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Quendon & Rickling Parish NEWS and Church

June 2026

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Golf Society Winners



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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Peter Allen,

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

June always seems to arrive with a sense of promise. The days stretch out, the hedgerows thicken with green, and our villages begin to hum with that gentle early summer energy. It's a lovely time to pause, look around, and give thanks for the beauty and community that surround us.

One of the annual events of this month which falls on a Sunday when there would normally be a service in Quendon church, is a benefice-wide Open Air Service on Sunday 14th June at 11am, held at Gaces Acre, Newport. There's something special about worshipping under open skies - the birds providing their own accompaniment, the breeze carrying our prayers a little further. After the service we'll share a picnic lunch, weather permitting, so do bring a blanket, something to eat, and perhaps a friend or neighbour who might enjoy the morning.



As we enjoy June, it's also worth looking ahead to one of the most delightfully quirky and well loved benefice-wide events in our parish calendar: the Annual Teddy Bear Drop at Newport Church on Saturday 11th July at 2pm. Whether your bear is brave, timid, threadbare, or brand new, all are welcome to take part. It's a joyful afternoon open to everyone - children, families, and the young at heart.

A Moment for the Soul: Finding Peace in a Restless World

This season also invites us to appreciate the quiet gifts that are always with us. The churches of Quendon and Rickling, along with their churchyards, stand as places of calm and beauty 365 days a year.

We live in a world that rarely sits still. News cycles move at speed, our days fill quickly, and worries - large or small - can press in on us before we've even noticed. Yet into this restless world, Jesus speaks a simple, steadying promise: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."* It is a peace not dependent on circumstances, nor on everything being perfect, but on God's quiet presence with us.



You don't need to travel far to find a space where that peace can settle. A few minutes in the stillness of Rickling church, a pause in both Quendon and Rickling churchyards among the birdsong

and the trees can become a doorway to calm. God meets us in the hush as readily as in the hymn. Perhaps this month, take a moment to breathe deeply, to rest your thoughts, and to let God's peace find you. In a world that often feels overwhelming, these small pauses become acts of hope - reminders that we are held, loved, and never alone.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all who help care for these buildings and grounds. Your quiet, faithful work - mowing, tending, cleaning, repairing - makes these places welcoming for everyone. The whole parish benefits from your dedication.

So, as we step into summer, may we find joy in gathering, hope in looking forward, rest in the beauty that surrounds us, and peace in the God who loves us more than we know.

Rev Pete

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 7th June

Newport Communion 9.30am

Widdington Communion 11.15am

Sunday 14th June

Benefice-wide Open Air Service 11am Gages Acres Newport followed by picnic lunch. If the weather is inclement this will take place in Newport church.

Sunday 21st June

Newport Communion 9.30am

Widdington 11.15am

Sunday 28th June

Newport Morning Worship 9.30am

Rickling Communion 11.15am

All Welcome and for further information:

Contact vicar4nqrwchurches@gmail.com

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to the latest winners

May 2026

1st Prize M Atlee £26

2nd Prize C Mackrill £15

3rd Prize A Merritt £ 5

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.

Reminder

AGM of the Quendon & Rickling Hall Committee is on Monday 8th June at 3pm in the Village Hall. Please come and give your support.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWPORT

Newport Open Gardens

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

12 noon to 5pm
Refreshments served
at Church House

**£5 per person
(accompanied
children free)**

Programmes on sale at
Newport Village Stores and at
Church House on the day
www.stmarynewport.org.uk





Lace up your trainers and join Quendon & Rickling's Annual RunFest! Help us raise vital funds for Rickling Green Primary School while enjoying a fun and rewarding fitness challenge that brings the whole community together.

Event Highlights

- 1k Kids Fun-Run, 5k & 10k Trail Run
- Family-friendly festival & entertainment
- Food & Refreshments available

13 JUNE 2026

RICKLING GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

TO SIGN UP

Visit
www.quendonandricklingrunfest.co.uk

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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 (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
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Contact our District Councillors

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See also DCs' regular reports in *The Link*.

Contact our County Councillor

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Contact our Member of Parliament

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Quendon & Rickling 100 club

Many thanks to everyone who renewed their 100 club membership. New members are always welcome.

An application can be found here <https://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk/village-hall>.

As you know 50% of the funds are used for monthly prizes and the remainder (after expenses) split equally between the Village Hall and our 2 Churches.

This year the Village Hall used their donation to help fund the new flooring in the toilets/lobby. The Churches have used their portion to help fund our roof repairs.

From the Parish Council Chair

Now that the dust has settled after the recent council elections, it will be interesting to see what type of changes, if any, get made in the area. We will of course continue to engage with ECC to make them aware of items of concern in and around the village.

On the topic of the Belchams lane development application, we understand there is still investigation ongoing relating to wildlife on the site and also at Macy's farm. The application hearing will unlikely be heard until June at the earliest. As mentioned last month, if you are interested in making a representation at the planning committee meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk (details in the Link) so that we can discuss the process with you.

Thank you

Gari Spearpoint

District Councillors' Report

The Uttlesford Big Green Festival 5-14 June

Do take part in the Green Festival events! See further details page15/16.

'Join us for a number of exciting district-wide community events that highlight local sustainable projects benefiting both people and the planet, in collaboration with Sustainable Uttlesford.

From workshops and talks to green fairs, exhibitions, repair cafés, family activities, nature walks, and more - this is our chance to come together and highlight the fantastic work already happening across the district'

It is an inspiring collection of all sorts of activities improving our world and in a way an answer to those who claim everything is broken. One I had not heard of is The Bumpy Nature Reserve, a former gravel extraction pit in Littlebury Green which is owned by the Parish Council and is being developed as a Nature Reserve by a group of volunteers.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Congratulations to Ray Gooding who held his seat for here in the Essex County Council elections. Reform took control of Essex, and have started legal action against

the government in an attempt to stop LGR. Such reorganisations have been done many times before (the UDC chief executive has participated in one), there is legislation empowering the government and later this year they will enact the provisions specific to here (and the other council areas throughout the country). So it is not clear what Reform may achieve. £millions will already have been spent if officer time spent is included and councils are taking decisions, for example on service supply contracts, assuming LGR is going ahead. If it was halted hurried infill would need to be done and at heavy cost, with suppliers having the upper hand.

Questions from a resident

So now we have a Local Plan, for Uttlesford, for 15 years. Well done to all involved. Now the next round of issues...

Q Will Uttlesford persist as an identifiable entity within West Essex? Not least to provide a domain within which the Local Plan applies.

A The new Plan will carry on into the new authority as will the Local Plans of Epping Forest and Harlow. Although planning decisions must be in conformity with the National Framework, the new authority will need to accommodate the specifics of each Local Plan and the many Neighbourhood Plans. Therefore there may continue to be separate sub committees sitting locally.

Q What other Local Government structures and mechanisms, if any, are planned within West Essex? I'm thinking particularly about the gap between the Unitary and the parishes.

A With fewer unitary councillors per head of population and a more distant council, parish councils will play an even greater role as the locally accessible level of council services. UDC runs regular parish forums and these will likely become more important to ensure effective liaison and resolution of the matters of the day

Q Where will West Essex 'Head Office' be located? Stortford would make sense, there's even a suitable building, but there might be certain obstacles

A tongue in cheek question, and Yes Stortford is central, but the obstacle is it is in Hertfordshire! The Local Government Act 1972 does allow meetings to be outside the area, however not 'in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol, unless no other suitable room is available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.' So, no moving of the Licensing Committee to a pub!

There will be elections to the shadow authority in May 2027 and major decisions about the structures and processes and locations will then be taken by the shadow authority. In the meantime the government has set that the chief executive of ECC be in charge with implementation committees of 12, being 6 people from ECC and 2 each from the constituent authorities. There is therefore concern that in the short term ECC will have significant influence over councils which Reform UK believe should not exist.

Reform have withdrawn their councillors from participation but ECC officers are continuing the team work. Harlow, which is Conservative, has pulled out of

everything. Unclear at the moment, but it looks like LGR will carry on with a reduction in political control, or in Harlow's case no representation at all

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.

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Other News from Uttlesford District Council

You can get email newsletters and alerts on a whole range of topics via Keep me posted – sign up and find out more at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/keepmeposted.

Quendon & Rickling Golf Society

Barkway

A total of 23 of us took part in our season opener at Barkway Golf Club which was in lovely condition and, although it was blustery at times, the sun shone and we stayed dry.

A warm welcome to our new members. We hope the day has encouraged you to join us for many more events throughout the year.

Results

Nearest the pin was won with a superb shot on the 15th by Julia Izat. Runners-up were Jaine Fieldhouse and Julia Izat.

The overall Winners, with a fantastic score, were Jane Waite and Tony Knight.

Following the golf, we gathered in the sunshine for the prize giving (see the photo front cover), awarding our most sought after Q&R balls to the winners, runners-up, and nearest-the-pin champion.

We then retired to The Chequers for our post-game meal, where conversation flowed about the day's great shots—and, of course, the inevitable "what ifs." While this isn't our usual arrangement, it proved to be an excellent alternative as Barkway are currently unable to provide food.

Jaine and Paul Fieldhouse.

Nigel Ackerman

I'm sure many of you will have heard already but on a more sombre note it is with much sadness that I have to report the passing of Nigel Ackerman. Nigel was a

founder member of our society and a key figure in the running and participation of many of our events over the years. He was a larger than life character and always led the good humoured banter both on and off the course. I'm sure many golfers will recall one of Nigels favourite shouts as he called "taxi" when anyones putt went rushing past the hole!

Sorely missed and our thoughts and condolences go to Penny and her family.

Next Meeting

We have re-arranged our next venue at Gosfield Lake. The date is likely to be 16th July but will be confirmed by Jane Waite to Q&R members as soon as she has finalised the day. Should anyone else wish to join please give me a call.

Brandon Chapman

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Have you read.....?

Reading has undoubtedly improved, enriched and help civilise us all. Modern fiction offers us characters, situations, insight and understanding as well as engrossing stories. Having read a good book, we often want to talk about it so it is no surprise therefore that the u3a has three bookclubs meeting regularly in Stansted alone. Such titles as: Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro, 59 minutes by Holly Seddon and Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng have been recently enjoyed and discussed. The groups meet monthly allowing time to read the books at home. Do check the website for contact information on these classes and the many others available at the u3a.

The very popular Garden group made a visit to Benington Lordship in April and enjoyed exploring this unique property comprising the ruins of a Norman keep, a neo-Norman folly and the beautiful Queen Anne house. Set in sweeping parkland, the orchard, rose garden, walled kitchen garden and wildflower meadow resplendent with cowslips and snakehead fritillaries made for a lovely tour full of interest not least of which was the large tortoise some group members spotted making its way through the garden! The tortoise turned out to be an exile from a neighbouring garden on the run for a week! Happily he was given a lift and returned to his home.

The monthly u3a meeting was graced by the appearance of Lyndsey Barrel best described as a raconteur. At ease behind the microphone, Lyndsey related the two occasions she had been on TV taking part in competitions. Her story explained the hilarious ignominy of her donning an uncomfortable ice cream cone costume and racing another cone to burst a balloon and have sprinkles applied. Laughter ensued as Lyndsey recounted how she won victory. All good fun, delightfully delivered.

Julia Cook



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Although the Society is not a religious organisation, we encourage visits to parish churches as they are often the oldest and most interesting building in any community. Inside, you may find images of angels in some form or another. These winged creatures are considered to be messengers of God. They also represent goodness, with a promise of heaven if you live a good life.



Braughing - church ceiling

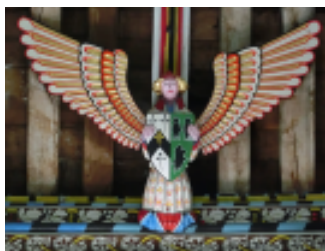


Clavering medieval glass

Angels in churches are depicted in paintings, on stained-glass windows, suspended from ceilings, carved into corbels that support roof timbers or on poppyheads at the end of pews.

Clavering church displays several angels in its medieval glass windows as well as a series of wooden angels suspended from the rafters - they have feathers all over, including on their legs.

It is easy to miss Clavering's angels, but not those at Furneux Pelham.



Furneux Pelham

Their bright colours come from a repaint in the 1960s. Some play a lute and others hold a shield with a family crest, presumably of their sponsor. Furneux Pelham also has a series of angels on windows

that were painted in the 19th century by renowned artists William Morris and Edward Byrne-Jones.



Elmdon Lectern

Radwinter has a series of stained-glass windows with angels featuring prominently. At Elmdon, one peeps out from under the lectern from which the vicar preaches. In Linton, one of the carved poppyheads depicts a scribe resting his book on the wings of an



Linton Poppyhead

angel.

Some churches have carvings on the corbels that support major roof timbers. Hildersham's chancel has especially colourful decoration, including angels on each of its corbels.

Over the last couple of years, I have given an illustrated talk to many local

organisations, taking a peek inside some of our parish churches and including photos of angels in many guises.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Hildersham Corbel



Radwinter Stained Glass

Quendon Bowling Club News May 26

Bowling

Well, the season has started, the lack of rain means we are spending more time watering, but the green is playing well. The green has today (18th May) been inspected and tested by the County officials, and I am pleased that all our hard work has not been in vain. Again, the Club's green has been passed to be able to host not only County matches but also National matches. A big thanks to our in-house greenkeeper Tony and his band of helpers.

We have started the season with mixed results.

In our weekend friendlies, when we give our new and inexperienced bowlers the opportunity take part in competitive games against local clubs, we have one loss, but only just, against Epping and a 52/39 win against Sawbridgeworth.

In the Herts and Essex seniors league we have a good start with wins against both Stansted and Thaxted with a match against Bishops Stortford this week.

The N W Essex league is proving more difficult with losses against both Haverhill and Elsenham.

We have also had a strong start in the Steeple Bumpseed League with a win against Castle Hedingham and we are at home to Saffron Walden this Friday.

We are a very friendly welcoming and social club with members of varying abilities. Come and meet us and see what we offer. We have a "roll up" on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 to 7.00 where you can have a go and see if it suits you. You only need a pair of flat shoes and either our club members or our qualified coach will show you the ropes.

Our upcoming home games for June are 2nd June against Much Hadham at 2.00 pm, 5th June v Castle Hedingham at 6.30pm, 8th June v Clavering at 6.30pm, 9th June v

Elsenham at 2.00 pm, 10th June v Saffron Walden at 6.30pm, 20th June v Dunmow (friendly) and 30th June v Epping at 2.00 pm. Come and watch and enjoy the match and a drink from the bar in the sunshine.

Social Members / Evenings

We have a strong social side with various events throughout the year; as we have home games some Fridays you can watch the match as well as enjoying a drink in our grounds. We are usually open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, and our “specials” are advertised on the Parish notice boards and various WhatsApp pages or call Ray Hart (number below). Following the success of our version of the “Bullseye” TV game of the 70’s, look out for our take on “Family Fortunes” that will be coming soon, as will our Caribbean evening complete with Jerk Chicken and flaming torches.

Why not follow us on Facebook? You can visit our social club 3 times as guests before having to sign as a social member, the cost of which is very reasonable £30.00 a year

Remember you don’t need to bowl to be a social member and our reasonable bar prices will get you 2 large wines, and 2 gin and tonics and a diet coke for less than £15, come and join in the fun.

Looking for a venue

We are pleased to have recently hosted an 80th Birthday celebrations in the clubhouse and would thank them for their kind comments on the village Facebook page.

Our Clubhouse is also available for hire by the hour, half day and full day at very reasonable rates and has recently been used several times by local people, and we have 2 bookings going forward. If you need a venue for your club, meeting, party celebration please contact Ray Hart on 07973 632923 by either text or WhatsApp for further details.

Maces Farms

This year we’ve had 161mm of rain so far — 85mm in January, 55mm in February, 13mm in March, just 1mm in April and 7mm in May.



Because rainfall has been so low since winter, the farm might still look nice and green to the untrained eye, but underneath the crops are really starting to struggle for water. Now, every decision seems to depend on the weather, if it rains, we go with Plan A, and if it doesn’t, we switch to Plan B, which usually means accepting some loss in yield. When the farm’s profits depend so heavily on the weather, it can become incredibly frustrating, especially when a rain shower misses you by only a few miles.

Our Num3 Legume Spring crop should by now be well established, full of flowers and nitrogen-fixing plants. Instead, because of the dry

conditions, some seeds still haven't germinated. Remarkably, we even still have some oat seeds sitting ungerminated in the soil.

The flag leaf on the wheat is now fully out and has received its fungicide and nutrition treatment. More than 70% of wheat yield comes from the flag leaf through photosynthesis, so the next few weeks are critical for grain fill and final yield. I'm not expecting record yields because of the lack of moisture, but it's always interesting to see which varieties and fields cope best under pressure.



We continue to reinvest in the farm, and one of this year's projects was installing a new weighbridge cabin with welfare facilities. It will provide much better facilities year-round for anyone working at the grain store, and it also means we can now comfortably accommodate female staff during harvest, which is important if we want to attract the best people for the job.



We've also started preparing for the local Farms Competition. Ollie has been out removing rogue weeds from the crops and making sure the yards are looking neat and tidy. We finished 3rd last year, so hopefully we can improve by one or two places this time around. Many other farms score highly because they've diversified more than we have. Being part of a wider London-based business, this farm has focused on being financially sustainable, but for farms operating independently, diversification is becoming essential. Things like commercial lets, farm shops, cafés, glamping, dog walking areas and seasonal events are now often necessary because making a reliable profit from food production alone is far from guaranteed.

We are also sponsoring the local School Run fest again this year and are proud to help at this local school event.

A little more rain along with some sustained sunshine would be the dream please.

Mark Gemmill

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Newport and District Flower Club

At the time of writing this article we are enjoying the most beautiful sunny weather! As previously reported, the club had its AGM in April and again, at the time of writing, we will be waiting to welcome demonstrator Julie Richardson from the Isle of Wight in May. In the meantime, some club members attended the NAFAS East of

England Area Day in Mildenhall on Saturday 25th April. In the morning we were



Jo Purdy design

educated and entertained by Martyn Davey, the head grower from Nurtured in Norfolk. The business grows edible flowers used primarily by chefs in their Michelin Star restaurants for flavouring and decorating their dishes. Who knew you could eat so many! In the afternoon Jo Purdy, a floral designer and national demonstrator, all the way from Scarborough, treated us to her 'Botanical Gallery' inspired by artist such as Van Gogh, Monet and Andy



Another Jo Purdy design

Goldsworthy. Jo, originally a social worker, enrolled onto a Floristry degree course over 20 years ago and has never looked back. It was a magical day. If you would like to enjoy events like this, please visit us at one of our meetings for a taster or email us for more details and upcoming dates. Our next club meeting will be in the evening of 17th June with Naomi Wells and her title 'Miss Cullimore'.

7pm for 7.30pm start – third Wednesday of the month

Ugley Village Hall, Cambridge Road, CM22 6HR

Sandra Honour – Programme Secretary

Email: ugleybunchflowerclub@gmail.com

Facebook : Ugley Bunch Flower Club



Full Uttlesford Big Green Festival programme unveiled to celebrate local climate and nature action



A full programme of events has been announced for the upcoming Uttlesford Big Green Festival – an exciting, district wide celebration of community action on climate change, nature recovery and sustainability.

Taking place from 5 to 14 June, the festival is a collaboration between Uttlesford District Council and Sustainable Uttlesford and brings together community groups and residents to showcase the positive work already happening across Uttlesford – and to inspire more people to get involved.

With a wide range of free events across the district, the programme includes talks, walks, films, workshops and repair cafés, creative performances, practical advice sessions and family activities, offering something for all ages and interests.

Festival highlights

With over 30 events planned across 10 days, the programme includes:

- Looking Back & Legacy: Uttlesford Zero Carbon and Community Action – Friday 5 June, 6.15pm – UDC Offices, Saffron Walden – reflection on the local achievements of the Zero Carbon Communities Fund, while looking ahead to the next phase of climate action.
- Rivers and Chalk Streams: Collaboration and Catchments – Wednesday 10 June, 6.15pm – Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow – celebrate a new documentary film featuring community-led river restoration, showing how local efforts and collective imagination connect to wider catchment restoration.
- The People's Emergency Briefing – Thursday 11 June, 7.30pm, Saffron Walden Town Hall – a UK-wide film screening helping communities understand the climate crisis,
- The Imaginarium: Culture, Creativity & Climate – Friday 12 June, 7pm – Saffron Hall – an evening of music, food and film, shifting the discussion from reflection to imagination: how culture, creativity and storytelling can engage people with local climate and nature recovery.
- Cut your energy bill, go green – Saturday 13 June, 10.30am to 3.30pm – St Theresa's Church Hall, Stansted – discover how to switch to green energy, see live demonstrations from local installers and get your questions answered by experts.



BERDEN
Open Gardens
Sunday 28th June 2026
2 - 6pm

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THE UTTLESFORD BIG
GREEN
FESTIVAL

5 - 14 JUNE 2026

Don't miss 10 days of FREE events showcasing local sustainable projects that benefit us and the planet.

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Saffron Walden Museum

Visiting the Museum

Our standard opening hours are:

Tuesday, Thursday -Saturday 10-5pm; Sundays & Bank Holidays 2-5pm

Closed Mondays (apart from bank holidays)

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

Please note that during the Winter months, November-February, the museum closes earlier at 4.30pm, rather than at 5pm

www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

Object of the Month

Bandolier Bag of Waabaanakwad

This month's object is this bag, said to have belonged to the Chief Waabaanakwad (1830-1898), or Wah Bah naquad, of the Anishinaabe of the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota. The Bag came to the museum in 1880 from Lord Charles Hervey

(1814-1880), one of the sons of the 1st Marquess of Bristol, who died as the rector of Great Chesterfield in 1880. Lord Hervey donated many objects to the museum from around the world, yet how he came to own such wonders is, for now, a mystery.

The bag was probably made for rifle or musket ammunition and is beautifully decorated with beads of white, yellow, red and blue.

There is an embroidered panel set on red material near the opening, and the strap is also highly decorated. The bag is finished with blue tassels. There are repeated patterns of twin arrowheads and flowers.

Chief Waabaanakwad (grey/pale/white cloud) was an Anishinaabe, also called the Ojibwa or Chippewa, part of the Anishinaabeg linguistic group who came from the United States of America and the Canadian border area. Born at Gull Lake in Minnesota, he became chief after his father's, Waubojeeg, death. The Gull Lake band, of which Waabaanakwad was chief, was moved to the Leech Lake area after the Dakota War of 1862, also known as the Little Crows War. Even though the band seems not to have been involved in the war, where the main protagonists were the Dakota Sioux, who, after being starved and facing displacement, attacked the white colonialist settlements along the Minnesota River. After the defeat of the Dakota Sioux by the United States Army, many of the Dakota and the Ojibwa were forcibly moved from



their lands to control the indigenous population and their movements.

At the Leech Lake reservation, Waabaanakwad was considered the preeminent chief of not only his band but of the displaced Mississippi Chippewa Bands. It was in this role that he signed the Treaty of Washington in 1867, where it was agreed that the various peoples would recognise the supremacy of the United States Government, recovering after the end of a brutal civil war, and also grant land rights for the railways and, in some cases, telegraph lines that would cross their land. There was also the agreement that no federal legislation could interfere with their tribal organisation.

In 1868, Waabaanakwad led his people to the White Earth Indian Reservation, where he remained until his death some 30 years later. At some point in the 1870s, he converted to Christianity and took the name D. G. Wright, though it is said he rarely used it.

Waabanakwad's legacy does not end with his death, however, and the first United States Navy vessel named after an indigenous North American was named after him. In 1945, the USS Wabanquot (another alternative spelling), a Hisada-class tug, was launched and was in service till 1976.



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Village Hall AGM	8th June	15.00	Q&R Village Hall
RunFest	13th June		Rickling See Page 5
Open Gardens	13/14th June	12.00-17.00	Newport
A Celebration Of Music Through Time	14th June	14.00	Berden
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