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*Hawthorn Blossom (can't you just smell it!)
by Peter Warwick*



Priest in Charge of the parish of Quendon and Rickling, Coordinating Chaplain Stansted Airport (2 days per week)
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Rickling: TBA
Treasurer - **Quendon and Rickling:** Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Peter Allen,
 Priest-in-Charge of Newport with Widdington, Quendon and Rickling.

We have no message from the Vicar this month.

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday June 4th Trinity Sunday

9.30am Newport Contemporary Communion
 11.15am Widdington Communion

Sunday June 11th

9.30am Newport All Age Service
 11.15am Quendon Communion

Sunday June 18th

9.30am Newport Communion with Sunday club in Church House
 11.15am Widdington Communion

Sunday June 25th

9.30am Newport Morning Worship
 11.15am Rickling Communion
 3.30pm Newport Messy Church



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101

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

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

0300 123 2040

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

CRIMESTOPPERS To give information anonymously phone or report it online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

0800 555 111

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.

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.

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

Contact our County Councillor

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Contact our Member of Parliament

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Reminders to contributors

As noted in an earlier issue, e-mail reminders are sent to potential contributors such as our MP and County and District Councillors in good time for inclusion in *The Link* each month. Please contact the Editor if you also would like to be included.

Robert Arnold, editor: robert@arnold-q.uk



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West Road Concert Hall
Saturday 24 June 2023
7:30pm

making music

Tickets: £20 Adult, £10 Student, £6 under 14
Tickets: www.ccsa-online.org / ADC Ticketing 01223 300085



140th Anniversary Celebration Concert

Hubert Parry *I was glad*
Ralph Vaughan Williams *Five English Folk Songs*
Roderick Williams *Sing joyfully (world premiere)*
William Walton *Coronation Te Deum*
John Rutter *Birthday Madrigals*
Hubert Parry / Liz Dillnot Johnson *Blake Reimagined*
John Rutter *Gloria*
Handel *Hallelujah*

Saffron Walden Choral Society
Quintin Beer conductor
Richard Carr organ/piano

Saturday 24 June 2023, 7.30pm

Saffron Hall

Ticket Prices: £35, £20 & £25 (under 25s half price)
Tickets available from: www.saffronhall.org

District Councillors' Report

Election result

Judy and I were delighted to be re-elected to continue to serve the Newport Ward, which includes Widdington, Quendon & Rickling and Newport.

District Council response to arrival of evacuees from Sudan

Media attention focussed on the activity in Sudan and the transit through Cyprus, but I think residents should know that the support didn't end with people stepping off flights in the UK. Some arrivals had nothing other than the clothes they were standing up in; some had been separated before departure from immediate family members who didn't have British passports; many were traumatised; some needed medical attention or support; and some in their time with us received news that those they had left behind had been killed.

This is a long piece, but please bear with me. The evacuees from Sudan, 1,030 people, arrived at Stansted Airport from Wednesday April 26th, with flights arriving over the next five days into the bank holiday weekend. There were 2-3 flights a day, including landing in the early hours of the morning, with evacuees coming off the four-hour flights exhausted, and with no onward trains operating for several hours. Uttlesford is both the Port Authority and the Housing Authority and therefore has responsibility for organising the reception, sorting out

immediate needs, with Essex County Council leading on social care issues. The majority needed emergency hotel accommodation provided by us – some 207 family units.

Initially there was a Welcome Point in a private terminal building, which was then moved to the Radisson Blu Hotel. Operations then had to be moved from the airport area as dignitaries were arriving for the Coronation. Those evacuees unable to move on elsewhere were then moved, along with a large quantity of supplies, to UDC's facility at Little Canfield. This has conference rooms of different sizes and shower and welfare facilities normally used by the bin staff, who also pitched in to help.

The UDC chief executive, many staff and volunteers worked throughout the whole period in what was a large and complex operation (at the same time as supervising the elections, which also involves pulling in staff from all departments). Judy volunteered at the airport, and notes that retailers there supplied large quantities of drinks and stocks, including Tesco and WH Smith.

Here are extracts from the regular updates which the chief executive supplied to councillors. It gives a blow-by-blow account of the operation.

- Some arrivals are making onwards journeys to London/elsewhere, however, most require emergency

District Councillors' Report (cont.)

accommodation in and around the Stansted area and over the border in Herts and Cambridgeshire. The availability and booking of hotel rooms – falling on us, as the housing authority – has been of such a scale as to be genuinely problematic, and once the airport hotels ran out of capacity, we have had to book over 100 hotel rooms in Stevenage and north of Cambridge.

- Some evacuees are presenting with complex medical and social work needs. Many don't have cash or any onward arrangements.
- Supplies of food, water, baby supplies and sanitary products have been purchased and are en route to the airport.
- Transport needs at the airport are also being developed by ECC (including moving people from the Assistance Centre to the Stansted Passenger Transport Interchange).
- Mutual aid from neighbouring councils has been readily forthcoming – Braintree phoned me to offer before we'd even started asking, and quickly offered housing staff over the weekend, as did Harlow, and Epping have kindly taken over resourcing the complex liaison task at our request of visiting all the airport hotels where people have been placed.
- All such flights to the UK were originally scheduled to arrive at Stansted, but after strong representations from us and others that this was leading to overload, some were booked instead to Manchester and Gatwick. I understand that this is perhaps swinging back and there is the possibility of a greater number of flights routed via Stansted again.
- We have made similarly strong representations about the problems associated with scheduling flights to land at 2.45am when the trains aren't running, but things are complicated, so this won't necessarily be avoided.
- Yesterday's operation largely went well but matters are escalating in terms of increasing demand from passengers from Sudan for welfare and housing assistance, and the atmosphere has been more tense in the airport at times today.
- The large-scale response to support evacuees from Sudan who are arriving at Stansted continues. I've seen our staff down there today from lots of departments, alongside colleagues from Essex County Council and other districts that have stepped up in response to our call for mutual aid, including Tendring and Harlow today. The Humanitarian Assistance Centre (HAC) we are responsible for is operated on our behalf by Uttlesford Community Action Network (UCAN), whose many volunteers were joined by others from Re:Act, St John's and The Red Cross.
- I decided today to stand up a replacement HAC to operate from Monday onwards at our own Little Canfield depot – though this will not be handling new arrivals which we understand will have stopped by then, but instead be to deal with the hundreds of evacuees we have placed in hotels, but whose long-term solutions are not yet sorted out, so we can move them on into something more settled, wherever that is in the UK.
- Some arrivals are making onward journeys to London/elsewhere, however most require emergency accommodation and many will present as homeless. Some are also presenting with complex medical and social work needs, and the people I saw arriving off this latest flight tonight had an increasingly higher set of support needs.
- The Welcome Point run by UCAN volunteers, and supported by Councils and the British Red Cross, has been moved from the private terminal building operated by Inflight to the Radisson Blu hotel, where a suite has been allocated for welfare/support and for passengers to be reunited with families. This has been re-designated as a Humanitarian Assistance Centre, given the volume of activity which is being experienced, and will be available until Monday evening. There are reports that some evacuees are not satisfied with being moved away from the opportunity to share their dissatisfaction in front of TV cameras at the airport and are making their own way back to the main airport.
- The volunteer response on the ground is now at its limits – UCAN and British Red Cross provided an amazing response but stretched to (or beyond) their limits. More volunteers are being mobilised, and I have also drawn staff from other services to work in volunteer shifts over the long weekend.
- For hotel space and other help we contacted our colleagues in Stevenage and Hertfordshire, as well as South Cambs and Cambridgeshire – and all four massively appreciated the professional courtesy, quickly stepping up to mobilise local council and community support.
- I have made strong representations (to the Government) that the burden of statutory homelessness duties must not fall disproportionately on plucky rural Uttlesford District Council just because we have the Government's chosen airport.
- Kemi Badenoch has been very helpful indeed in escalating my concerns. A Teams call was arranged by her office with more senior civil servants than you could shake a stick at, who were all immensely helpful.
- This has been – and remains – a genuinely exhausting team effort across our housing communities and

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environmental health colleagues and now staff in all UDC departments; across ECC and other districts, now including neighbours in Herts and Cambs; across DLUHC, FCDO and DfT government departments plus the Border Force; and with UCAN and the Red Cross.

- Evacuee flights into Stansted stopped on Sunday, and we used Bank Holiday Monday to transfer the Humanitarian Assistance Centre from the Radisson Blu at the airport to our Little Canfield Depot, where a day of work went into standing that up as a new HAC.
- We duly started seeing the remaining evacuees with nowhere onwards to go there today, and our housing colleagues (supported by housing professionals from other Essex authorities) supported 34 families (around 100 people). All but one of those families was successfully moved on to their preferred end destination in the UK, and supported where we could in helping them get a head start on their homelessness assessment at that local council. Our HAC was also supported by colleagues from other statutory and voluntary sector agencies, as has been the case since this all started last week.
- We will see more families tomorrow for the same operation, and we are hopeful at this stage that this will complete all (or nearly all) of the task, with any not seen tomorrow likely picked up operating back in our Business-as-Usual fashion, shutting down the HAC.
- The Strategic Coordination Group are considering declaring a Major Incident if flights continue to arrive on Monday. We are awaiting further information from DHLUC and DfT and the Foreign Office on this and so a decision on this could not be made today.
- We are also seeking urgent clarification from DHLUC regarding funding due to differing messages being received. If funding is not confirmed, then again SGC may need to declare a Major Incident (and if we don't collectively, then I would have to individually).

With thanks to those councillors who have offered to assist in person, but we are fine for now, and I'd also discourage any unplanned visits, as I'm sure you'll be disappointed to know that we have had to use quite tight security at our HAC to stop journalists from sneaking in under false pretences, when our evacuees need a safe space.

Notwithstanding the great energy, passion and

commitment from the multi-agency coordinated response, and how generally effective it was, there did end up being some considerable tensions which I will hope to reach out and resolve once this incident is over and we are all more rested.

I'm now in touch with oppo numbers in Solihull and Crawley councils (Birmingham and Gatwick airports) to compare notes and start broader learning, and I have proposed that the LGA establish a Ports of Entry Local Authorities Group to develop future arrangements at Ports of Entry more systematically. There wasn't as far as I could discern, for example, any Government check on local capacity before deciding which/how many flights to send to which airport. On this occasion instead of being a local component of a national response to an international crisis, it felt more like Uttlesford ran the national response.

I remain in awe of our staff and volunteers' capacity for both compassion and hard work, and thanks for all your best wishes, which I've been pleased to pass on. Overall, Uttlesford and our partners have once again done ourselves proud and punched massively above our weight in responding to an international crisis.

There's a full report by the Chief Executive at [https://uttlesford.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s31875/Update on handling of Sudan evacuation.pdf](https://uttlesford.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s31875/Update%20on%20handling%20of%20Sudan%20evacuation.pdf)



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.

Our contact details are:



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Other News from Uttlesford District Council

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Cllrs Judy Emanuel and Neil Hargreaves

Newport, Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan

It is 2 years since the approval of the Newport, Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan and it is therefore time to update and refresh the document. As before we will work with Newport Parish Council with Phil Sowter and

Brandon Chapman representing our Parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan is an important document. It is an instrument to assist in determining how we would

Newport, Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan (cont.)

wish our Parish to maintain its character and even grow in a sustainable manner.

The main thrust is around Housing Developments and supporting Infrastructure and has been put to good use in accepting or rejecting developer's plans, particularly within Newport.

You may be aware that as part of Uttlesford Districts Councils 'Call For Sites' (a process by which councils ask parties including landowners and developers to propose land sites which may have potential for future development) a number of potential sites have been proposed for development in our Parish.

Our community can use the neighbourhood planning process to influence the type, design, location and mix of new development.

UDC's Local Plan will include confirmed allocation of sites for development across our communities. With the publishing of the UDC Local Plan some way off, it is vital that we use our Neighbourhood Plan in an advantageous and positive manner.

The whole process of refreshing the Neighbourhood Plan will probably take a year to complete but that time span does give us all a chance to, once again, have a say. What it is that concerns us, annoys us or to be more constructive, what is it that that we want to keep or

improve upon?

So please do get involved!! Whatever you say, we will take note. We will be having a more formal consultation later in the year but there is no better time than now to get in touch.

If you have a particular interest or skill (planning process, local environment, local history and heritage etc.) that would benefit our process then please let us know. It will not necessarily mean being involved in meetings but we can use your expertise to everyone's advantage.

Further details including a copy of the current Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan website <https://www.nqrplam.org/>. We are also looking for someone who would be interested in helping us to improve the website and if you can help in this regard please contact Neil Hargreaves neilatnewport@hotmail.com

Don't hold back. Get in touch. Very many thanks.

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mobile: 07775 541975.

From the Parish Council Chair

Dear Villagers,

I hope you enjoyed the Coronation weekend! And especially the **Big Lunch** we held on The Green on Monday. The rain held off and whilst the sun didn't come out very much, it was pleasant enough for 350 people to come up and enjoy the music from the Muggabees, bouncy castle, barbeque and stalls. Thanks all for coming along - it was great to see so many at the event. There was a lot of interest in the Village Hall activities which was very good to see.

We held our **Annual Parish and Council meetings** in May. If you want to read the annual report it's available on the website at <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk/assets/documents/annualreport2223-pdf> (or use the menu item Annual Reports from PC Chairman)

In the Council meeting we elected a Chairman and vice-chair for 2023/24. No change to the personnel this time. We also identified which councillors will be lead for which responsibilities. A summary is below:

- Chair – **Tom Duncan**
- Vice-Chair – **Gari Spearpoint**
- Liaison with Rickling School – **Caroline Mackrill (see below)**
- The Planning Committee – **Phil Sowter**
- B1383 Committee & Liaison with ECC Highways – **Caroline Mackrill**
- Community Speed Watch – **Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird**
- PROWs (footpaths) – **Gari Spearpoint**
- Grants and Funding initiatives – **Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird**
- Defibrillator Co-ordinator – **To be filled**
- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group PC representatives – **Phil Sowter, Brandon Chapman (co-opted)**
- Community Environment Facilities (Grit bin etc) – **Gari Spearpoint**
- Parish Communications (website etc.) - **Tom Duncan**
- Events – **Gari Spearpoint**
- Parish Assets – **Phil Sowter**

From the Parish Council Chair (cont.)

- Liaison with Church and PCC - **Tom Duncan**
- Liaison with Rickling Green Recreation Association – **Sally Kitcat (co-opted)**
- Football field – **Ted Crow co-opted**
- Wildlife Village – **Paul Wilsher co-opted**

As you will spot in the list above, we have a new member on the Council! **Caroline Mackrill** has joined our happy band. It's been a number of years since we had a councillor resident at Church End, so it's good to get some representation from that end of the village. Caroline has been a School Governor and a member of the PCC in the village in the past. Welcome, Caroline!

The **Neighbourhood Plan refresh** is progressing. It's edging up on the time that the team needs to consult with the community to identify our preferences. Please take time to consider any requests for consultation which come your way: the NhP is an important document at the moment and should reflect our preferences as much as it can. See elsewhere in this edition of *The Link* for Brandon and Phil's article.

You may have seen that the **Village Hall** now has **WiFi** available! It was installed in mid-May by Gigaclear, and there will be a formal "opening ceremony" to advertise the service (which is free both to the Village Hall and to users of the Hall) shortly. As well as providing access to the internet, it'll mean that if you have it enabled you can use Wifi Calling in the Hall to make and receive calls on

your mobile, so the notorious blackspot for mobile coverage there is avoidable (at last!)

The dull headache of battling Highways to come and clear the **footpaths along Cambridge Road** continues. The funding model for such maintenance has been adjusted so that maintenance jobs are now controlled by the Local Highways Panel. This means that there should be more response to such maintenance tasks as those along Cambridge Road. We still push to get some action.

Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird has been liaising with Maces Farm to arrange access for a **Boundary Walk** around the limits of the parish - beating the bounds. It looks like this will go ahead one weekend in late August or early September. It's likely that you will need to register your interest in joining the walk - so look out for more information as the detail is worked out.

That's all for now - raise a glass with me to early summer!

Tom Duncan

tddqrpc@gmail.com

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many thanks to everyone who renewed their numbers and the new member who signed up.

Last year, £756 was paid out in prizes and £368 each to the Village Hall and Village Churches. The Village Hall is putting their share towards replacing the heating system to improve its efficiency. The Villages Churches are using their share towards investigation and treatment of cracks in the walls and redecoration of the tower.

The prizes for 2023/2024 are the same as last year:

1st prize	£32
2nd prize	£21
3rd prize	£10

Congratulations to the May 2023 Winners

1st Prize	K Whiting	£32
2nd Prize	C Foulser	£21
3rd Prize	S Cundy	£10

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.

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall

It was wonderful to have so many visitors to our stall of fete games at the Coronation Big Lunch on the Green, 8 May.

Hope you all found our information board useful and enjoyed the games. We raised just under £70 towards the cost of replacing our heating system.

We hope the winners enjoyed their prizes.

Don't forget we still need new volunteer trustees to help maintain this facility for the benefit of the whole community.

If you are interested in booking the hall for either a one-off event or a regular slot contact our booking secretary (**01799 543367**).

To advertise in *The Link* contact Advertising: sandra@arnold-q.uk or 01799 543075

'Just Married': a Celebration of Weddings

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July



**Visit Quendon Church for a celebration of weddings in our villages
from 1895 to today.**

Saturday 8th July from 12.00pm

See how the fashions and styles of weddings have changed.

Visit our decorated church and enjoy a cream tea.

Sunday 9th July 11.15am

We invite couples to join us to renew their wedding vows at our morning service.

Celebration of Weddings 8th & 9th July

Can you help us?

Have you pictures of weddings at Quendon or Rickling churches?

We can accept scanned copies if you do not want to part with the originals.

Contact Suzanne qrpcc.sec@gmail.com

What were you wearing? May we display it?

Contact sandra@arnold-q.uk or 01799 543075

Do you have a dressmaker's dummy -

or know of someone who does, that you could loan us for this event?

Please contact Sandra sandra@arnold-q.uk

Would you help us on the day?

For more information contact Christine christineandos@gmail.com, Sandra sandra@arnold-q.uk
or Suzanne qrpcc.sec@gmail.com

Quendon & Rickling Golf Society

Whitehill Report

With 26 players, including 6 guests, the Quendon & Rickling Golf Society had a really good turnout when we played at Whitehill Golf Club, Dane End on Thursday 27th April. The weather was fine to start with, but some heavy rain towards the end of the round created a few soggy players, but didn't seem to dampen the spirits too much.

We worked our way around the lovely rural course attempting to score as many points as possible in a Better Ball pairs format. The eventual winners were Mervyn Waite and Tony Knight. Mitchell Garner with Peter Howarth and Ray Hart with Brandon Chapman secured second and third respectively. David Lockwood and John Adcock gained a lovely bottle of vino for nearest the pins.

As always a good time was had by all and we look forward to our next adventure on 10th July, when

Quendon & Rickling play Manuden in our annual match.

If you enjoy a friendly day out with your locals, a bite to eat, a glass or two of your favourite tippie and even perhaps a slight interest in playing or taking up golf, we are the group to join, so please do contact me.

Brandon Chapman
543518



Quendon Estate & Maces Farms

PEGASI

After a period of suspense, the arrival of the warmer and drier weather has certainly been welcomed. So much so



Dalbo

we have been taking advantage of the favourable conditions. This includes drilling our sugar beet. You may have seen our Dalbo and the drill out in the fields closest to Church End.

The warmer weather has



Beet drill



Clover Mix

on the horizon. Whilst on your walks, you may have seen our clover mix stewardship margins in flower. Do keep a look out as to how the margins change throughout the season.

We thoroughly enjoyed attending the Coronation Picnic on the 8th May. It was lovely to see so many people and we were delighted to talk with families interested in the farm and demonstrate the tractor we had parked at the event. Many congratulations to everyone who organised the picnic and thank you again for our invitation to be involved.

For those who may not already be aware, we have had a

recent change in personnel on the farm. Graham Willoughby who has worked at Maces Farms for 11 years has decided to retire to spend time with his family and move to north Cambridgeshire. We all wish him and his family well for the future. The farm therefore has a new Working Farm Manager. Mark Gemmill who has been at Maces Farms for nearly 12 years has been promoted and we are excited to see the farm continuing to move forward. We will have a new member of staff joining us full time later in June.

Thank you to those who attended the community surgery on the 17th May. If you would like to meet with us to ask a question or learn more about the Quendon Estate and Maces Farms, our next community surgery will be held on Wednesday 21st June May 2023 starting at 10am and finishing at 6pm at Maces Farm office. If you would like to call in to see us, please book a time in advance by emailing Robert Timmins: RTimmins@pegasi.co.uk.

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Coronation Tractor

Quendon Bowling Club News

Outdoor Bowling

The hard work by our greens team has paid dividends, our inspection by the Essex County Bowling association went very well and our green has been accredited with the "Very Good" rating for competitive play.

The season has got off to a good start; as of writing this on 19th May, we have had 10 competitive matches in our various leagues and friendlies and as it stands, we have won 8 and lost 2

We have held our club "Coronation Cup" competition, and congratulations to Bill Hampton for winning and David Whyte, one of our new members, for taking the runners up position.

Social Evenings

Our social evenings are continuing in the clubhouse, and we had a great Quiz Night evening and congratulations to the winning team, John Parkers Magnificent Seven (there was only six). We hope to continue these through the

playing season, depending on staff availability, as we have a few away fixtures on Friday evenings. Every effort will be made to keep our socials, as we think it is important to maintain this as a meeting place for social members, their guests, and the village. The first social of the playing season went well, with our social members sharing the clubhouse with both our home team and the visiting team. Congratulations to Liz Spearpoint for winning the "Bowls Club Special" dart game.

General

We thank all those who attended our open weekend, and we hope you enjoyed the days, although the weather could have been more kind. From this event we have at the last count welcomed 2 experienced players, 4 novices who want to learn and are already showing promise and 4 social members. There is still plenty of opportunity for those wanting to give it a try and see what the club and clubhouse offer.



Open
Day



Quiz
Night

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ

Fun Bingo



**Wednesday 21st June
Coffee Morning**

10.00-12.00am

**Please contact:
Angie and Carole 01799 218061/543807**



CRIME NEWS

from Neighbourhood Watch



Hare Coursing

Incidents of hare coursing in Essex have dropped by half in the past year as word gets out that hare coursers are not welcome in our county. In the 12 months to 31 March 2023, 180 incidents were recorded, compared with 363 for the previous 12 months – a drop of 183 or 50.4%.

If you see hare coursing taking place, ring 999 immediately and provide as much information as you can – for example, a What3Words location, a description of the people involved, vehicle registration numbers, vehicle descriptions and the location and direction of travel. Read more at <https://www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2023/april/hare-coursing-incidents-drop/>*

Read more about what the Rural Engagement Team has been doing in the last year at <https://www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2023/april/rural-engagement/>*

*Don't blame me for these ridiculously long URLs!

Let me know if QR codes help. *Editor*

I try ever so hard to make these pages useful and interesting. Suggestions for improvements, even compliments are always welcome!

Robert Arnold, editor: robert@arnold-q.uk



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

The Hundred Parishes area has been home to many creative people. The People section of www.hundredparishes.org.uk includes introductions to a number of artists, composers - and also authors.

Probably our best-known author was HG Wells (1866-1946), who lived for 18 years in Little Easton at 18th-century Easton Glebe. He was a prolific writer, best remembered for his science-fiction novel "War of the Worlds" which was written before he came to Little Easton. A later novel, "Mr Britling Sees it Through" was set in Little Easton.



Easton Glebe

"The Hundred and One Dalmatians" was written by Dodie Smith (1896-1990). From 1934, she lived in Finchingfield at The Barretts, a 16th-century thatched house in the tiny hamlet of Howe Street. Her children's novel, written in 1956, was made into a highly successful Disney animated film. An earlier novel "I captured the Castle", written in 1948, was adapted into a film in 2003. Smith's



The Barretts

former home is marked by a blue plaque.

Another blue plaque, on 17th-century Rose Cottage in Stebbing, identifies the former home of Henry de Vere Stacpoole (1863-1951), who was also a prolific author. He lived there for about 10 years in the early 1900s and during that time completed his best-known novel, "The Blue Lagoon". It has been made into a feature film several times.



Rose Cottage

Horham Hall in the parish of Thaxted was the home of novelist Evelyn Anthony (1926 – 2018) from 1968 to 1976, and then from 1982 until her death. Sixteenth-century Horham Hall is Grade I-listed and the cost of upkeep forced Evelyn and her husband to sell it, but they were able to repurchase it when her royalties increased. Of her many novels, "The Tamarind Seed" was the best known. It was published in 1971 and made into a film in 1974, starring Julie Andrews and Omar Sharif.



Horham Hall

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Standing in at short notice for our scheduled speaker, we welcomed Siobhan Pierce to our April AGM. She gave a very good humoured talk how, as the mother of young boys, she had turned herself into a children's entertainer, Dolly Daydream. When her sons were grown, she applied for a 'proper' job with a housing association and by her retirement was managing hundreds of employees and thousands of homes for clients throughout East Anglia. Now in her 'Third Age' she writes and speaks and can't wait to resurrect Dolly Daydream for her grandchildren.

In April our Garden Group made a visit to the Gibberd Garden in Old Harlow. The architect Sir Frederick Gibberd, having been commissioned to plan the New Town, Harlow, bought a house and 14 acres of farmland in Marsh Lane, Old Harlow. This was to be his home and the beginnings of the unique garden we see today. There are also over 80 modern sculptures, arranged throughout the garden. We were greeted by Cheris who gave us coffee and related the history of the garden. We certainly

recommend a visit!

The Saturday Morning Seminar at the end of April was a great success. Professor Simon Green shared research that he had been leading at Hull University, into helping parents and grandparents who were subject to abuse from children in their care. A scheme called 'Who's in Charge' had seen positive results for people who previously had nowhere to turn and we all came away with much more knowledge on the subject. We hope to share more information on this, and organisations that can offer support shortly.

The next seminar is on June 17th when broadcaster and author Georgina Ferry will be talking to us about the life and work of Dorothy Hodgkin, the only British woman to win the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for her work on X-Ray crystallography. Tickets for members will be available from the Ticket Source website as usual.

Eileen Quinn.

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Visiting the Museum

Our standard opening hours are:

Wednesday-Saturday 10-5pm

Sundays & Bank Holidays 2-5pm

Closed Mondays (apart from bank holidays)

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

The Hidden History Project: A special exhibition by The Lodge

In this display, you will find an intriguing array of different items, information, and stories. You will also get a peek into the process that brought these items together!

Earlier this year, a group of young people and facilitators from The Lodge - a consent-based, self-directed learning community based in Saffron Walden - formed a collaboration with the Museum.

They went to the off-site museum store twice, to explore the collection, and to see what they could find behind the scenes.

Once they had 'magpied' their items and areas of interest, they dug further into what they were, why they were drawn to them, and what they meant to them.

They played with diverse ways of interpreting and exploring their thoughts and connection to the items, including writing fictional stories about them, creating artwork inspired by them, finding out more about their contexts and histories, and reflecting on how they provoked their own thoughts and feelings.

The result is a small community display for the public which was officially launched at the museum on Thursday 4th May at 11am. We hope you enjoy it!

Roman Radwinter

Roman finds from Radwinter are currently the focus of cataloguing at the Museum's off-site store. Of particular interest is a site at Eastview Close, excavated in 1970.

Two large pits were discovered, full of pottery and some other fragmentary finds. Skeletal remains of infants were also found.



The site lies very near the projected route of the Roman road from Wixoe to Great Chesterford, and it seems that a small settlement grew up around the road junction in Radwinter, taking advantage of trading opportunities.

Small pieces of painted wall plaster and the top of a glass bath flask hint at a well-to-do Roman-style building in the vicinity.

Collections Volunteers : Ceramics Collection

In April, university students Eleanor, Elizabeth and Katie joined us to help inventory the ceramic and glassware store behind the scenes at the museum. Eleanor is continuing with the project until September.



This strange-looking teapot (pictured left) is known as a 'Cadogan' or a 'Puzzle' teapot.

In order to fill the teapot, it's turned upside-down, where there is a hidden tube running from the base into the upper part of the

pot and when turned the right way up no liquid spills.

This particular pot has a beautiful gold highlight around the top which emphasises its unusual shape, which conceals the top of the hidden tube, and allows the pot to be spill-proof.

While they're called teapots, they were more likely used for hot water as cleaning would have been a challenge for tea or coffee!

This style of teapot originates from China and came to England in the early 19th Century - this style is adapted from imported Chinese original wine pots. The Cadogan name was attributed to the pots after Lord Cadogan who reportedly used them in his home.



This condiment stand and bottles (pictured left) was donated to the museum in 1895 by Dr Henry Stear. A considerable portion of this collection was bequeathed and donated by Stear, who died in 1917. This item is particularly exciting, as it provides some further insight into the doctor, with

an obituary written on its base and a small accompanying image.

Henry Stear was a surgeon and worked as one of four initial doctors in the Saffron Walden General Hospital which was founded in 1866. The writing gives a positive and comedic account of Stear's influence on the town, family, character, occupation and a physical description, and is signed Guy Maynard 1920. Maynard took over as curator of the museum from his father in 1904 and had grown up in the building.

Would you like to join our team?

To find out more about Welcome Desk, 'Collections' or 'Learning and Support' volunteer opportunities please contact the museum.

Website: www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

Email: museum@uttlesford.gov.uk

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	20.00-22.00	Q&R Village Hall	
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
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
Social Evening	2nd & 4th Fridays	Evening	Quendon Bowling Club	
Communion service	11th June	11.15	Quendon Church	
Communion service	25th June	11.15	Rickling Church	
'Just Married'	8th & 9th July		Quendon Church	See p9

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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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