

# The Link

Quendon & Rickling  
Parish  
and Church

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## NEWS

May 2022



*Bluebells Forecast (from 2021)!  
by Peter Warwick*

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## Parish Churches in Quendon and Rickling

Our new vicar, Peter Allen, will be licensed at Newport Church on the 25th of May at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are unsure when his first service at Quendon will be as the Vicarage at Newport is not ready for him to move into, and he will have to find alternative accommodation in the short term.

Our Easter services were changed as Chris Bishop had Covid. The Maundy Thursday event was moved to Newport, due to a change of leader and the heating at Quendon Church not working. We then attended at Widdington for our Easter celebrations.

We will be back at Rickling for our May service; this will be followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

### Church Services in the Benefice

#### Sunday 1st May

9.30 am	Morning worship	Newport
11.15 am	Holy Communion	Widdington

#### Sunday 8th May

9.30 am	All Age Service	Newport	
11.15 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rickling</b>	<b>Followed by APCM</b>

#### Sunday 15th May

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Newport
11.15 am	Holy Communion	Widdington

#### Sunday 22nd May

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Newport
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#### Wednesday 25th May

7.30 pm	Induction of Peter Allen	Newport
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#### Thursday 26th May - Ascension Day

7.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Newport
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#### Sunday 29th May

10.00 am	Benefice Morning Worship	Newport
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### Quendon & Rickling Parish Churches - Annual Meeting

**is to be held on 8th May 2022 at Rickling Church after  
11.15 morning service.**

**All welcome to attend.**

**Priest in Charge of the parish of Quendon and Rickling** - from 25th May the Revd. Peter Allen

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

**Treasurer** - **Quendon and Rickling:** Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

### Reporting Crime

<b>For Crimes and suspicious activity NOW phone</b>	<b>999</b>
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For other non-urgent contact and reporting a crime that has already happened	<b>101</b>
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**Alternatively you can report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes online at <https://www.essex.police.uk/> and click on the appropriate button**

**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>

**0300 123 2040**

If someone has tried to defraud you but you have not lost money, phone or report online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing> or, if the attempt was by Email, by forwarding it complete to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

<b>CRIMESTOPPERS</b> To give information anonymously phone or report it online at <a href="http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a>	<b>0800 555 111</b>
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*The information you provide is very important to us, so please make sure that we can use it effectively, by reporting it correctly through the proper channels. Thank you.*



## Editor's Note

If anyone read the April issue of *The Link* they'll have found it a bit untidy. As printing and delivery take time, some items are written in anticipation, as it were. The embargo on one such item was not lifted in time for delivery, requiring the replacement of a page. I am sorry about that!

*Robert Arnold, Editor*

## Being a parish councillor

My wife and I moved from Broxbourne in Hertfordshire to Rickling Green just over a year ago. As we had both retired early, given that our two daughters and their partners lived fairly local to the village, the attraction was already there. During our business careers, we had always lived in cities or very large towns, so the appeal of a more relaxed style of rural living was an added bonus. Having now lived here through the four seasons, with the exception of COVID-19 messing up everyone's lives, the expectation of our new environment has been more than exceeded. Who couldn't fail to appreciate a walk through the Bluebell Wood in late spring, a cold beer (other beverages available), watching the cricket on the warm summer evenings or enjoying the crackling log fire in the Cricketer's Arms as autumn and winter arrived?

Our decision to be 'part of the village community' was always the intention. Becoming a parish councillor has enabled me to better understand the dynamics of how the village works. I must be honest, up until recently, the only exposure I'd had of a parish council was through watching *The Vicar of Dibley*! It's only since I've been actively involved, that I appreciate how much an active Parish Council is and the value it brings to the village and its residents. I'm still learning where various places are around the village, but regular long walks along paths and bridleways are helping with the orientation.

As I said, I'm still learning the role of a parish councillor but knowing I'm putting something back into the community is a rewarding activity. The calendar for the village this year sounds like a lot of fun. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be one of the highlights and the PC is working on a number of interesting and entertaining items for everyone's enjoyment.

There have been adverts in *The Link* and social media for new parish councillors, so if you have a few hours a week to be involved with the success of our village, please contact the PC for a really rewarding personal experience. The Parish Clerk is Keith Williams, email: [quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com), telephone: 01279 814473.

*Cllr. Gari Spearpoint*



## BISHOP'S STORTFORD & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER

This article is a plea for help, and you may be able to provide it.

We are trying to recruit more listeners for our service.

The Talking Newspaper is a weekly recording of local news taken from the Bishop's Stortford Independent and the Dunmow Broadcast. It is a free service, including postage and all necessary equipment, for anyone who is visually impaired or who cannot manage a newspaper because of some physical disability. The recording comes on a USB stick and we normally provide listeners with a special player for the purpose.

The restrictions placed on all of us over the past two years have highlighted the problems of social isolation. We know from our existing listeners how much they have appreciated the Talking Newspaper in keeping them in touch with local news brought to them by local voices. We are sure that there are many others who would feel the same if they were aware of it. These same restrictions

have, however, made it much more difficult for us to identify new listeners, so please give serious thought as to whether you know anyone who might benefit.



The Talking Newspaper is also available via a Listen Online facility on our website: [www.bstalkingnewspaper.co.uk](http://www.bstalkingnewspaper.co.uk)

The website option can be used by anyone, whether visually impaired or not. It is also possible to access the recordings via links such as Alexa or an app on your smartphone. If that appeals, please contact us and one of our technicians would be able to provide assistance if required.

For more information or with suggestions about possible new listeners please ring Richard Barnett **01279 651270** or leave a message on our mobile: **07918 296764**. Maybe you'd like to volunteer? If so we'd like to hear from you. It's very rewarding and not too time-consuming!

## CAN YOU SPARE TIME TO HELP CARE FOR OUR CHURCH?

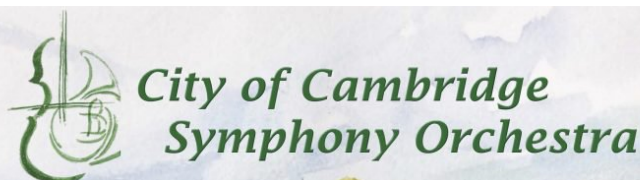
Quendon Church needs your help. This 13th Century building still exists because inhabitants of our village have looked after the church for generations. It is now our turn and we are asking for new volunteers to help dust, sweep or vacuum once or twice a year.

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



## Butterworth The Banks of Green Willow

## Delius Concerto for Violin & Cello

## Elgar Symphony No. 2

Conductor  
**Robert Hodge**  
Guest Conductor  
**Kilian Meissner**  
Winner of our last Young Conductor  
competition, conducting the overture

Leader  
**Philippa Barton**

Cello  
**Hugh Mackay**

Violin  
**Harry Kneeshaw**

**West Road Concert Hall**  
**Saturday 14 May 2022 7:30pm**

Admission: £20 Concession: £18 Student: £10 Under 14: £6  
ADC Ticketing: 01223 300085 [www.ccsso-online.org](http://www.ccsso-online.org)

City of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra - Registered Charity No. 1096457

## 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. If an e-mail address is provided the pack can 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.

### Contact our Parish Council

Details of Parish Council meetings may be found on the village web-site <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk> and on village notice boards. All are welcome to attend.

The Parish Clerk is Keith Williams

Email: [quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com)

Telephone: **01279 814473**

### Contact our District Councillors

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See also monthly report in every issue of *The Link*.

### Contact our County Councillor

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Mobile Telephone: **07778 643759**

### Contact our Member of Parliament

Kemi Badenoch, MP

House of Commons,

London, SW1A 0AA

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

Telephone: **0207 219 1943**



## From the Parish Council Chair

Dear Fellow Villagers!

Exciting news - we have a new Parish Councillor!!! Phil Sowter joined our team during the April meeting. He lives in Quendon, has 5 children, 3 of whom have been through the primary school here in Rickling Green and is very keen to contribute and help the villages. We also have two other residents joining us in the May meeting, so we will be a full contingent!

Firstly, just to keep you all up to date with the Local Plan and the Call for Sites. There will be internal briefings/public meetings in May to review the draft local plan. The public meetings are the Local Plan Leadership Group on policies and the proposed sites. The cabinet meeting is on the 7th of June, the full Council meeting is on the 15th of June and the public consultation will run from the 20th of June to the 29th of July. We now know that the proposed site allocations will be published towards the end of May so we will keep an eye open for this and let you know.

The traffic calming scheme on the B1383 has finally begun! These plans have been discussed in our PC meetings and written about in *The Link* and on FB for years now as we have battled to make our views known and recommendations accepted. As you know, we were given a contribution by Stonebond, Monarchs Place developer, to employ a surveyor to advise us and draw up plans for a scheme to reduce the speeding on the B1383. Highways have made significant changes to the plan (mostly concerning health and safety issues regarding the carriageway). Our original plans recommended to Essex Highways did not have an island where it has now been positioned; we had been recommended to put one on the stretch nearer the fountain. The widening of the footpath outside the Village Hall was a Highways addition, although we are not quite sure why this was done, to be honest. Outside Waterbutt Row, an area of the pavement will be replaced by cobbles delineating the difference between the pavement and the parking area and the road width will be reduced here to encourage the slowing of traffic. Currently there is no mention of those ghastly bollards, so fingers crossed!

Two pertinent points from Highways regarding this scheme is that the B1383 is a Priority 1 road, meaning that it is a trunk road where traffic must flow freely without speed bumps or build-outs to slow vehicles down. The 30mph zone through the village is allegedly too short for speed cameras despite our repeated requests for them, although we do feel that they would have been the best deterrent that we could have had but, unfortunately, they are not even an option. We did chase our County Councillor again on the availability of a speed camera but apparently Essex are not installing them anywhere at the moment and it is not felt appropriate that too much money is being made out of them in other

counties!!

We have submitted a second proposal to add more traffic calming measures in the areas where it is really needed, but please do write to Highways to express your views. You can use this link to do so: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/contact-us-or-visit-us>.

The fallen 30mph sign, on the corner of Rickling Green Road, hit by some plonker a while back, has been reported on numerous occasions, so we thought it would be a good idea for the current workmen to restore it, but apparently that is the work of another department, who obviously also work at an incredibly slow rate!

The PROW (Public Rights of Way) Officer, from Essex Highways, we believe is going to be a very helpful chap! He is so helpful in fact that he went out with his own handsaw and cleared the fallen tree off the Quendon Woods public footpath which had been blown over in the wind because the landowner of said woods and fallen tree, Pegasi, did not do it - despite the fact that it is the responsibility of the landowner to do so. We believe that this is probably the first time ever we have been able to say a big thank you to Essex County Council!!! Also you will have noticed that the steps of the footpath at the northern end of Quendon have been restored. This, again, is down to our helpful PROW Officer.

As previously mentioned, the village footpaths are now the responsibility of the Council and not Maces Farm, as Pegasi have handed this responsibility over, which is a shame but times change, we suppose! Any headland path should not be cultivated or disturbed at all by farm machinery and should be 1.5 metres wide along the field edge. The cross-field paths are the responsibility of the farm and should be reinstated 14 days after any cultivation of the field. If you have any concerns regarding any footpath around the villages, please do report them to the Parish Clerk.

Forsters Footpath has had a tiny bit of TLC recently and some hawthorn saplings have been planted at the east end of the path. We are still trying to investigate who currently owns this bit of land, but our friendly PROW Officer has promised us that if any trees do fall over and block the path, the Council will clear them. We are hoping that they will be able to clear the branches that have been left alongside the footpath after the last wind!

The B1383 footpath is becoming increasingly more dangerous by the day. This has been reported to Highways and our County Councillor (on numerous occasions) who has assured us that it is as much a concern to him as it is to us and he has requested a general review and a package of work that will be part of the upcoming maintenance programme. As it takes years for any work to be undertaken by the Council, please do not hold your breath, but we are definitely chasing

## From the Parish Council Chair (cont.)

anybody that can help us! Apparently the issue we have with this footpath is that it is in a 50mph zone so the Rangers, who would otherwise be able to help, are not allowed to do this work as it is considered too dangerous! Obviously the danger to pedestrians doesn't matter!!

The pond surveys took place recently and we are awaiting their report and recommendations. The work which is needed to be done will be done in the autumn/winter as we do not want to disturb any wildlife that has made the pond their home and is currently nesting.

The bluebells are coming into flower and, as we all know, make the woods look so incredibly beautiful so please could we all take great care and not think taking the ultimate photograph in the middle of them a good idea! Since the first lockdown a lot of people from outside the immediate area have now discovered our secret, so if you see anyone trampling these beautiful flowers, please remind them to keep to the main footpaths and that they are ultimately destroying them!

Maces Farm have now planted up the fallow areas with wildflowers, so we look forward to a show of colour later in the season!

Motorists seem to be becoming more and more impatient these days in the villages, so consequently the verges of the greens are slowly disappearing! In conversation with a Highways "Pothole Man", we learnt that only potholes would be mended and not the edges of the roads which are outside the white line (now we know why white lines were painted on the newly laid tarmac a few years ago!). This means that all the holes on the very edges will only be restored at some point in the very distant future, and reporting them will make no difference - although we will continue to do so! It appears that drivers think their

vehicles are a lot slimmer than they actually are, as instead of waiting in a suitable spot for others to pass, we have seen so many try to squeeze through a narrow lane at the same time, consequently causing untold damage to the edges of the roads - we have all seen the enormous holes which have been caused and the amount of lorries that think they can just drive up and over The Green itself is beyond belief. If anyone catches this wanton damage in progress, please take photographs and report them to the Parish Clerk. The corner of Brixton Lane is one such example!

The Jubilee celebrations are coming along nicely (please see the advertisement for the event in this month's *The Link*). It is planned to be a giant tea party so bring along your own chairs/blankets etc. There will be 50's music, a hog roast, doughnuts, a bouncy castle/obstacle course plus more! All we have to hope for is a sunny day!

We will not be doing a beacon lighting in the village as the beacon was so expensive to purchase for such a small parish so we are concentrating on the Sunday celebrations instead, but watch out for the fountain over that weekend as it will be a sight to see! Other villages in the area are doing various events over the course of the Bank Holiday so please do go and support them.

Pumpkin seeds are available for purchase and can soon be planted outside. This year the pumpkins are going to be Giant Pumpkins so there should be some pretty spectacular entries for the competition in October. Remember you can only enter the pumpkins that have been grown from the seeds that you have bought from the PC and must reside in the parish.

Finally, here's to the beginning of a fabulous restriction free summer and the imminent start to the cricket season!

*Sally Kitcat*

## District Councillors' Report

### **Extracts from an update from the UDC chief executive about refugees arriving at Stansted Airport**

Numbers arriving at the airport have grown to average around 200 per day most days in the last week (early April), and some funding from Government has now been confirmed, with it being assumed that the bulk of the grant will be used on staffing and facility costs, and then closely by humanitarian assistance costs (food, clothing, emergency accommodation, onward travel, emergency cash etc.).

There is now a Welcome Point in the arrivals hall that is clearly signposted for all Ukrainian arrivals and also host families to visit if they wish to. The Red Cross have reported their volunteers are now speaking with over 200 people per day (that number varies - and not all of them have anything to do with the Ukraine scheme as some

people just use it as an additional info point despite the signage).

Any Ukrainian arriving that has more complex needs can be taken over to the Reception Centre in Enterprise House, some ten minutes walk away, which I am grateful to the airport for having provided. This set up is currently working well and appears to be a proportional response for the 2% or fewer of arriving refugees who end up there, but we continue to monitor it.

A challenge currently is to try and relieve the Red Cross; they are able to continue staffing it for the near future but not indefinitely. We are in talks with CVSU (Council for Voluntary Service Uttlesford) about using some of the funding to secure 3 coordinators each day, and then they will manage a large roster of trained volunteers. This would tie in well as CVSU are currently providing a





Join us on the Village Green to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Come dressed in red, white and blue and/or your 50s finest!

Kids – make a crown at home and bring it along for the home-made crown competition on the day.

Bring along your gingham tablecloths and union jack flags and let's celebrate together!



## District Councillors' Report (cont.)

community responder that visits the hotel where Ukrainians have been placed that have no onward plans to provide them with additional support (including access to interpreters).

There are currently 9 Ukrainians being supported including 5 children. 6 additional Ukrainians were in the hotel but have since moved on (either into ECC Social Care or to family/friends). We have weekly meetings with DLUHC to let them know the situation and to continue to put pressure on government to make their policies clearer around all aspects of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, including asking other Local Authorities to take some of the additional burden that is being placed on the UDC Housing team.

### Refugees settling in our area

For people settling in Uttlesford under one of the two Government schemes, either with their own relatives or with volunteer host families, our Environmental Health team have started receiving a spreadsheet at the start of each week that contains the addresses of accommodation that they need to inspect. Light-touch inspections have begun alongside some checks from ECC Social Care. The information on the spreadsheet is varied: some already have Ukrainian arrivals, but most do not. It is a confusing picture with some people claiming that visas are not getting issued until the checks have been completed, and others claiming that the visas are issued first and then they are added to the spreadsheet for checks to be carried out. We are seeking clarification to make sure that everyone has the same information.

We understand that local communities are keen to offer a warm welcome and practical support – and we are working out how best to channel this in the right direction, being careful to check with refugees and their hosts that they are first sufficiently settled and willing to be introduced to this wonderful level of support from our wider civic society. Thanks to everyone for their patience as we work our way through this sometimes confusing picture, as well of course as considering the wishes of the individuals, many of whom have been through traumatic times to reach us, and who are worried about those they have had to leave behind.

As ever, volunteers working alongside staff are doing essential work, and I am hugely grateful to both the Red Cross and CVSU volunteers. Our UDC housing staff, our Environmental Health colleagues, and our shared emergency planner with the County are working really hard, as they have with previous refugee crises, and I am very grateful for their dedication and professionalism.

### Planning appeal results

For two recent appeals, one in Quendon and the other for

housing on the garden of the Coach and Horses in Newport, the Inspector, in refusing the appeals, gave full weight to the Neighbourhood Plan. This is very useful as developers are trying to denigrate the plan, and the three year housing supply which gives it weight. They routinely tried to do this for the Local Plan when the figures were just over the required 5 years, arguing over the calculations and creating work for officers. Having explicit and strong support from appeals should block this off and ensure that Neighbourhood Plan policies are given full weight in planning decisions.

### New Head of Planning

The new Head of Planning, starting in June, is Dean Armitage, currently working as a Deputy Director of Planning at the government department for Levelling up Housing and Communities. Dean has previously had senior roles at the London Borough of Haringey, Southend Borough Council and at Thurrock Borough Council.

### Local Plan

The timetable is that there are internal briefings and public meetings in May to review the draft plan. There are meetings of the Local Plan Leadership Group on both the policies (eg non-spatial matters such as design and eco requirements) and the proposed sites. Then a Cabinet meeting 7th June, full council 15th June, and going to public consultation from 20th June to 29th July

So proposed site allocations will be known towards the end of May.

### Councillor Surgeries

These are in Dorringtons every Friday from 10.30 to 11.30. If we have to cancel these, we will post on the village facebook.

*Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves*

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[cjlrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cjlrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk)  
01799 540411 or 0745 4687748



### 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).



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## Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the April 2022 Winners

1st	P Waites	£33
2nd	M Michaelides	£22
3rd	S Cundy	£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.

## Holiday Scams and How to Avoid Them

### How to protect yourself

- Where possible pay for holidays and travel using either a credit card or the third party payment service advised by the website. These can provide you additional financial protection;
- Ensure your booking is covered by a consumer protection scheme such as ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) and/or ATOL (Air Travel Organiser's Licence) However, their logos can be copied by fraudsters to add credibility to their adverts. Look for this membership number and contact the scheme to confirm if the company you are using is really a member;
- Research any property before you book, look if it is advertised elsewhere or has its own website. Be extremely cautious if the prices are significantly different;

- Don't be convinced by photos, they may have been taken from somewhere else on the internet. You can check photos using a reverse image search on the internet through websites like <https://www.tineye.com/> or <https://reverse.photos/>.

### **REMEMBER**

Always pay by credit card or the third party payment service advised by the website.

### **CAUTION**

Be suspicious of any discount offered for paying by bank transfer, or request to complete the booking offsite.

### **THINK**

Can I trust the advert? How do I know the booking exists?

## News from our Member of Parliament

### New legislation to tackle hare coursing

At the start of the year the Government announced the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill which will do more to crack down on illegal hare coursing - something that I have been working towards since my election at local MP.

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 have been announced which include:

- Creating 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;
- Introducing proposals that will increase the maximum penalty for trespassing in pursuit of game;
- Giving courts new powers to disqualify offenders from owning or keeping dogs;
- Giving 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.

Illegal hare coursing has devastated rural communities for too long, causing damage to crop and farm equipment, intimidating local people and threatening violence.

I will continue to do what I can to ensure these measures move through parliament swiftly and that Essex Police have the resources and powers to tackle rural crime in our constituency.

### Air travel and catching up with Stansted Airport

I met with representatives of Stansted Airport recently to discuss a variety of issues impacting residents and the airport.

As international travel begins to open up, I am pleased that Stansted is optimistic about the future – this was very encouraging to hear given the airport is one of the largest employers in the constituency.

We discussed Jet Zero and Stansted's policies on reducing the impact of aviation on climate change, as well as local residents' concerns about noise pollution. I have asked Stansted to continue to keep me regularly updated on delivering green policies to protect our climate.

Stansted also shared the news that they are recruiting an additional 300 members of staff – residents can explore

## News from our Member of Parliament (cont.)

the full range of opportunities here:

<https://careers.magairports.com/>

### Residents to shape design of our neighbourhoods

It is important that local people have a say over how their communities look, especially in towns and villages like ours which each have a unique character and identity.

We must make sure all new developments enhance our surroundings which is why I welcome the government funding awarded to Uttlesford District Council to empower our residents to shape the design of their neighbourhoods.

This funding, part of the Government's Pathfinder Programme, will ensure communities visions of greener, more beautiful homes and places are standards for developers to adhere to.

All the details on the programme can be found here.

### Visit to the Gardens of Easton Lodge

Thank you to local residents Vincent Thompson and Andy Dodsley, former parish councillor, for accompanying me on a (muddy) trek of The Gardens of Easton Lodge and the surrounding area recently.

We discussed local concerns for the future of Little Easton, regeneration and protection of natural environment and the history of the Gardens and the Lodge.

Stop Easton Park have put together a vision for a proposed new country park for Uttlesford and it was interesting to hear about the history of Little Easton and



their proposals for restoration.

Historical references of the Easton Park date back over 700 years to 1302 and it has gone through some drastic changes over the years - including the loss of allegedly 10,000 trees to build an airfield for one of the leading US bomber squadrons.

### Update on Grove Hill in Stansted

Constituents in Stansted will be aware of the ongoing concerns regarding Grove Hill - particularly around HGVs, speed along the road and the impact of the number of vehicles that use the road.

I have been working with local county councillor Ray Gooding and the cabinet member for infrastructure at ECC Cllr Lee Scott for some time to try and resolve the issued. I had a meeting with them and Stansted parish councillor Maureen Caton and I am pleased that significant progress is being made. I would also like to thank local resident Andrew McDonnell for keeping the pressure on to find a solution.

A number of suggestions have been proposed and are in progress including speaking with Google Maps requesting alternative routes are suggested for Satnavs, an extension of the weight limit to all roads entering Stansted and a speed review of the entire County.

I will continue to ensure progress is made on this issue.

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*

## Do you already volunteer at Quendon church?

**Even if you do not come to church you may be able to help us. Would you like to help keep our church and grounds in good order?**



**Come along on  
Saturday May 14th 10.00 -12.00  
at Quendon Church  
for a cup of tea/coffee**



**to meet other volunteers and learn more about the ways that you can help.**

**All Welcome**

**Come and look around the Church and explore its history.**

**Christine Osbourn Tel: 543367 Maureen Hawkins Tel: 541158**





Our March General Meeting was very well attended and all enjoyed Toni leopard and Kate Broad's light hearted and quirky look at marriage and relationships through the eyes of the Victorians - for Better or Far Worse -. It was also the time of year for renewing the annual subscription, so that may also have added to the throng.

Pat Powell put on a wonderful display of her card-making group and gave a short presentation on the different types of greetings cards it is possible to make. Judging by her infectious enthusiasm for what they do, Pat's group must have a thoroughly enjoyable time when they meet.

The Garden Group were most disappointed when at the last minute, thunder, lightning and torrential rain prevented them from visiting the gardens of Easton Lodge to see this year's display of snowdrops. The gates were closed to all visitors as the ground underfoot

became too dangerous and slippery to navigate. French Group 1 who meet on Zoom had more luck when they visited Yeomans for a coffee and planning meeting and also enjoyed a lovely sunny morning in the garden.

French Group 2 meet twice month in each others homes or at the Dog and Duck (that could have more appeal to some!) and they are looking for new members.




The next two u3a meetings will take place on Thursday April 21st and Thursday 19th May at 1.30pm for 2.00pm in St John's Hall, Stansted. Restrictions on parking in St John's Road will be lifted for the period of the meeting. If you are not yet a member but would be interested in joining one of the many groups, please come to one of our meetings, introduce yourself and we will be very happy to talk with you.

*Eileen Quinn*



## Quickling Village Pumpkin Growing Competition

**Roll Up, Roll Up, Roll Up.. Pumpkin seeds are now ready for collection!**

-  **All Ages Welcome - Come join the fun & test your growing prowess!**
-  **£2.50 Entry Fee**
-  **The only rule is you will need to buy a pack of 3 Competition Seeds**

**Pumpkins to be weighed in October with the winner being awarded the highly prized Quendon & Rickling Village Pumpkin Competition Silver Cup**

**Sow seeds either indoors (April) or outdoors (May/June) the choice is yours...**

**If you're interested in taking part in this year's Village Pumpkin Competition, please contact Katherine ([knqrpc@gmail.com](mailto:knqrpc@gmail.com)) with your name & address.**



## Saffron Walden Museum

The museum for north-west Essex



### Object of the Month

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

April's Object of the Month, chosen by Jenny Oxley, Collections Officer (Human History) was a charred key fob discovered after the Rose & Crown fire in the town on Boxing Day 1969. It forms part of the museum's new exhibition, All Fired Up, by Essex Fire Museum, which charts the history of firefighting in Essex.

At 1.40am on Boxing Day 1969 a fire broke out. Sadly 11 people died in their sleep, unaware that the fire had even taken hold. 29 people were rescued, some having climbed down from the upper floor windows using knotted sheets. The inquest ruled that the fire was caused by a faulty TV in the resident's lounge overheating. Three Saffron Walden firemen received commendations. The fire resulted in the government strengthening the fire safety regulations governing hotels and they passed a new Fire Precautions Act (1971).



The building erected in its place became Boots the Chemist from 1973 onwards.

A bunch of grapes carved in oak and a door canopy are all that remain of the original Rose & Crown building.

More detailed information including eyewitness accounts of the fire can be found in Zofia Everett's 2008 article published in the Saffron Walden Historical Journal and in Paul Wood's book, titled From Station Officer Drane.

The fire understandably still has a major emotional impact on the town's residents over 50 years on.

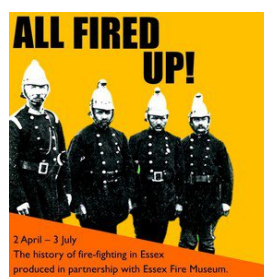
To find out more visit the Museum in April (and until the 3rd July) to see this item on display in our new exhibition, All Fired Up or check out the full blog article on our website.

To find out what May's Object is you'll have to visit the museum!

### All Fired Up

Runs 2 April-3rd July 2022

Essex Fire Museum & Saffron Walden Museum have collaborated to create a unique presentation of the history of firefighting in Essex, which will go on display here at



Saffron Walden Museum from Saturday 2 April.

The exhibits include a wide range of artefacts, photographs, uniforms and equipment which trace the history of firefighting from Victorian times to the present day. It will also feature private and works' fire brigades, which were particularly prominent in Essex during the 20th century.

Along with discovering some of the technological developments which have influenced firefighting, visitors will also be able to discover heroic stories of bravery and the human stories behind some of the major incidents which have occurred in the county's history.

The exhibition touches upon some of the more obscure aspects of local fire-fighting history, including a troupe of fire-fighting scouts, a famous fire-fighting vicar and the story of how an obscure family pet caused a local mansion to go up in flames.

A launch event for the exhibition was held on Saturday 2nd April. Vintage Fire Engines and Equipment will be on display on the museum's forecourt (subject to weather conditions & operational fire service requirements). Standard Museum Admission charges apply.

### Lost Language of Nature project

We love hearing your memories, old stories and beliefs about common birds in Britain, and this one really surprised us (squeamish people beware)!



The Essex tradition of Rook shooting took place on 12th May, and the next Sunday was Rook Sunday, where pies were made from young Rooks (squabs) and then eaten. This may even be behind the line 'four-and-twenty blackbirds baked in a pie' from the nursery rhyme Sing a Song of Sixpence. The practice of Rook Sunday carried on in Essex into the 1900s.

To find out more about Lost Language of Nature and send us your ideas, pick up a form from Curiosity Corner in the Museum, or follow this link:

<https://www.swmuseumlearning.com/the-lost-language-project>

### Greater in Spirit, Larger in Outlook

Hot off the press is the announcement of a new project, Greater in Spirit, Larger in Outlook, a joint partnership with Epping Forest Museum, which will focus on reinterpreting, reinvestigating both museum's world culture collections. The project has been successful in securing a National Lottery Project Grant from the Arts Council England (ACE).



## Saffron Walden Museum (cont.)

### Object Focus

The Buxton collection was donated to Epping Forest District Museum by the family of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, 3rd Baronet, grandson of noted abolitionist Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, 1st Baronet.

The 3rd Baronet's family were heavily involved in philanthropic, missionary and political work throughout the world, and the collection reflects this, with



**Southern Africa Exhibit**

objects from West and East Africa, India, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Saffron Walden has the largest world culture collection in Essex. Many of these objects were transferred here from other museums in the county. Saffron Walden had curatorial expertise in this area, so the work of this project could well be relevant to other museums who once held these objects in their collections.

### Community Focus

Collaborating with diaspora communities in Essex and Greater London, such as the Ethiopian History Society UK and the Pacific Islands Society of the UK and Ireland (PISUKI), we aim to reinterpret and redisplay this significant collection, as well as use the objects as vehicles to bring out stories significant to communities. Central aims of this project include increasing social inclusion, encouraging an appreciation of diversity in all its forms, and pioneering how small to medium sized local museums can implement community led co-curation projects and address anti-racism. We will share our learning from this project across the sector. This project will ensure a legacy of inclusivity and representation in both institutions. The funding covers two part-time, 18-month project posts, one with a collection and one with a community engagement focus for which we aim to recruit people from diverse backgrounds. We are delighted to partner with Epping Forest District Museum for this vital project.

### **Ethiopian History Society UK**

The project is two stages with Phase 1 being a permanent display of the Ethiopian objects in 2022 at Epping Forest Museum, followed by a co-curated Phase 2 temporary exhibition exploring the entirety of the Buxton collection, with the addition of relevant objects from Saffron Walden in 2023. The posts will also lead on the development of formal and informal learning resources and the improvement of object documentation in both institutions.

### New Home

All the Victorian glass domes of birds that were affected by mould on their bases when the Museum heating system broke down have been moved to their new home. This store has more equipment to control temperature and the amount of moisture in the air. Thanks to Charlotte for showing the conservation treatments when we tackled the first three domes of Hummingbirds from South America and to her and Fiona for helping to move the glass domes, very carefully, from the ground floor to the second floor of the Museum.

The next task is to treat, freeze and move three large cases containing South American birds and different species of Skuas from the affected Museum store to our other collections store in Saffron Walden. The Hummingbirds, Pheasants, Quetzal, Tragopan and Umbrellabird have joined the Snowy Owl on the last spare shelf in the Natural Sciences store.

### Learning & Outreach

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

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

Why not book for the next school term 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 secure.

### Visiting the Museum!

Our standard opening hours are:

Wednesday-Saturday 10-5pm

Sundays & Bank Holidays 2-5pm

Closed on Mondays.

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

### Volunteers

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

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

Phone: 01799 510333

## Quendon & Rickling Golf Society

On Wednesday April 13th we celebrated our first event of the year by going to Toot Hill Golf Club near Ongar. The club has recently become a pay-and-play course and the club house is undergoing complete restoration on track to become a restaurant and cafe with bar, but this has not changed the course itself or the welcome twelve of our members received on arriving ready to play that morning. We went out in teams of three and played a game where only two out of the three scores counted on par 4 and 5s and all scores included in the team total on par 3s. It's a fun format and one which we all enjoyed. The weather couldn't have been better and the course was well presented and not too busy, so what's not to like!

At the end of the game we packed our golf stuff away and moved on to the Green Man and Courtyard pub just along the road which is offering a temporary clubhouse facility at the moment and an excellent welcome. We had reserved for a late lunch and the pub certainly came up trumps with beers, pie and crumble to replenish our energy.

Of course it was all about the Q+R winners and the team of Mervyn Waite, John Adcock and Ray Hart took the first place with a score of 86. Well done to them. We had a closest to the pin prize, on a tricky 12th hole with an island green, which was won by Susie Hartley for the ladies and Brandon Chapman for the men. Several people including me lost balls in the lake surrounding the green but will try to forget that! The longest drive prizes were given to Jamie Price for the men and Susie for the ladies. Congratulations all round.

All in all a very good day and it was so nice to meet up with friends and catch up over a game and meal in 'normal' circumstances. We shall meet again at 09.45am on the 24th of June at Cambridge Meridian - contact Brandon Chapman [pebbles4@btopenworld.com](mailto:pebbles4@btopenworld.com) for more information - and we have more events planned over the summer and autumn.

Do join us if you are a local golfer and contact me - [janewaite@hotmail.com](mailto:janewaite@hotmail.com) - for more details.



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

**P**ublic and private gardens provide opportunities

for pleasurable exercise and social interaction. Our local sunny climate and fertile soils have encouraged those with green fingers to hone their design and horticultural skills to create some outstanding flower-rich gardens for their own delight. Some, like Bridge End Garden in Saffron Walden, are free but entry charges do apply at others.



Many delightful gardens are listed in the current National Garden Scheme handbook and website, [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk). This is a major showcase for owners who are willing to share their gardens with others; last year £3 million was donated by visitors to help nursing and health charities. Some gardens have limited opening days, others more frequent opportunities to appreciate seasonal changes; some offer opportunities for booked group visits.

Enthusiastic and knowledgeable owners may specialise in growing cottage garden flowers, others in designing hidden features or ponds and all are willing to share their passions with visitors.

With so many varied gardens to visit it is a challenge to decide which one should top your list! I would recommend including Easton Lodge, where Harold Peto's Italian garden is always colourful and recent restoration works to the balustrade have enhanced this area.

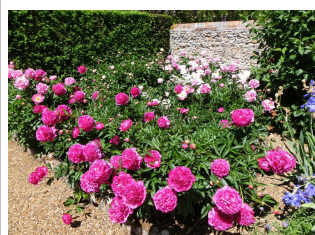


Throughout the summer at Henry Moore Studios & Gardens at Perry Green, many of Moore's sculptures are displayed in a garden setting and an exhibition focuses on his work in the Sixties.



The What's On listing on the Hundred Parishes website includes dates for individual open gardens and also where a village has organised a group of open gardens, sometimes with added attractions like cream teas. Enjoy!

*Tricia Moxey, Trustee*



**Ashdon Hall**

Some gardens open early to showcase spring flowers but as spring gives way to summer, more are opened to show off the variety of brightly-coloured blooms and intense floral fragrances, especially from roses.



**Caldrees Manor**



**Oh how irritating! 18 pages and I need it to be a multiple of 4, for the folded A3 format!**

Well here's some stuff to scare you (as if the daily helping of news doesn't do that enough already!)

## **Spring Garden Crime Prevention Advice from Stephen Armson-Smith, Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer - 090819**

Hopefully by the time that you read this Spring will be established with the weather improving, inviting us out into our gardens. It is a good time to take a look around; are your fences and gates in good condition? Do you have good quality locks on gates - will they keep the unwelcome intruder out? To the front of your property where possible keep fencing, planting, and hedges to about 1.2m in height so that an intruder is not hidden from view. Protect your rear garden with 1.8m strong fencing, close boarded wooden fencing, and gates are a good choice and this can be topped with trellis or a plastic spiky topping such as [www.defendastrap.com/](http://www.defendastrap.com/) (warning signs needed). Panels should not be able to be lifted out of the posts, and avoid your fencing becoming a ladder by ensuring that the horizontal cross battens are facing into your garden.

### **Defensive planting:**

Security does not have to be just about locks, bolts, and spiky fence toppings; nature provides some excellent plants to keep people away. There are a number of attractive, fragrant plants of a spiky nature such as climbing roses, pyracantha and berberis and other planting of a dense nature that can work quite well. Have a chat at your garden centre or with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) for the right plant for the right location. We actively work with the RHS at Hyde Hall and there are a number of mature examples of defensive planting that can be viewed there, and some very knowledgeable people that can advise you.

### **New plants:**

Larger plants etc. can be secured to land or rootball anchors or plant through chicken wire covering the area with soil. Cement or bolt down containers to the ground. The RHS or your local garden centre or DIY store should be able to help.

### **Working in the garden:**

It is easy to get engrossed in what you are doing when

working in the garden; if the house is empty it is wise to close and lock the door (don't forget the key though!). Remember when you stop for a break put your tools away, and at the end of the day as well as putting tools away put the wheelbarrow and wheelie bin away too. It will "add insult to injury" if your tools are used to break into your house, a neighbour's, nearby building such as a church, or provide a climbing aid or method of carrying things away.

### **New tools and lawn mowers:**

Be mindful of how you dispose of the packaging to your new purchases; don't advertise it to the thieves and burglars with your empty boxes on display outside for roadside collection. Fold boxes inside out or break them up and put them in a bag for collection. If you are not using your lawn mower, jet washer and such, put them away out of sight from prying eyes.

### **Property marking:**

It may deter a thief if your property or flower pots is visibly security marked with your house number and post code such as [www.creproducts.co.uk](http://www.creproducts.co.uk) or labelled if a forensic (hidden) property marking system is used such as [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) or [www.selectadna.co.uk](http://www.selectadna.co.uk). You can also record the serial numbers of any tools at [www.immobilise.com/](http://www.immobilise.com/). If your property does get stolen with property marking and/or recording, there is a greater chance of you getting it back.

For suitable security products look for the Secured by Design or Sold Secure logo's and for further garden security advice see the following webpages:

[www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)

[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

[www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)

[www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=606](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=606)

## **CRIME PREVENTION from Neighbourhood Watch**

Whilst preparing these reports for my differing areas, I have noticed how many smart doorbells are now capturing would be burglars visiting homes in the early hours and trying the door handles. Thankfully, few houses are unlocked and few burglaries are actually committed. I am sure this has been going on for decades, but only now, with affordable new technology are these attempts being captured on CCTV and reported the Police. In some respects it is reassuring to see that in the

vast majority of cases, locked doors do work and the thieves try elsewhere, BUT we must still remember to check that both our house doors and our car doors are locked properly before we go to bed, as it is so easy to forget...





## CRIME PREVENTION from Neighbourhood Watch

### Fuel Oil Security



With the value of fuel at a premium, have you considered whether your fuel is as secure as it could be?

It's not only domestic properties at risk from fuel thieves. Farms and other similar businesses are at risk too.

Fortunately there are a number of security devices available that will protect your fuel supplies. You can find details of these via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant.

Consider systems such as GPRS Fuel-Oil Alarm from [www.compoundsecurity.co.uk](http://www.compoundsecurity.co.uk) and Tank Commander from [www.commandersecurity.co.uk](http://www.commandersecurity.co.uk) which have "Secured by Design" accreditation; these detect a dramatic drop in fuel and alerts you with a telephone call. There are also other systems that will add on to an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others protect the filler cap, and there are of course the conventional locks.

Read these helpful tips to make your fuel more secure.

- Ensure the oil gauge is secured correctly to the tank. It is worth spending a little more on good quality locks. Close shackle padlocks are the best as they offer most resistance to thieves. Close shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a good grip.
- If your tank has a lid design, consider fitting suitable locks and/or lockable valves.
- Always check when you have had a delivery so you have a starting point of the level of oil in the tank.
- Monitor your oil tank on a regular basis for any signs of tampering and also alert you quickly to any problems you may have. As mentioned above, remote electronic oil level gauges are available which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls.
- If your tank is on view consider concealing it

and using defensive planting/shrubs around the tank as a natural defence, out of sight if visible from the road side. This would prevent the opportunists and provide a decorative disguise. Restrict access to your tank by gates and/or fencing - don't overlook the importance of ventilation if enclosing the tank.

- Consider building an outer metal skirt to box in plastic oil tanks. This makes it difficult for thieves to puncture the tank, and minimises the risk of leaving fuel pouring out of the bottom of the tank.
- If your tank is overlooked by a window or close to occupied property and is also located under security lighting, it is not always necessary to floodlight the area with high power beams. A more subtle level of lighting may be all that is needed. Low energy "dusk 'til dawn" lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity. Thieves may not take the risk of being seen.
- If you need to replace your tank, consider where you position the tank, and ensure that you make it more secure. To deter thieves from entering your property install fencing/gates and locks on access gates.
- Consider access to your tank when it comes to delivery of oil. Make arrangements with the driver, consider using a combination padlock or arrange deliveries when you will be at home.
- Ensure all outbuildings that contain tanks are kept locked at all times and remove any empty oil drums/canisters from plain view to avoid drawing attention to an oil tank being on the premises.
- Consider investing in technology such as alarms, CCTV or security lighting. High powered lights can be used but care should be taken not to cause any nuisance to neighbours or road users.
- Make a note of any unfamiliar vehicles looking suspicious or out of place.

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](mailto:Paul.Harris@essex.police.uk)

Thanks)

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



### Nuisance Telephone Calls and Messages

#### **Register, report, refer!**

If you're receiving nuisance calls, there are a few things you can do to help stop this predatory marketing.

You can:

- register landlines and mobile numbers with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) free of charge;
- report any nuisance calls you continue to receive to

the ICO, using our online nuisance calls reporting tool; and

refer concerns about fraud and scams to Action Fraud or Police Scotland, concerns about a business's practices to Trading Standards through Citizens Advice and concerns about silent or abandoned calls to Ofcom.

In March, we announced fines totalling £405,000 to five



companies responsible for over 750,000 unwanted marketing calls targeted at older, vulnerable people.

Our investigation found that these companies were deliberately targeting older people by buying marketing data lists from third parties, specifically asking for personal information about people who are aged 60 and over, homeowners and with landline numbers.

Commenting on these fines, Information Commissioner John Edwards said:

"It is clear from the complaints we received that people felt frightened and distressed by the aggressive tactics of these companies, sometimes giving their financial details just so they could hang up the phone. This is unacceptable and clearly exploitative. It is only right that we take tough and prompt action to punish those

companies responsible using our full powers." spam messages

We have fined H&L Business Consulting Ltd, of Penrith, Cumbria, £80,000 for sending hundreds of thousands of illegal spam messages advertising a debt management scheme.

The texts directly referenced the lockdown, seeking to capitalise from the pandemic by exploiting people who may be feeling vulnerable due to the health crisis.

The director tried to evade the ICO investigation by concealing his identity and changing the content of the text messages, but we were determined to bring this company to account for plaguing people's lives with thousands of spam messages.

## May 2022 at...



Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets Of Dumbledore (12a)

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River (U)

True Things (15)

Operation Mincemeat (12a)

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Sonic The Hedgehog 2 (Pg)

The Worst Person In The World (15) (Verdens Verste Meneske)

The Northman (15)

Ennio: The Maestro (tbc)

Compartment Number 6 (Hytti Niro 6) (15)

Royal Ballet: Swan Lake (12a As Live)

Downton Abbey: A New Era (Pg)

Downton Abbey: A New Era (Pg)

Benedetta (18)

NT Live: Straight Line Crazy (12a As Live)

Fri 29 Apr 7.30pm;

Sat 30 Apr, Sun 1 May & Sat 14 May 2.30pm

Sun 1 May 7.30pm

Mon 2 May 7.30pm

Fri 6 & Sat 7 May 7.30pm;

Sun 8 May 5pm, Sun 15 May 2pm

Sat 7 May 2.30pm/ Sun 8 May 2pm

Mon 9 May 7.30pm

Fri 13 & Sat 14 May 7.30pm

Sun 15 May 5pm

Mon 16 May 7.30pm

Thur 19 May 7.15pm

Fri 20, Sat 21 & Sun 22 May 7.30pm;

Sun 22 May 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Mon 23 May 7.30pm

Sun 12 Jun 2pm

Tickets available from the Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre, at [www.saffronscreen.com](http://www.saffronscreen.com) or at the cinema Box Office

## 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
Community Café	3rd 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
Buffy Playbus	Fridays	09.15-10.30	Rickling Green	Term-time
Holy Communion	8th May	11.15	Rickling Church	Including APCM
Open Morning	14th May	10.00-12.00	Quendon Church	
Jubilee Tea Party	5th June	14.30	Rickling Green	See advertisement above
Q+R Golf Society	Friday 24th June	09.45a.m.	Cambridge Meridian	Brandon Chapman See note above

## 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.

Name	Home Telephone	Locality
Robert Arnold	01799 543075	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Sandra Arnold	01799 543075	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Andrew Thomson	01799 543253	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Karen Thomson	01799 543253	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Thelma Wilson	01799 543313	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Chris Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
Sue Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
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
Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
Clare Willoughby	01799 543637	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling



For further information see [www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/)

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

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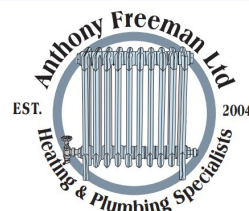


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