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## Quendon & Rickling Parish NEWS

and Church

#### November 2023

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

#### **Rev Peter's Letter for November**

As I write, the conflict in the Middle East is less than two weeks on from when Hamas made their initial and deadly incursion into Israel, and there is a flurry of political activity that seeks to strike a balance between legitimate defence, the rules of war, and humanitarian support. The shockwaves that this conflict is sending around the world are being felt in our own nation. and all of a sudden, the world seems to be in a very fragile place. The conflict in Ukraine may have been knocked off the news headlines by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. as have numerous other wars and conflicts many of which don't make the headlines because their effect on us directly is minimal or not high enough priority to warrant being newsworthy. In short, wars and rumours of wars continue to plague humankind and reflect something of our inherent flawed nature, of which war is just but one expression, albeit a truly tragic and indiscriminate expression indeed.

Whilst we are some distance in miles from these conflicts and the immediate danger they pose, we are not immune to the consequences of them politically and emotionally. We may find ourselves favouring a particular political position or just at a loss of what to make of it all, or find ourselves in some position somewhere in between. We may find ourselves being stirred up emotionally in many different ways at the brutality of what has been reported and what we have heard and seen on our radios and TV screens. We may long for justice, peace, and retribution and desire to change to the situation all at the same time.

November finds us marking the wars and conflicts our own nation has been involved in whether on Remembrance Sunday or Armistice Day itself. We remember those who lost their lives and all whose lives continue to be affected by war and it maybe this year such remembering will add poignancy and sadness.

Whilst this current conflict may not be wholly religious based in its eruption, we may have a sense it does play a part, and for some this can confirm the danger of religion, in being divisive and destructive and therefore that the world would be better off without it altogether. And yet, for many their only available response to this conflict at this time is to cry out to their God to intervene and bring justice and peace and to limit

the bloodshed, especially of those innocent people who through birth and history find themselves caught up in it.

For those of us who do turn to God in prayer we might find we don't have adequate words to express our emotions and feelings and all we can do is offer up an inner yearning to God. In his letter to the Romans St Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit can take such prayers of yearning.

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. Romans 8:26

The book of Psalms is also a good place to go to for such times when we have questions, are confused, and may be wonder where God is. Psalm 10 begins;

Why, LORD, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

It continues in a similar vein asking why questions about how the wicked can seem to prosper and asking God for justice to prevail. There is no ultimate conclusion or answer to these questions, yet the addition of such Psalms in the Bible gives us permission, in all our confusion, anger, questioning, and more to share these thoughts and feelings with God.

Wherever you are today in your response to what you see in the world, and however you manage that for yourself, I hope you find your way of helping you wrestle with such a situation as we see in Israel and Gaza at this time. Whatever our reaction to this, may we turn our emotions towards good, whether that be in prayer or actions, knowing that all humanity and life is precious and that each of us has a responsibility towards each other irrespective of our race, religion, or creed.

Rev Peter

#### **Church Services in the Benefice**

#### November

Wednesday 1st Memorial Service Newport St Mary's 6.30pm A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died.

#### Sunday 5th

Newport 9.30am Shoebox service Widdington 11.15am Shoebox service in the village hall

Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday

Newport 10.50am Ceremony by the War Memorial including 2 minutes silence Follow by a Remembrance Sunday Service in church 11.10am

Quendon 6.30pm Remembrance Service

Sunday 19th

Newport 9.30am Communion Widdington 11.15am Communion

Sunday 26th

Newport 9.30am Morning Worship Rickling 11.15am Communion

#### December

Sunday 3rd

Widdington 11.15am Christingle Newport 3.30pm Christingle Messy Church Sunday 10th

> Newport 9.30am All Age Quendon 11.15am Communion Sunday 17th

Newport 6.30pm Carols and Readings Widdington 3pm Carols and Readings Ouendon 4pm Carols and Readings Christmas Eve

Widdington 3pm Crib Service Newport 5pm Crib Service Newport 11.15pm Midnight Communion Christmas Day

Quendon 9am Christmas Communion Newport 10am Christmas Celebration Widdington 10am Christmas Communion Sunday December 31st No services in the benefice

#### Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall, Quendon CB11 3XQ

Fun Bingo



Wednesday 15th November Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00am Please contact: Angie 01799 218061

#### **Hadstock Silver Band**

Newport Church
Sunday 10th December
3pm

Contact Bill Scott for details and bookings

jill.scott.bill@uwclub.net

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0300 123 2040
0800 555 111

Police contact information

#### **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 email 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

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#### **Contact our County Councillor**

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#### **Contact our Member of Parliament**

Kemi Badenoch, MP House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

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#### From the Parish Council Chair

Hello Villagers,

We've been hearing here the calming bubble-bubble of apple juice fermenting into cider: always a good indicator of autumn! That's using up the excess juice pressed at Autumn Daze back at the end of September.

Even that balmy afternoon of apple-pressing, pumpkin-judging and good food, drink and fellowship seems a long time away and a different season now. Some very large pumpkins were on show and congratulations to Oz for growing a massive pumpkin just tipping the scales at 50lb (22.62kg)! Many thanks again to Sue Joannou, Phil Sowter and Katherine Nuthall for pulling the event together.

As the nights are drawing in one item the PC is looking at is improving the lighting along Cambridge Road for pedestrians. As well as replacing a dodgy streetlight we're investigating once more the feasibility of providing more light along the darker stretches.

Related to the same topic of changing seasons we have taken delivery of a large amount of road salt which will be distributed to the three yellow salt bins round the village - outside the pub, on Thistley Crescent and at Coney Acre. This salt is for residents themselves to use to spread on the pavements to keep them safe in the very cold weather.

You may be aware that the results of the Call for Sites process (begun years ago by Uttlesford to feed into the new Local Plan) has reached a significant milestone. The Regulation 18 stage of consultation on the chosen sites for development has been reached at the end of October. All residents are consulted and may raise objections or support.

As of the time of writing I have no indication whether Quendon and Rickling has been chosen for development, but I am sure that there will be development recommended either in the village or in neighbouring, more sustainably located villages close by, which will have an effect as a minimum on the amount of activity on roads (and dogwalking!) here.

It's important to state though that even if not identified as a site which Uttlesford wishes to promote for development, large-scale development here may still happen eventually. Not being identified as a recommended site does however mean that any development would need more persuasive evidence to proceed in future.

On the subject of dog-walking - there has been a noticeable increase in the amount of dog poo left on footpaths and the green whether bagged or not. It's revolting to come across it, seriously unhygienic. The dog walker must pick it up and take it away! There are dog-poo bins around the village in prominent locations, but any black bin can also be used to dispose of bagged waste - but make sure it goes in the bin - don't leave it close by in the hope it'll be picked up - it won't, and soon the bin environment gets intolerable! The PC is looking again at provision of further bins in the village.

On a more pleasant note, Dell Pond (on the Green) and Brick Kiln Lane ponds are going to be partially cleared and dredged to provide more diverse habitats for wildlife and to improve their look. This will be going ahead between now and December.

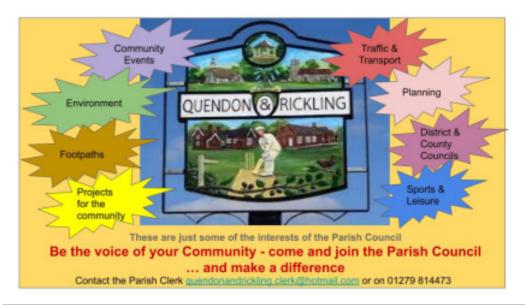
Maintenance - we have been let down by Highways who have not got the resources to resolve the issues with impassable footways along the B1383 this year. The project has been investigated and Highways have finally accepted the scale of what's needed is more than simply thinning the overgrowth along the road! Gari Spearpoint still has the bit between his teeth and we will persist in getting this resolved. It's not going to go away!

Our next event is a Christmas lights switch-on on 1st December outside the pub. Hot food and drink will be available, and carol-singing to live music is the plan, with the horse-drawn approach of Father Christmas!

I hope to see you there - meantime, keep warm and dry!

Tom Duncan

tddqrpc@gmail.com



#### **Quendon & Rickling 100 Club**

Congratulations to the October 2023 Winners

October 2023

1st Prize N White £32 2nd Prize M Atlee £21 3rd Prize A Bishop £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.

#### **District Councillors' Report**

#### Sudan follow up

You will recall at the time immediately before the Coronation was held, that over a thousand evacuees arrived at Stansted Airport and a large and complex operation was coordinated by UDC as Port Authority and working with other councils, voluntary and statutory bodies, and the government. The cost was significant and, on the spot, UDC and others funded whatever needed to be done. Public attention then goes elsewhere, but work continued to obtain a refund from the government. This takes significant work to collate everyone's costs, submit the claim and have to do a little negotiation over some matters. This month (October) UDC obtained a full payment of £637k of which £193k is being passed on to the other groups who stepped up in April.

On a smaller scale there have been recent arrivals from Israel. Stansted has the 'privilege' of being the governments preferred airport for all emergency arrivals - a matter which has been raised with government that Uttlesford is a small local authority and that sharing arrivals of groups, often with complex requirements, to centres across

the country as well as here, would be beneficial to all concerned. Unfortunately, there is always a next time.

#### The draft Local Plan

As covered last time this will be going to 'Regulation 18' consultation in November, assuming it is agreed by full Council at the end of October. The intended distribution of the 6076 houses not yet given permission is in the tables:

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Key Settlerments	Saffron Walden	1280
	Great Dunmow	869
	Great Chexterford	0
	Stansted Mountfitchet	390
	Newport	412
	Takeley	1636
	Thasted	489
	Total	5076

	Settlement	Housing number
Larger villages	Claraving.	111
	Heribare:	112
	Stebbing	109
	High Easter	104
	Felsterl	95
	Ashidon	41
	Oelsden	92
	Elder street	115
	Heffield Broad Oak	111
	Great Easters	110
	Total Larger Villages	1000

You will see that Quendon and Rickling is not being selected for any major development. Sites being included at Dunmow, Takeley and Newport include ones previously refused at appeal by planning inspectors, on grounds of harm to landscape, heritage assets and the Countryside Protection Zone, a type of Greenbelt, around the airport. The reality is there is no mitigation possible for these harms which the developers have not already attempted in the refused applications.

For Newport, which will already have expanded by nearly 60% in less than 10 years, no new facilities, infrastructure or any benefits are included to offset the harms in the refusals, or to significantly mitigate for the extra burden on roads, particularly junctions, and everything else. The consultation just shows the normal statutory payments towards education and health, which would be a requirement for any application and expansion of the schools are recommended.

The Regulation 18 draft does not give options from which to choose - it is one option, as selected by the planning officers. The underlying evidence base for site selections has not yet been published. But the Local Plan Working Group, the Scrutiny

Committee and then Cabinet have been asked in turn to approve the draft plan without this information, which needs a great deal of reading and should have been available months ago. It will however be released before the final full Council decision although likely too late to change anything.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

In contrast, the Neighbourhood Plan is looking at not just those sites put forward by developers in the UDC Call for sites, but at others, and also ones discarded by UDC. We will be bringing forward at the same time as the Local Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan consultation for different options. These are to also fulfil the required housing number, but will include options which are much better for traffic and don't all involve building on fields already refused at appeal.

The NhP will also have a shopping list of needs and facilities which can be used in negotiations with developers, and we can also submit this to the Local Plan consultation. Something supported in the current NhP is the newly opened Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Newport Recreation ground. Funded with £100k from UDC originating from our investment income (see last article), and £70k from Newport PC. Master minded by Cllr Mike Hannant, who is also Chair of the Sports Committee.



#### Councillor Surgeries

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

#### Our contact details are:



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> cllrhargreaves@uttlesford.gov.uk 01799540411 or 0785 467748



#### **Other News from Uttlesford District Council**

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#### THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Before the 15th century, people attending a church service would stand or kneel. When benches or pews were introduced, they were sometimes decorated by skilled

craftsmen. In particular, the top of the ends of some pews were carved with figures called finials or poppyheads.

The word poppyhead comes from Latin via Old French meaning the poop or figurehead of a ship. Poppyheads can be found in churches across the country and they are particularly prevalent in East Anglia. The Hundred Parishes has some fascinating examples.

The carved figures can represent almost anything. Some are of flowers or fruit or animals. Mythical creatures or demons were introduced to

remind parishioners that if they led a sinful life they would go to hell. Saints and angels however meant that if you lived a good life you would go to heaven.

You will also find carved creatures depicting saints. In St. Mary's, Hatfield Broad Oak, 300-year-old poppyheads symbolize saints, with a lion for Mark, a bull for Luke and an eagle for John, while Matthew is represented by a

'divine man'.



Ickleton's parish church has some fine examples of medieval carved poppyheads. One shows St. Michael weighing souls of the dead and

another features a dragon-like creature.

In Wendens Ambo parish church you will find a fearsome-looking beast which you may meet if

your soul goes to hell!

Linton's church has a wide range of subjects including scribes

resting their books, one on the back of an angel and another on a dragon.



When you are out and about, I encourage you to seek out these wonderful examples of ancient craftmanship. Please let us know of others on either the feedback page our website. on www.hundredparishes.org.uk or share a photo with the Hundred Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ Parishes Group on

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Ken McDonald, Secretary

#### Stansted Mountfitchet U3A

A new Line Dancing group is now up and running. To have some fun turn up to St John's Hall on Thursdays 1.30pm to 2.15pm, except for the 3rd Thursday of the month when the u3a have the monthly meeting. £5 per lesson and suitable for all abilities. If you need to know more contact Barbara - bafidell@gmail.com. A new Rumikub (playing cards) group has also just started. Please look online to find out all the details or ask at the next meeting.

An enthusiastic number of the Gardening Group visited the Tudor Garden at Cressing Temple in September. They were given a short introduction to the history of the garden by the Head Gardener, Rebecca. She explained how, in the Tudor period, a garden was required to be a source of medicinal products as well as a source of food. The current design is a faithful recreation due in part to surviving features and the plants used are ones that have been grown since the late Mediaeval and Tudor period. It is hoped that we can return there when the gardens are at their peak in May and June. If we have enough people we will be able to enjoy a full guided tour with detailed explanations of the plants and their uses in the Tudor household.

The u3a movement itself has planted almost 10,000 trees as part of our u3a Anniversary Woodland. The trees, although still small, are growing well, having survived the hottest and driest summer in S. Wales in modern history!

Our Speaker at the November 16th meeting will be Ray Clark, giving a witty and humorous talk entitled 'I Could Say Something Brilliant at Any Moment'. He will tell us how his career started in commercial Radio in the U.K. and the U.S.A.

Eileen Quinn

U3A email. Stanstedu3a@gmail.com

#### **Quendon and Rickling Golf Society**

#### Toot Hill Golf Club Friday September 29th, 2023

The wonderful autumn weather continued for fourteen of us who met up at Toot Hill Golf Club near Ongar on Friday September 29th. We've visited the club several times over the years and although it has changed into a Pay and Play course with café, the course remains the same and was as entertaining as ever.

We set ourselves up with the inevitable bacon rolls and coffee and made an early start out on the course in groups of three with Jane and Mervyn Waite as our backstop. Our competition was a group one with two out of three scores to count on each hole but we also kept our individual scores to find ourselves a champion of the day.

On return to the café a very tasty late lunch awaited us which was much appreciated after 18 holes. It was good - the course is an enjoyable challenge, the sun shone, balls

were lost, balls were found, a few balls disappeared into the lake, some got lost amongst the trees, long putts were sunk, short putts were missed - in short a very good game and plenty to chat and laugh about over a beer in the café.

Jane announced the all important results and the team of Matthew Robinson, Tony Jones and Tony Knight were in first place with 86 points, clear of Mervyn, Jane and Nigel Ackerman with 82. Our best playing individual was Tony Knight with 36 points with Mervyn Waite just behind scoring 35. We had two holes where there were prizes for landing closest to the flag and those were won by Matthew and Mervyn. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to Jane and Mervyn who organised the day.

We shall meet again on Friday November 3rd for our annual game with Susie and Richard Hartley at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club which is a perennial favourite. If you would like to join us - we welcome golfers of all levels - please get in touch with me at pebbles4@btopenworld.com

Brandon Chapman

#### **Quendon Bowling Club News**

#### **Outdoor Bowling**

Our outdoor bowling season has finished with a very good year for results. We have been promoted in both the Northwest Essex and Steeple Bumpsted Leagues and finished a creditable mid table in our first season in the Herts and Essex Seniors league.

Work has been completed by the members over the past few weeks "putting the green to bed". This involves scarifying, grooming, hollow tining, spreading 5 tonnes of top dressing, fertilizing and overseeding. Work will continue through the close season to maintain and repair the surrounds and ditches.

#### **Social Members / Evenings**

Our social evenings have started in earnest, they are on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, with cash bingo include on the 4th Fridays. Doors open at 7.00pm and for the bingo eyes down 8.00am. We were asked to introduce Saturday evenings so going forward into the new year there will be Grand Race Night on November 18th, Dec 16th Xmas quiz night (there will be a craft fayre / bazaar / table top sale in the afternoon) December 22nd Christmas Eve Eve Party, January 20th Burns Night. Details will be on Facebook and the parish notice boards.

#### General

You don't need to bowl to be a social member, but we are always looking for new and second hand bowlers.

Ray Hart

#### **Quickling Village Pumpkin Growing Competition**

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in this years pumpkin growing competition. It was a tough year for growers, as confirmed by the experts on Gardeners World, and the display on the day looked fabulous! We had entries of all

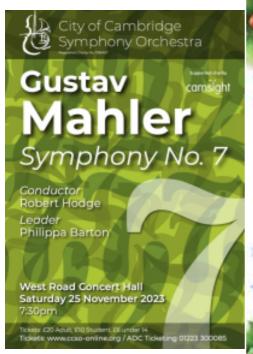
shapes and sizes but the out right winner this year was a whopping 22.62kgs!

Congratulations Os Osbourne! You are this years winner and get to take home the village cup.

In second place with a mighty 19.38kgs was Jo Kitcat, beating last years record of 18.04kgs. Third was Katherine Nuthall with 16.89kgs and fourth was young Cameron Clarke with 9.10kgs

If you're interested in taking part in next year's Village Pumpkin Competition, please contact the parish council with your name & address. Seeds will be available from March/April 2024.









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#### **Quendon Estate & Maces Farms**

Over the last month it has been all systems go on with drilling our 2024 autumn



crops. This has been helped by the dry and unusually warm weather in September and at the start of October.

As well as the drill working flat out, the team have been rolling land to lock in moisture and assist with mitigating weed germination after our sprayer applies pre-emergence treatments.

Our Sugar Beet crop has been lifted and hauled to British Sugar in Bury

St Edmunds where it will be refined to be used in an array of products, including but not exhaustive to granulated and caster sugars, syrups, and pharmaceutical sugars. For more information about British Sugar and the collaborative work with British Farmers please follow this link: www.britishsugar.co.uk/

As part of our wider Estate operations, we have been planning this year's woodland management programme which is set to



commence early November. This will see various compartments across the Estate



having thinning works undertaken to enable the continued promotion of healthy veteran trees and enhanced flora & fauna to establish in the woodland. All planned works have been approved by the Forestry Commission and Natural England. As part of this we remain committed to planting new trees to replenish new stocking areas.

The above woodland works will include some extraction of timber from Quendon Wood. To mitigate haulage

movements through Quendon village, extraction will be via farm tracks leading to main roads towards Newport and Elsenham.

Due to several woodland compartments being worked on across the Estate where public rights of way border or are close by, we kindly ask everyone to adhere to health & safety signage and be mindful of woodland harvest vehicle operations. We kindly ask for all dogs to be kept under close control, preferably on a lead, as woodland harvest vehicles will be using farm tracks.

Thank you to those who registered for the community surgery on the 26th September. The next community surgery will be on Wednesday 8th November from 10am to 6pm at Maces Farms Office. If you would like to attend, please feel free to register by emailing RTimmins@pegasi.co.uk

As many of you may are already aware, I will shortly be departing Pegasi and moving onto a new opportunity from mid-November and therefore will be saying goodbye to the Quendon Estate. During my eight years of being involved with the Quendon Estate, it has been incredibly rewarding and enjoyable working with the local community and in more recent times being able to share more information about the farm and estate. I would like to say thank you to everyone for allowing me to be part of your local community and for all your feedback over the years. Moving forwards Mark and Beau will continue to do an excellent job managing Maces Farm whilst London colleagues will become more involved with the property assets.

I wish everyone the best for the future and thank you again.

**Robert Timmins** 

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#### Visiting the Museum

Our standard opening times are:

Wednesday -Saturday 10-5pm

Sundays & Bank Holiday 2-5pm

Closed Mondays (apart from bank holidays)

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

#### **Next Exhibition**

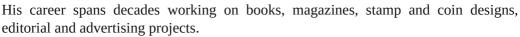
Evacuee:

A Wartime Childhood

Sat 11 November -

Sunday 17 March 2024

The museum will exhibit the original artwork of artist and author Brian Sanders (pictured right with his original artwork and wartime themed books).



High profile work such as Mad Men and Stanley Kubrick, examples of which will feature in the exhibition.

Scenes of Saffron Walden and the district from his two books, Evacuee: A Wartime Childhood (2010) and Return of Evacuee: A Post-war Childhood (2016) will dominate the exhibition, accompanied by wartime items and photographs from the museum's collections.

Visitors will be able to explore the second world war context and the lived experiences of evacuees who came to live in Saffron Walden and Uttlesford during that time, such as Sandy.

Sandy's original artwork features well known places in the town including Bridge End Gardens, St. Mary's Church, Bridge House, the 8 Bells pub and the Boys British School, as well as venues of the time which no longer exist or are much transformed such as the cinema and public baths, which many will remember.

The exhibition will also reflect on the experiences of those who have come to Saffron Walden and Uttlesford as modern-day refugees, as a result of ongoing conflicts around the world.

The exhibition will be accompanied by craft activity events and a Community Town Trail (self-guided tour map) capturing moments and places from around the town from the books.

#### **Museum Shop Sunday**

Sunday 26 November 2023 1.45pm-4.30pm

Museum Shop Sunday is an annual initiative run by the Association for Cultural Enterprises (ACE).

It highlights the vital role of retail in helping arts, cultural and heritage venues to survive and thrive.

On Sunday 26 November over 2,000 visitor attractions worldwide will be coming together to celebrate with special events and promotions in store and online.

For Museum Shop Sunday this year, we will be holding a Meet the Author event. Keep an eye on the museum website for more details.

Would you like to join our team?
To find out more contact the museum
website: www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

email: museum@uttlesford.gov.uk

Phone: 01799 510333



#### News from Apopo and the HeroRATS

#### NEW HERORAT GRADUATES TO ANGOLA

The latest cohort of HeroRATs have completed mine detection training in Tanzania and are now beginning their careers in Angola! They have joined the existing team in Cuanza Sul province and will further increase productivity. The APOPO mine action program in Angola has made a significant impact by clearing over 2 million square meters of land in 2022, benefiting over 13,790 people.

#### APOPO BEGINS OPERATIONS IN AZERBAIJAN

Following the 2020 Karabakh conflict, Azerbaijan faces a serious landmine problem. APOPO is committed to aiding in the clearance efforts, deploying their innovative HeroRATs and HeroDOGs to make the land safe once again. The teams have achieved external accreditation by the local Mine Action authority ANAMA, and are now focused on surveying and clearing areas before winter sets in.



#### HERODOGS FIND 40 MINES IN TURKEY

The dedicated HeroDOGs team have made significant progress in Turkey, with Milo and Grau uncovering an astounding 40 anti-personnel landmines in just one day. These efforts have helped clear 593,129 square meters of land, making communities along the borders of Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Armenia safer. As the end of the mission in Turkey draws near, the HeroDOGs are now gearing up for a new challenge.

#### **Support APOPO HeroTREEs**

The HeroTREEs project plays a proactive role in safeguarding our climate and planet.

By planting trees it offsets the world's carbon footprint and give back to communities in the process.

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Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
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Community Café	3rd Weds/month	10.00-12.00	<b>Q&amp;R Village Hall</b>	Angela 01799 218061
U3A Choir	Wednesdays	11.15-13.15	<b>Q&amp;R Village Hall</b>	
Carpet Bowls	Wednesdays	19.00	Quendon Bowls C	lub David Soloman 07817248301
Social Evening	2nd & 4th Fridays	19.00-23.00	Quendon Bowling	Club
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