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Quendon & Rickling Parish and Church

NEWS

September 2023

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Priest in Charge of the parish of Quendon and Rickling, Coordinating Chaplain Stansted Airport (2 days per week)

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Mrs Maureen Hawkins

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.

Rev Pete's thoughts for the summer.

If you're a sports fan, this summer has had plenty to offer: tennis at Wimbledon, football with the women's world cup, Formula 1, various Diamond League athletics events, The Open Golf Championship, and The Ashes series, The Hundred 2023, rugby warm ups for the World Cup, an Anthony Joshua knock out, and the recent start of the Premier League's new season to name a few. Sport remains one area of life that generates excitement and celebration, when for just a moment we can find ourselves experiencing a collective euphoria which overtakes us as we jump, smile, hug, punch the air, without any sense of embarrassment at what we are doing. Equally, sport can cause us great disappointment, leave us feeling low, greatly disappointed, and awaiting with resigned trepidation being on the end of the banter and mocking of family or work colleagues.



Sport, for many, has the capacity to engage with them and affect them in ways most of the rest of life doesn't seem to match. For others for whom sport doesn't touch them in this way, music may be their way of being similarly engaged and affected, or great art or architecture, literature, the natural beauty of the world, the mysteries of the universe, the birth of a child, and so on.

The common denominator in all such things is their capacity to engage us at a level that doesn't bypass our ability to think and reason about, but does however touch our inner being at what some might understand as the level of the soul. Experiences that touch us at this level can be transformative in a way no matter of thinking and reasoning can. Things that connect and impact us at this level of our being can leave an indelible impact upon us, and alter our view and understanding of life and direction in a heartbeat.

I believe such moments that transform us for good, whether discovered through sport, art, literature, natural beauty, new life, and more can be windows into the heart of God and the reality and presence of God within his creation and beyond. For, in my understanding of God, the divide between what might get called secular or sacred is an unnecessary binary template through which to view life.

It is no coincidence that Jesus used the everyday language and experiences of his hearers when he was trying to communicate truths about the character and place of God in their world and lives. He spoke about fishing, cleaning the home, being woken by a friend in need, sheep, goats, parties, wedding celebrations, taxes, strained family relationships, wine, and so on and so on.

I would love to see more people coming along and joining the church family of the churches I oversee, Quendon, Rickling, Widdington, and Newport. But equally, I realise that for many, their place of initial engagement with God is not found in church, but is brought about by the soul touching experiences mentioned above.



And yet, there is much to be said in gathering with others, who themselves believe their souls to have been touched by the mystery, wonder, and glory of God, and for whom Christ is the clearest image and conveyor of God. For together we can find further food for our souls in the teachings of Christ, deepen and sharpen our

ability to recognise God in all things, at times even experience those same kind of moments of exhilaration, celebration, and joy spoken of above. You never know until you give it a try.

With love and prayers for all, Rev Pete

Church Services in the Benefice

Services for September

Sunday 3rd September

9.30am Newport Fresh Start service with refreshments at 9.30am and service start 10am

11.15am Widdington Communion

Sunday 10th September

9.30am Newport All Age

11.15 Quendon Back to church Sunday

Sunday 17th September

9.30am Newport Communion

11.15am Widdington Communion

Sunday 24th September

9.30am Newport Morning Worship

11.15am Rickling Communion

Services for October

Sunday 1st October

9.30am Newport Harvest Service

11.15am Widdington Harvest Service

Sunday 8th October

9.30am Newport All Age

11.15am Quendon Harvest Service

Sunday 15th October

9.30am Newport Communion

11.15am Widdington Communion

Sunday 22nd October

9.30am Newport Morning Worship

11.15am Rickling Communion

Sunday 29th October

10am Widdington Benefice Service with guest speaker Rev Janet Nichols Rural Advisor and Agricultural Chaplain for the Diocese of Chelmsford



Sunday 10th September 11.15am Quendon Church

WHO IS IT FOR?

For all who may have thought about coming back to church but never got round to it.
 For all who have thought about coming to church for the first time but never got round to it.

For all who have had christenings in church, have been married in church, had funerals in church, or marked any other significant life event in church.

We want to invite you to a simple service of welcome held in Quendon church which lies at the heart of the community for so many important life events and is there for you throughout the whole year.

Some of things church offers are;

- A place of worship and spiritual nourishment
- A place of belonging
- A place to meet people and make new relationships
- A place to mark significant life events
- A place of reflection
- A place that reflects the history of a community
- A place of service to the church and wider community

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999

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101

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0300 123 2040

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

0800 555 111

Parish Information

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. If any newcomers to the village have not received a copy of the pack, do please let the Clerk know on the contact details below and a welcome pack will be provided. 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:

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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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Contact our Member of Parliament

Kemi Badenoch, MP

House of Commons,

London, SW1A 0AA

Email: kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

Telephone: **0207 219 1943**

Mid-Late September Parish Boundary Walk

The weather has been playing havoc with the harvest, so we are banking on a mid to late September Walk. The event is a great opportunity to get to know your village, so please dust off your walking boots and join us. We will follow the Parish boundary as closely as possible, but there are a few obstacles such as the M11 and challenging ditches which we need to circumvent. The distance is roughly 15 km, which we will do in two halves: starting at the Village Hall we will walk the northern half to Rickling Church, where we will stop for refreshments and where those with sore feet can peel off. From there we embark on the southern half to Patmore End, returning along Quendon Wood to the Village Hall. Canine friends (on a lead over private land, please) are welcome. We will keep you updated on the date for the Walk on the village Facebook page and noticeboards.

Contact Ljiljana on 0779 360697 or ljiljana.editor@gmail.com to express your interest, or if you have any questions.

A decorative poster for 'Autumn Daze 2023'. The background is a white wooden plank texture. The title 'Autumn Daze 2023' is written in a colorful, cursive font. Below the title, the date and location are given: 'Saturday 30th September from 1pm on Rickling Green'. A line of text says 'Come on down to celebrate autumn'. A list of activities follows, each preceded by a red dot. The poster is framed by a border of autumn leaves, pumpkins, and apples.

Autumn Daze 2023

Saturday 30th September from 1pm on Rickling Green

Come on down to celebrate autumn

- *The Great Village Pumpkin Competition*
- *Apple Pressing - bring your apples, press them for juice*
- *Bouncy Castle*
- *Food and Beverage trucks*
- *Local business stalls*
- *Stalls from village clubs and just for fun!*

From the Parish Council Chair

No PC meeting in August so no Parish Council Chair report.

District Councillors' Report

The council works with a variety of partners to support local businesses and community initiatives, tourism, voluntary bodies, safety matters and childrens events. The best place to see what is going on is the UDC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UttlesfordDC>

Support for businesses

An example is that this September UDC is working with The Rebel Business School to bring a free live online course with lots of practical ways 'to get your business idea off the ground in a debt-free way'. The award-winning course has helped thousands of people to start and grow businesses around their passions – some conventional like shops, accountants and marketing agencies, and others more creative like laughing yoga (!), puppy party organising and pin badges.

The practical and interactive course runs 18 to 29 September (weekdays, 10am to 3pm), on Zoom.

The course 'is a great move towards your first sale, building your confidence and getting your business idea off the ground without getting into debt.' The details to

sign up are here: <https://therebelschool.com/uttlesford>

Women in Business

'Start-up September' is right around the corner, and we are kicking the month off in style with another event - the Ambitious Women in Essex

When: 14 September, 11am to 1pm

Where: Town Hall, Saffron Walden

Learn the secret of starting a business and quitting your 9-5 from other female founders:

Jane Malyon, Chief Scone Gnome at The English Cream Tea Company

Shara Vickers, Director at Tela Ltd

Sarah (Brockwell) Plummer, Director of Sarah Bee Marketing

Claire Dellor, Business Advisory Manager at Backing Essex Business

Kimberley Taylor, Head of Marketing at The Rebel School

This is a great opportunity to hear about the highs (and lows) of setting up on your own, ask questions and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in the company of like-minded women.

Register now for this FREE event:

Women in Business Tickets, Thu 14 Sep 2023 at 11:00 | Eventbrite

Rural England Prosperity Fund

The Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) is an addendum to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and aims to support activities that specifically address the challenges rural areas face.

UDC has been allocated £813,487 and the overall aim of the REPF Programme is to support those that live and work within the rural economy to take advantage of the opportunities that the area provides. The programme will be delivered through the funding of capital projects for small businesses and existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions. Projects must meet the key investment priorities and the defined strategic objectives.

Capital grants of between £5,000 - £150,000 will be available to support new and existing rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams. These grants must be spent by March 2025. And there is a one-year fund needing to be spent by March 2024 of capital grants of between £1,000 - £15,000 to existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer. The details are here; <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/business/article/8452/Rural-England-Prosperity-Fund>

Deadlines for submission for REPF grants are 8 September 2023, 10 November 2024 and 5 January 2024 and the assessment panel will meet within about two weeks of each deadline.

Local Design Code consultation

The Design Code will set out a series of rules and guidelines that, when followed, should ensure that development proposals are to the highest quality expected by Uttlesford District Council. These must be considered in any planning application. The document is a massive 244 pages although the policies section of it is a mere 140 or so pages. But please, if you have interest in how housing and development should



be done, do take part in the consultation. The short online consultation doesn't go into useful detail and allows only Yes or No answers, where the response needs to be more nuanced. So I'm going to respond by email on individual policies.

You may want to muse on whether the structure of Quendon & Rickling is, or perhaps are, linear, polyfocal linear, nucleated or focal linear. See page 86 of said document.

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QUENDON & RICKLING GOLF SOCIETY

Our next event will be held at TOOT HILL GOLF CLUB on FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER. The usual goodies will ensue i.e.. buttie on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a meal afterwards. We also have on order a lovely late Summer/Autumn Day!! If you would like to join us and you are not a member of Q&R GS please do contact me and I can give you all the details; you will be most welcome. If you are a member please contact Jane Waite directly as she is the organiser for this event.

Keep Golfin'

Brandon Chapman

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We are looking forward to welcoming Meryl Wingfield, a sustainability leader in a big global energy company, who will be leading the Saturday morning seminar on 2nd September, which will be held in St John's Church Hall Stansted. The title is "Saving Humanity with a Doughnut". Meryl will speak on our Planet being in such a precarious position due to climate change and loss of nature caused by human exploitation. In the U.K. we have more flooding and heatwaves than ever before, and we are ranked in the bottom 10% globally for the health of our nature. Doughnut Economics is one proposal to solve this problem. Intrigued? Tickets are £7 including tea & coffee, and can be purchased by emailing stanstedseminars@gmail.com

At the 21st September monthly meeting we will be welcoming Charley Haylock as our Speaker. I am sure many of you will remember how entertaining he can be. He will be talking to us about his role as voice coach to Ralph Fiennes in making the recent film version of John Preston's novelistic account of the 1939 excavations at Sutton Hoo.

Eileen Quinn

Tel: 07874 385541 E-Mail stanstedu3a@gmail.com

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ

Fun Bingo



Wednesday 20th September
Coffee Morning
10.00-12.00am
Please contact:
Angie 01799 218061

Community Cafe Jumble Sale

Hi everyone just a reminder that the corrected date of the Jumble Sale is Saturday 23rd September 2-5 pm. Any donations can be left in a pink box in my lean-to at 4 Thistley Crescent.

If anyone would like to help, you are more than welcome, but in any case it will be great to see you there on the day. The money raised will go to the club to subsidise a Christmas dinner if you are free come along to the coffee morning and meet friends.

Angie



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Ken McDonald, Secretary

Residents living in the countryside of the Hundred Parishes are fortunate that the intrusive sounds of human activities are less, when compared to those living within built up areas close to main roads or railway tracks or beneath regular flight paths. Even within our homes our ears are subjected to a cacophony of sounds: TV or radio programmes, ring tones, the hum of machines, barking dogs or noisy neighbours. Rarely are we surrounded by silence!

Appreciating tranquillity is an essential aspect of being in the countryside, where it should be possible to scan attractive views of verdant landscapes or cloudy skies, hear natural sounds and catch glimpses of wildlife without intrusive background noises. Evidence gathered over the past 15 years reveals that tranquillity is not just a pleasurable experience, but is essential for human health and wellbeing reducing stress levels and lifting spirits.



In the early 1990's concerns were raised about the harmful levels of intrusive noise in daily lives. The Countryside Commission and the Council for the Protection of Rural England worked together to produce an Intrusion Map, which highlighted areas that were most affected by human-induced noises. Since then, research has been undertaken by CPRE and others to develop suitable methodology for measuring noise and evaluate the visual impact of developments on landscapes.

In 2012, tranquillity gained recognition in national planning policy. Now studies are prepared to evaluate Landscape Character Areas and their Sensitivity to Change, and these are included in the reports prepared for Local Plans. They must include appropriate mitigation measures to help reduce intrusive noise to acceptable levels.

The walk descriptions listed on the Hundred Parishes website provide opportunities to appreciate the tranquillity of this part of the country, to hear bird song, sense the wind in the trees and view some wonderful rural landscapes.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee



Quendon Estate & Macs Farms

As we continue to make progress with harvest, the weather has certainly been the continued topic of conversation each day. The wet weather during July and early August has made conditions very difficult. We are however targeting every window of dry and sunny weather to bring our crops in.



We appreciate everyone's continued understanding and cooperation during harvest, as we will be working into the evening and starting in the early hours. We also appreciate the combine can generate dust when in operation. Where possible we always try to mitigate the impact by monitoring the wind direction.

At that date of writing, we are just over halfway through harvest and the combine will shortly be

making its way back towards Rickling Green to start cutting our beans.

If you see us out and about, please do give us a wave. We kindly ask that if you watch us during harvest that you remain a safe distance away on public rights of way or on the roadside. Please also keep dogs under close control at all times (on a lead preferably) should you see our machinery in the field or approaching along public rights of way.

At the same time as harvest, we have drilled our 2023/24 Oil Seed Rape which was then rolled to secure moisture and provide it with the best opportunity of enhancement.

Robert Timmins

Resident Agent & Company Surveyor

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First Aid in Quendon and Rickling

Ten villagers attended a one-day First Aid course, provided by the Parish Council, in the Village Hall in August, age range from teenagers to the fairly recently retired, new arrivals in the village to residents long-in-the-tooth.

We learnt both in theory and practice from the British Red Cross about CPR, use of the Defibrillator and how to handle medical emergencies from common causes, as well as sharing some deep wells of experience both as victim and carer! We all came away with much more confidence and knowledge of what to do in such emergencies.

Some of the newly trained first aiders will join the Defibrillator (AED) team able and willing to provide assistance with emergencies where an AED is needed. Remember in such an emergency that you can find contact details in The Link and on the village website <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk/local-information/save-a-life/>

Many thanks to Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird and the PC for organising the event.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is open again with old gas heaters removed and new electric heaters installed. We trust these will be more efficient. Balance flue holes have been bricked up. You will see that we now need to do some decoration. A date will be arranged and any volunteers welcomed.

Christine

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the August 2023 Winners

1st Prize M Bonfield £32

2nd Prize P Waites £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.

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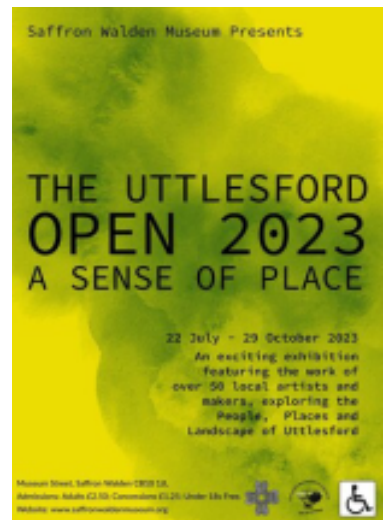
Closed Mondays (apart from bank holidays)

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

Uttlesford Open 2023 runs until 29 October

The Uttlesford Open 2023 is Saffron Walden Museum's first, open call, judged art exhibition.

Artists, aged over 18 who are living, working, or studying in Uttlesford or within 20 miles of Saffron Walden Museum have submitted artworks on the theme of "A Sense of Place: The people, places and



landscape of Uttlesford”.

The entries submitted were judged and selected by artists Ian Wolter and Heath Kane.

The exhibition features artworks by over 50 local artists and makers, both amateur and professional.

Saffron Walden Rocks

The new panel for the geology in the Museum grounds is now in place.



Take a look next time you're passing and take a whistle-stop tour through 200 million years of geological history.

Archaeology Documentation

More work to digitise the records of an avid metal detectorist that were donated to the Museum in 2013 has included a prehistoric Palaeolithic flint hand axe and more modern small metal buttons.



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

Quendon Bowling Club News

Gala Day

The Gala Day held on 30th July was an outstanding success with all the teams visiting our Club.

SBBL Final Day

We will be hosting the leagues competitions final day on Saturday 2nd September. This a good opportunity to see some good bowls by some of the best players in the region. It also offers the opportunity for those wanting to see what the Club and clubhouse has to offer.

Social evenings.

Regular Friday socials will begin again in earnest on the 8th September and we are planning the programme for future events at the time of writing.

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
Chris Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
Sue Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
Wendy Stannard	01799 541869	Middle - Cambridge Road
Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird	07793600697	Southern end
Paul Carrol	07889 344869	Southern end - Cambridge Road
Joanne Hales	07903 596011	Rickling Green
Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
Ann Merrit	01799 542110	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane
Tom Duncan	01799 541299	Brick Kiln Lane

For further information see www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/

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

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	<i>1st Monday/month</i>	20.00-22.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Pilates	<i>Mondays</i>	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 07742 182272
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	10.30-11.30	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Community Café	<i>3rd Weds/month</i>	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	<i>Wednesdays</i>	11.15-13.15	Q&R Village Hall	
Carpet Bowls	<i>Wednesdays</i>	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Soloman 07817 248301
Social Evening	<i>2nd & 4th Fridays</i>	19.00-23.00	Quendon Bowling Club	
Back to Church	Sunday 10th September	11.15	Quendon Church	
Holy Communion	24th September	11.15	Rickling Church	
Jumble Sale	23rd September	14.00 -1700	Village Hall	
Macmillan Event	19th September	14.00-22.00	The Cricketers Arms	
Autumn Daze	30th September		Rickling Green	

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