newport

11 15am Holy Communion Quendon

Sunday February 20th

9 30am Holy Communion Newport

11 15am Holy Communion Widdington

Sunday February 27th

9 30am Morning worship Newport

Help needed, with Quendon Church flower Rota

This is done once a month. You do not have to be a church goer, some do a turn in memory of a loved one or an anniversary. We have recently lost three people due to illness and one moving house. Please contact Christine 01799 543367 or Maureen 541158.

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 <u>not</u> 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	0800 555 111

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**

CAN YOU SPARE TIME TO HELP CARE FOR OUR CHURCH?

Quendon Church needs your help. This 13th Century building still exists because inhabitants of our village have looked after the church for generations. It is now our turn and we are asking for new volunteers to help dust, sweep or vacuum once or twice a year.

It is not necessary to be a regular church goer and we welcome anyone with an interest in historical buildings to join our team of volunteers. The church is used by many people for special services including Rickling Primary School services, weddings, christenings and funerals.

If you would like to help preserve our church for future generations please contact:

Christine Osbourn 01799 543367 or

Maureen Hawkins 01799 541158

for further information or to arrange a visit to the church

Quendon Bowling Club - Quiz Night

Friday 11th February 7.00pm for 7.30 start.

Entry £2 per person.

Licensed bar, raffle and prizes.

A fun quiz night In the Bowling Club clubhouse. Teams of up to six people are invited, places are limited so please book yours early. Do not worry if you cannot make up a team, we can match people together.

Please contact Ray Hart on 07973 632923 or 01799 541196 to book your place

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the January 2022 Winners

1st	P Fuller	£33
2nd	C Holt	£22
3rd	P Ball	£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.

From the Parish Council Chair

Hello Fellow Villagers!

Well, January 2022 has certainly started with a bang!!

Firstly, we would like to welcome a **new councillor** onto the team, Gari Spearpoint. Gari was co-opted onto the council in the January meeting; he lives in Snowdrop

Road and is very keen to get more involved in the village so we will definitely make sure he does! On this note, we are still looking for more parish councillors - please come forward to help as we definitely need more support. Our community is so important, especially at the moment, so please do give this some serious consideration. Just

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imagine if we ended up with no parish council at all! Any one of us are very happy to chat with you about what this would entail, just drop a note to the Parish Clerk or catch up with us in the pub or if you see us out for a walk with the dog!

The actual chart of the timeline for the **Local Plan** is rather confusing so this is just to set the record straight as to where we stand at the moment. The Government requirement for 2020-2040 is 17,000 homes for Uttlesford, 4,000 of which have already been identified via planning applications. The call for sites generated land across 299 sites in Uttlesford that could accommodate circa 70,000 houses so many of the sites proposed will not be brought forward into the Local Plan. Officers are currently working through each of the sites proposed and assessing them against the Local Plan evidence base. The expectation is that this process will be completed circa May 2022 and a draft set of site allocations will then be published for the district. This draft will then be subject to a public consultation.

Pegasi Management Company Limited, who manage Quendon Estate, sent out a letter to the residents at the beginning of the year inviting them to a one to one workshop to showcase their plans for the two potential sites at either end of Rickling Green. During January's PC meeting, it was decided to request a public forum to be held instead of these one to one meetings, either an evening or a weekend so everyone is able to attend, if they so wish. As soon as a date and venue is arranged, we will put this out on all forms of village communication, so please keep an eye open. The PC was not informed of their intentions and believe that this consultation is premature, as the Call for Sites process is still in the initial stage and that they have caused far more concern than is currently necessary. Ideally the next stage would have been the correct time to hold a consultation if these sites were put forward for approval. It is important to bear in mind that it is not the appropriate role of the PC and the residents of the village to help a landowner/developer with their proposals to the planning authorities, as this could suggest tacit approval by the villages.

The Call for Sites is not a planning application, it is just the very first stage of the Local Plan. A technical data assessment response was completed by the PC at the end of last year - there were many inaccuracies in this data so we submitted a detailed rebuttal which will be considered during their initial findings as to the suitability of these substantial sites in our village (we have been informed by other parishes that their data sheets were out of date and riddled with inaccuracies as well). If a site is approved for the Local Plan, the landowner can only then apply for planning permission. Both of these Rickling Green sites have previously been considered by UDC and ruled out.

So these plans for large scale development that Pegasi are offering to show you are just their current "vision". Be under no illusion that if these are both approved as Local Plan sites, they can then submit a completely different planning application, if they so wish.

The PC initially met with Pegasi's CEO a significant time ago, during which the PC were assured that if there was resistance from the residents to the proposal, Pegasi would look at other areas within their portfolio for development, but this obviously has not happened. A "Constraints and Opportunities" document was submitted to the PC more recently, but with the caveat, by Pegasi, that this information was to be dealt with in "the strictest of confidence" but we did, however, make you aware of the existence of these plans in the July issue of *The Link* with a brief time line.

Please remember there are two other sites in the village which are also in the Call for Sites, the north and south side of Quendon Church, for 30 houses, put forward by the **Diocese of Chelmsford**. So altogether the amount of houses that our local landowner and the Diocese would like to build in our parish is 195, which is an increase of our village of approximately 60%!

If you would like to see the local plan website, which covers our parish, please go to the following link: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/LP-Sites> and click on the interactive map.

The traffic calming scheme on the B1383 has now been approved. As everyone knows, this has taken a long time to come to fruition but, unfortunately, we are still not quite there. If you remember, in October, the Highways engineer disappeared overnight and all the designs were put on hold. Then in December men in high vis jackets were spotted with spray cans. Then on the day before Christmas Eve, after months of chasing, our County Councillor, Ray Gooding, eventually sent through the detailed designs for immediate approval! This could only happen with Highways! The main reason for the scheme in the first place was to reduce the traffic speed and dangerous manoeuvres along this stretch of road, but this has not been addressed by Highways. An island outside Manor Stables, north of the Rickling junction and the narrowing of the road from outside The Lilacs to the Old Kings Head have not been included in their final proposals. These were the two most important requirements from the Parish Council! There were a couple of rather odd proposals, putting in another informal dropped kerb right next to an existing one and removing some of the footpath outside the village hall but these have now been removed from the plan. An informal pedestrian crossing and refuge island are being installed just south of the Rickling junction and the pavement outside Waterbutt Row is going to be widened slightly, with cast iron bollards outside Street Farm and

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cobbles delineating the pavement from the parking area. This is going to be called Phase 1 and we are now going for Phase 2 which will be the installation of the bits they left out of Phase 1. We will not give up and will continue to be a thorn in the side of Highways!

The precept has now been approved for the coming year 2022/23. As previously mentioned, this has had to be increased to cover the rising costs of the parish. It has not been increased since the financial year of 2015/16 and has been discussed rigorously to make sure that it is fair to all. Working out the increase over the amount of houses in the village, it works out as approximately a £5 increase per household.

There was **concern** raised at the meeting that there is poor communication between the PC and the residents which we were rather surprised to hear as we believe that communication has never been as good. We only had the two noticeboards and obviously *The Link* before but we now have a Parish Council Facebook page, a Village Facebook page and a Q&R Community Updates Whatsapp group as well, which is handy for sharing other village information as well as PC information and anyone is welcome to post on it. For those of you without the latter three, do please find out how to join them or keep in touch with people who have, to keep right up to date with what is happening as it happens!

The footpath south of the village is still in dire need of some TLC and despite repeated requests to Highways to repair it, we are always being told that it is not important enough to be added to their list of "to dos" but, we believe, more and more people are using this path for walking and running and numerous times they have to step out into the road so it really is an accident waiting to happen. So we thought if we put the Highways link for reporting this footpath here you could all report it and if enough people do, Highways will have to start taking some notice.



Link: <https://essexhighways.org/tell-us/road-pavement-and-surface-issues/pavement-issues>

The Quickling Village Pumpkin Competition will be run again this year after the success of last year's event. The Parish Council would like to invite village members to try their hand at winning the cup! The entry fee is £2.50 for 3 seeds and is only open to residents of Quendon and Rickling with the seeds purchased.

Finally, it is lovely to see the days beginning to lengthen and know that spring is not that far away!

Sally Kitcat

A Quendon & Rickling Parish Council led Event

Quickling Village Pumpkin Competition

After the enormous success of last year's Village Pumpkin Competition, the Parish Council would like to invite village members to come and test their growing prowess and try their hand at winning the Quendon & Rickling Village Pumpkin Competition Silver Cup!

- All Ages Welcome
- £2.50 Entry Fee
- Competition Seeds will be provided (3 Seeds per Entry) for the Grand Finale Weigh-In in October of the Entrants Heaviest Pumpkin. (A different pumpkin variety will be chosen this year so there can be no using last years seeds!)
- Prizes to be awarded for the heaviest Pumpkins

Please contact Katherine Nuthall (knqrpc@gmail.com) to register your interest. Please include your name and address.

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ

Fun Bingo



Wednesday 16th February 2022
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

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Report from District Councillors Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

Progress on the Local Plan and the Call for Sites is, I understand, being covered in the Parish Council report, so I thought it useful to write about another key part of council activities.

The UDC Climate Crisis Action Plan (CCAP) was agreed at Cabinet in January 2022.

The CCAP is a critical document which provides first level detail on how the Council will deliver the commitments we made in declaring a climate and ecological emergency. There is a Climate Change Strategy, and the Action Plan sets out how that will be achieved.

The CCAP is a live and evolving document and tracks progress against the actions contained within. We are focussing on reducing carbon emissions and we aim to set an example of best practice which will help influence our community to do likewise.

Here are three climate challenges:

- Reduce our own emissions.
- Provide leadership partnering, persuading and influencing our communities, partners and Government to do things differently.
- Improve and protect biodiversity.

While UDC may not be required to take responsibility for emissions beyond the council's own control, the action plan reflects how we are embracing our wider role. We have identified those areas within our direct control and responsibility, and those where we can play our part through persuasion, enablement and community leadership, with the aims of:

- Achieving net-zero carbon status in council operations by 2030
- Influencing and aiding reduction to net zero of the district's entire CO2 output
- Protecting and enhancing biodiversity in the district

Here are some examples of what is in progress:

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Transport

Work is in progress on a cycle strategy for Uttlesford and a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Having a published strategy will enable applications to future funding opportunities, support the development of the Local Plan and requests for S106 agreements with potential developers. In our Neighbourhood Plan we have done the same by proposing a cycle path along the B1383 between Quendon and Newport. (Clearing back the vegetation north and south would be a good start!).

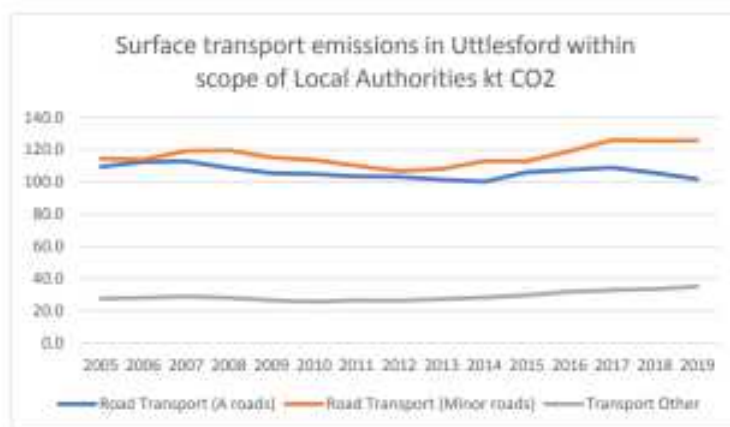
This will be informed by an Active Travel Survey across the district to help identify barriers to active travel and opportunities to improve infrastructure. This has gone live and so far the survey has had almost 400 contributions. People can take part in the survey at: Have Your Say Today – Uttlesford LCWIP <https://uttlesfordlcwip.commonplace.is>



Transport overview

Transport is the single highest category of CO2e emissions (carbon dioxide equivalent, a term for describing different greenhouse gases in a common unit).

This graph shows the carbon emissions within Uttlesford since 2005 which are within scope of local authorities. This excludes the M11.



Transport on A roads and minor roads has been similar for emissions in the past, but emissions from transport on minor roads are now increasing.

Domestic Energy – grants totalling over £1 million secured

Although gas boilers have become more efficient since 2005, this has not translated into reduced emissions overall in Uttlesford because of the increased number of households. UDC is limited in its scope for reducing domestic energy emissions. It can control emissions from its own housing by carrying out retrofit programmes.

UDC have been successful in obtaining a government energy grant for £250k and a further government grant of £900k from the Local Authority Delivery phase 3 (LAD3). This is funding for local authorities to help them install energy saving upgrades and low carbon heating in low-income households. The grant is for a maximum of £10k per house and is run by our consortium partner Warmworks South East England. UDC will work with low-income households to help facilitate this retrofit grant funding. This will also support the ‘green economy’ and in so doing, will play a part in expanding the local supply chain which may in turn encourage the private able-to-pay market to decarbonise their homes.

Biodiversity

A Biodiversity Study Survey has been carried out to identify areas where the district council can help improve local biodiversity. The council asked residents to help map environmentally important areas. ECC has been following progress of this survey and they are considering using it as a template to roll out in all districts. We received over 570 responses for this survey! UDC is the first local authority to use this ground-breaking mapping tool to engage local communities in identifying opportunities for biodiversity enhancement and the protection of nature-rich spaces. This UDC-inspired web tool is being offered by our partners, Commonplace, to other local authorities to aid in their nature recovery. There are 8 locations noted in Quendon & Rickling and details can be seen on here Follow The Discussion – Uttlesford’s Nature Recovery Network Map <https://uttlesfordbiodiversitymap.commonplace.is/comments/615e130a45668d3f7f6b637c>



This is one of the key priorities for spending for our £1m climate funding. Cllr Pepper, who is

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Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues, has set out a 'good governance' scheme for funding and we're currently seeking the right resources to implement this vital green project. You can see from the map that we have a good spread of district wide opportunities for projects.



The Action Plan

The CCAP has 37 components. Turning each action point into a worked-up project and actually delivering is a considerable task.

- Three action points (2, 36 & 37) have been completed, and these are improvements to air quality monitoring, including outside 8 primary schools, and policy on the installation of EV charging infrastructure on new developments
- There are 12 actions set for delivery by March 2022
- A further 13 action points are for delivery by December 2022
- 10 action points fall in 2023, 2025 or are ongoing.

The actions within the plan are mostly large-scale projects. The task we have in our Action Plan is vast. However, due to the critical threat to our planet, we aim to be robust and aspirational in supporting our local community in taking low-carbon decisions and ambitious in meeting our 2030 net zero goal.

We are currently in the process of creating a live interactive climate webpage but in the meantime, check out our link to simple steps to reduce

climate change <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/simple-steps-to-fight-climate-change>.



Waste

UDC are working in conjunction with ECC to implement the national strategy as set out in the January 2021 Waste Management Plan for England (publishing.service.gov.uk)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/955897/waste-management-plan-for-england-2021.pdf

This is a 53-page document but the targets can be summarised as:

- UK Plastics Pact - all plastic packaging to be recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025
- Eliminate food waste to landfill by 2030
- Eliminate avoidable plastic waste by 2042
- Double resource productivity by 2050
- Eliminate avoidable waste of all kinds by 2050
- All households and appropriate businesses to have separate food waste collections by 2023
- Consistent set of dry recyclable materials collected from households and businesses
- At least 65% of municipal waste to be recycled by 2035
- No more than 10% MSW to landfill

The strategy seeks to move away from weight-based targets to impact-based targets in the future.

The Climate Clock



<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/the-climate-clock-and-global-warming-index>

The Climate Clock continues to count down the critical time window to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. If the world does not act extremely aggressively to cut carbon emissions, the planet will face enormous and irreversible damage. Nature and our children and grandchildren are depending upon us to make the

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right decisions to secure their future.

The message from the Climate Change Commission to the government is clear: the 2020s must be the decisive decade of progress and action on climate change.

Neil

Councillor Surgeries

These are in Dorringtons every Friday from 10.30 to 11.30. Depending on the covid situation we may have to cancel these, and if so we will post on the village facebook if that is the case.

Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

Our contact details are:

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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.

Fancy getting to grips with issues facing the village?

Fancy getting involved with organising events in the village and helping to bring the community together?

There may be a particular issue which you are keen to get involved with, or maybe you'd like to find out more about the business of the village and contribute to it.

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. We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council now that one of our number is departing on maternity duties.

A councillor's role involves a fair amount of reading up and the attending of monthly meetings, with occasional bursts of other activity as it occurs, but it's not so onerous - many of the current set of councillors manage to be councillor and still work full time: the council is a friendly set of people with a common interest in the community. How much time you are able to commit is largely down to you and the level of involvement you would like.

If you're interested in finding out more please contact the Parish Clerk (quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com), or come along to one of our monthly meetings in the Village Hall - next meeting 9th February at 7:30pm.

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.

How to contact me

Email: kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

Tel: 0207 219 1943

Write: Kemi Badenoch MP,

House of Commons,

London, SW1A 0AA

Press Release

Local MP welcomes tougher laws on hare coursing

Saffron Walden constituency MP Kemi Badenoch has welcomed the Government's announcement of new legislation to tackle hare coursing including giving police greater powers and tougher sentencing.

The new legislation has been set out by the government as an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill which is currently progressing through the House of Lords.

Hare coursing is an illegal activity - where dogs are used to chase, catch and kill hares. Unfortunately, due to the rural nature of the Saffron Walden constituency, local farmers and landowners have been badly impacted by harassment, damage to their property, intimidation, and threats from those engaging in the activity.

The proposals outlined in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will:

- Create two criminal offences; trespass with the intention of using a dog to search for or pursue a hare; and secondly, being equipped to trespass with the intention of using a dog to search for or pursue a hare both punishable on conviction by an unlimited fine and/or up to six months' imprisonment.
- Introduce proposals that will increase the maximum penalty for trespassing in pursuit of game
- Give courts new powers to disqualify offenders from owning or keeping dogs
- Give new powers for the courts to order, on conviction, the reimbursement of costs incurred by the police in kennelling dogs seized in connection with a hare coursing-related offence.

Commenting Mrs Badenoch said:

"I welcome this important step which will bring about new, tougher laws on hare coursing that are going to directly benefit our local farmers and landowners across the constituency.

"Since my election in 2017 helping to tackle this illegal activity been one of my top priorities. For several years now I have had numerous roundtable discussions and events with local NFU representatives, Essex Police, local farmers and landowners who I know will welcome the greater power and tougher sentencing that has been announced.

"Illegal hare coursing has devastated rural communities for too long, causing damage to crop and farm equipment, initiating local people and threatening violence. I will continue to do what I can to ensure these proposals move through parliament swiftly and that Essex Police have the resources and powers to continue to effectively tackle rural crime in our constituency."

NFU East Anglia Regional Director Gary Ford said:

"This is a positive start to 2022. These government amendments will strengthen the law and finally give rural police forces and the courts the necessary powers to tackle hare coursing and the wider problem of organised crime.

"Our members have had to deal with the impact of illegal hare coursing - and its associated heinous activities - for far too long. They will be relieved that, after prolonged campaigning by the NFU and others, there is now light at the end of the tunnel.

"In our rural crime survey published in April, two thirds of respondents in East Anglia had suffered from hare coursing in the previous year and members spoke about the threats, violence and intimidation that goes with it.

"We hope these amendments will signal the start of a real crackdown on these organised gangs of criminals who break onto fields to let dogs loose to chase hares, causing huge damage to crops, farm property and wildlife, while intimidating people living in rural communities."

Kemi Badenoch, MP

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CRIME PREVENTION from Neighbourhood Watch

Subscribers to Neighbourhood Watch e-mails* receive summaries of reported crimes in the area. Here are a couple of extracts.



Compare:

SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS ENTERED THE PROPERTY VIA THE UNLOCKED REAR DOORS AND TAKEN A WALLET BEFORE GOING TO THE SUMMER HOUSE WHERE HE HAS BEEN DISTURBED AND MADE OFF.

With...

SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED AFTER CHECKING BEHIND POTS AND BINS ALONG THE DRIVEWAY, WALKED AROUND THE SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AND TRIED LOCKED DOOR LEAVING THE LATCH UP. NO ENTRY GAINED AND NO DAMAGE CAUSED.

Just another reminder how easy it is to avoid some thefts

and even a burglary, by simply putting things away and locking your doors.

If you do tend to leave your back door open when you are at home and frequently in and out of the house to the garden, or even want some fresh air into the house during the summer, consider buying a motion detector alarm that perhaps chimes rather than sounds an alarm. The unexpected chime should be enough to get the would be thief to run off...

For more advice on steps you can take to help secure your belongings, protect yourself and prevent yourself from becoming a victim of crime, visit www.essex.police.uk/cp

*Don't rely on their web-site - it's not well-maintained and the contact details are out of date. *The Link's* Editor may be able to help - e-mail robert@arnold-q.uk

Paul Harris, Essex Police Staff No 42077939

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

Tel: **07738 736687** (Please avoid leaving phone messages and email me instead. Paul.Harris@essex.police.uk

Thanks)

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



Events last December included welcoming Steven Geller to our monthly General Meeting. His talk was billed “A Career in Music “. He played the banjo and sang, mostly songs from the 60s and 70s, whilst voices, muffled by masks, were raised, bodies swayed and feet tapped. His enthusiasm was infectious and the event most enjoyable.

In December the Stansted U3A Singers performed at the Great Hadham Golf and Country Club and the Strummers performed at St Mary’s Church. The Art Group was visited in December by a local artist, Bill Morris, whose demonstration they found inspirational and sixty five members came to the Christmas Lunch at Bury Lodge with entertainment provided by Stansted U3A Singers. It was a lovely meal and a good time was had by all.

At the General Meeting on February 17th in St John’s Hall, 1.30 for 2.00pm, Tanya Fern-Smith will be speaking about the long and varied history of Stansted Hall. Stansted was gifted by William the Conqueror to a nephew in 1066 and by the 16th century there was a Tudor Hall whose owners included the de Vere family, the Earls of Oxford and the Duke of Norfolk. This was later replaced by a Jacobean hall and the grounds redesigned by Repton. Following a fire in the 19th century a new hall was commissioned in 1876 which was purchased by Arthur and Gertrude Findlay in the 1920s. During the war it was loaned to the Red Cross as a convalescent hospital. It is now a training college and headquarters for the Spiritualists National Union. It is hoped that this talk will be relayed to Stansted’s twin town, Rungis in France, as part of the Town Twinning Association’s programme for 2022.



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Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Natural England can designate any area of land considered to be of special interest by virtue of its fauna, flora or geological features as a “Site of Special Scientific Interest” or SSSI. This designation ensures that the area is appropriately managed and protected. The Hundred Parishes has more than twenty SSSIs. I will mention a few that can be visited.

In the parish of High Easter, Garnett’s Wood comprises 25 hectares (62 acres) of ancient coppiced woodland (meaning the trees have been regularly cut down to ground level).



Mentioned in the Domesday Book, this wood, in which the lime is the dominant tree, was given in the 12th century by Henry II to a knight called Geoffrey Garnett. A stump of a tree has been carved to depict the knight, still watching over his wood.

Patmore Heath in Albury parish is an 8-hectare grass heathland, now a scarce habitat in South East England. It is managed by Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. A



variety of native grasses grow here and the heath’s ponds are home to all three native English newt species: great-crested, smooth and palmate.

Amwell Quarry, formerly an area of gravel pits, has been transformed into a 37-hectare

wetland environment, important in particular for wintering wildfowl and regarded as England’s premier site for dragonflies.

Best-known and by far the largest of our SSSIs is



Hatfield Forest which covers more than 400 hectares, around 1.5 square miles. It was a royal hunting forest from around 1100 AD until the 15th century. It has never been ploughed and has been managed for centuries by coppicing and by pollarding (cutting trees to a height above which livestock and deer cannot reach the new shoots). It has been owned by The National Trust since 1924.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Visiting the Museum

Our standard opening hours are currently Wednesday-Saturday 10-4.30pm, Sunday 2-4.30pm
Closed on Mondays.

Tuesdays are reserved for pre-booked group visits by schools and other parties.

Object of the Month

The Museum's 'Object of the Month' provides an opportunity to explore interesting and unusual objects from our stores.



January's 'Object of the Month' was chosen by Sarah Kenyon, one of the museum's Natural Sciences Officers.

It's a Ptarmigan bird in white winter plumage. As cold temperatures and snow descend over Britain animals put on their winter coats. In Scotland several species change the colour and thickness of their fur and feathers to stay hidden, or

camouflaged, and warm. They are the Mountain Hare, Pine Marten, Stoat, Reindeer and Ptarmigan.

This adult male Ptarmigan, *Lagopus mutus*, shows the white winter plumage which helps the bird blend in with the snow and remain safe from predators, especially birds of prey. The feathers around their legs also help to keep in warmth. These small, plump game birds can be found on Scottish mountains, such as the Cairngorms, and on heather moors at high altitudes. They have a characteristic walk. In summer their feathers are speckled grey and brown which blends in with rocks, scrub and heather.

This bird was collected between 1835 and 1899, after Saffron Walden Museum opened in 1835 and before the end of the nineteenth century. It is a stuffed specimen mounted on an imitation rock with a painted wooden base. What is February's Object of the Month? Visit the Museum to find out, or check out the Blog on our website.

Unlocking past lives through ancient DNA

Recently the Museum was delighted to participate in a project with the Francis Crick Institute to analyse ancient DNA (aDNA) from skeletal remains. The project, funded by the Wellcome Foundation, seeks to establish the whole-genome history and evolution in a thousand ancient people from Great Britain, to aid medical research. It will also provide museums with new information on the individuals whose DNA has been

analysed, giving us fresh insights into past lives.

63 burials from Uttlesford sites had tiny samples taken for DNA analysis and we await the results with great interest, hoping that most will have well-preserved DNA to provide new information on the individuals represented. Most of the burials sampled are from the Anglo-Saxon populations of Saffron Walden and Wicken Bonhunt, but the sample also included a few Romano-British burials from Great Chesterford and a late Iron Age or early Roman burial from Stansted Airport.



The image shows Jesse McCabe, Laboratory Research Scientist (Francis Crick Institute) carefully examining a bone fragment in the research room at our Shirehill store. For a DNA sampling there are 3 parts of the skull that can be used: the tiny bones from

inside the ear, commonly known as the hammer, anvil and stirrup; a piece of the temporal bone from the cranium; or a well-preserved tooth.

Ancient human remains are excavated and deposited with museums if they have been unearthed by development or environmental processes, and reburial is not a practical or possible option. The care and analysis of human remains is subject to professional and ethical guidelines, and excavation takes place under licence from the Ministry of Justice.

Learning & Outreach

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

We welcome schools and community groups to the Museum or offer outreach sessions.

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

Join us!

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.

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

Website: www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

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Phone: **01799 510333**

What's On

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

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Saffron Searchers	1st Monday in month -		Q&R Village Hall	
Dog Training	Mondays	08.00-09.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Pilates	Mondays	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 07742 182272
Dance Exercise	Tuesdays	10.30-11.30	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Dance Exercise	Tuesdays	14.30-15.30	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
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	
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
Quiz Night	11th February	19.00	Quendon Bowling Club clubhouse	See p3
Holy Communion	13th February	11.15	Quendon church	
Coffee Morning	16th February	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	See p6

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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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