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Visits: If you would like the Vicar to visit you at home or in hospital, or know of anyone who would like him to visit them, please let the Vicar know.

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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Neil McLeod,

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

I want to draw your attention to two events that will be running at St. Mary's Church, Newport, which we are holding as part of our commemorations of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. They will hopefully not be the only events that happen as more may take place on the official weekend of 10th/12th June. However I am hoping that these two events will appeal to people across the parish of Quendon and Rickling.

On the evening of Friday 20th May, there will be a celebration of 'Wedding Dresses through the Ages'. On the following Sunday 22nd May there will be an opportunity for married couples to renew their wedding vows at a benefice service to be held in Newport church at 11.00am. We would love it if you could attend either, or both, of these events.

On the Friday evening the plan is to stage a fashion show/display of as many wedding dresses as we can. We are asking friends to check the back of their wardrobes, cupboards, in their attics and under their beds to see if they have a dress lurking (possibly half-forgotten, maybe a bit moth-eaten). We'd love to be able to swell the number of dresses available on the night, so if anyone has a dress we could display or dressmaker's dummy, portable clothes rail, etc., then they would be most welcome to bring it along. We are also hoping to have a catwalk show of some of the dresses. We envisage a fun evening with a complimentary glass of something fizzy/or juice and canapés, plus a raffle.

It is our hope and intention to have the wedding dresses remain in the church over the weekend (it would remain locked) so as to be able to have them on display during the service. To link in with the celebration of the wedding dress through the ages, we will also be celebrating marriage. The high point of the service will be the opportunity for couples to renew their wedding vows, irrespective of whether they've been married 1 year, 5 year, 10 years or more than that. It promises to be a very special service within the life of the church, and hopefully within the life of our community as well.

Please keep a look out for information as more information is released, and ticket details for the Friday evening are made available. In the meantime please contact Jill Scott for more information regarding the 'Wedding Dress through the Ages' Event on 01799 541082, or via email to jill.scott.bill@uwclub.net. If you'd like more information on renewing your wedding vows please contact me at the vicarage on 01799 540339 or via email on mcleod444@btinternet.com.

Neil

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 3rd April

9.30am	Widdington	Benefice Holy Communion
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Sunday 10th April

8.30am	Widdington	BCP Communion
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9.30am	Quendon	BCP Communion
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11.00am	Newport	All-Age Service
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Sunday 17th April

9.30am	Widdington	Holy Communion
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11.00am	Newport	Holy Communion
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6.00pm	Rickling	Evening Prayer
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Sunday 24th April

8.00am	Newport	BCP Communion
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9.30am	Rickling	Holy Communion
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11.00am	Newport	Morning Worship
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3.30pm	Newport	Messy Church
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In addition to these services, prayer meetings are held as follow:

Quendon, Mondays 4 30 pm

Rickling, Thursdays 9 00am

Widdington, Tuesday 9 00am

Newport, Wednesday 4 30 pm.

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

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Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

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

Friends of Essex Churches Trust – Church Visits Study Day.

Wed 4th May 2016

Everyone is welcome to join Essex historian Dr Christopher Starr for interesting talks in four of our favourite medieval churches in north-west Essex.

10.30 St Mary the Virgin, Arkesden
11.30 St Mary & St Clement, Clavering.
12.30 Lunch.
14.00 All Saints, Rickling,
15.00 St Mary the Virgin, Wendens Ambo.

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For tickets contact Mrs Susan Clark -01787 242121 susanclarkstarr@hotmail.co.uk

**Quendon & Rickling Village Coffee
Mornings**

Quendon Village Hall

If you would like to have a village coffee morning for a charity or cause of your own choice

Ring Maureen Hawkins 543201 to book the hall.

Quendon & Rickling APCM

**This year's Annual Parochial Church
Meeting will be on Monday 25th April
8.00pm at Quendon Church.**

All Welcome.

Quendon Churchyard

Those of us who live close to Quendon Church can often hear people as they wander in the churchyard. They may be visiting the graves of family members or friends, conducting research into the history of the village or perhaps they are just enjoying the peaceful space there.

This valuable village resource remains available to such visitors because a modest group of people tend the grass each growing season and keep it tidy.

We have two mowing machines, but we once again we need more people to use them.

Please contact either John Watkinson by telephone (01799 543350) or e-mail (johnwatkinson@tiscali.co.uk) or the Editor, Robert Arnold by e-mail (robert@arnold-q.uk) or telephone (01799 543075) if you are able and willing to help. The more people we have to take part, the easier it is for each.

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many congratulations to this months winners!

1st Prize	No 58	Extend Exercise Class
2nd Prize	No 24	Christine Osbourne
3rd Prize	No 70	Maureen Brittain

If you would like to join us, please phone Clare - 01799 543637

**Two new regular events at Quendon
& Rickling Village Hall**

Mondays 16.00 to 17.00 Rainbows (pre-Brownies)

Fridays 16.00 to 17.00 Karate for all ages 4 to adult

Contact with the Police

Many NhW members have been in touch regarding the contact arrangements with the local police. In the past, you have been given the mobile numbers of Neighbourhood Policing Teams and this was primarily used for contact with your local PCSOs. With the recent manpower and organisation changes, Essex Police are now operating through Local Policing Hubs, so it is not possible to contact individual members of that team for day-to-day activities. The number of PCSOs has also been substantially reduced.

The recommended procedure is to contact the police using the 101 service (if 999 is not appropriate for non-emergency situations). Calls to the 101 Centre will determine how to respond and, where appropriate, this will be passed to either Response Officers or members of the Local Policing Hub.

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Parish Council Meetings

It would be great to have more public participation at our Parish Council Meetings. The next meeting is on the 13th April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, so if you can spare the time please do come along.

An Agenda will be published on the village website and on all notice boards on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Here are the proposed dates for rest of the meetings this year:

18th May, 22nd June, 27th July, 7th September, 12th October, 16th November, 14th December

Any changes will be advertised.

Proposed housing development

Thank you to everybody who attended the Public meeting on the 15th March regarding the proposed new housing development, and those who have forwarded their feedback to the Parish Council. Presently (as at 19th March) the Parish Council are collating all the feedback and will advise the village of its findings in due course.

If you wish to make comments about the proposal please send them to the Parish Clerk whose email address can be found at the end of this article.

Dog Fouling

Uttlesford District Council has a clear message on Dog fouling:

Please clean up after your dog – Bag it and Bin it.

Failure to clean up after your dog could result in a £1000 fine!

To report incidents of dog fouling call the council's Customer Service Centre on 01799 510510.

Alternatively, fill in an online form at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. It is quite difficult to keep track of, so if anyone knows of any newcomers to the village do please let me know on the contact details below and I will drop off a welcome pack to them.

Allotments

Anyone interested in taking up an allotment should call Peter Warwick on 01799 543526.

We understand that there are still some plots available and it may be possible that some existing ones may be divided up.

Neighbourhood Watch

We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate a Neighbourhood Watch team in the Parish. If anyone is interested in getting involved please contact me on the details below.

Local Plan

Details of the Local Plan can be found on the UDC website. In the meantime it is noted that following the call for potential sites, landowners in the Parish have put forward 5 potential sites. Details of these can be found on the UDC website via the following link: <https://cms.esriuk.com/uttlesford/Sites/cfs/>

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.

Police/Crime

The Essex Community Messaging Service provides useful information to the public about policing and safety issues. It is free to register and information is given relative to your postcode, thus providing accurate and up-to-date community safety information and crime prevention advice. Users can choose to receive information via e-mail, text or voice-recording and can select what information to receive – based on where they live and work and on issues of interest. For further details and to sign up, visit www.essex.police.uk/ecm

Children's Activities

Armadillos, a Bumps, Babies, Toddlers and Parents group meets every Tuesday (term time) from 9am-11am at Rickling School Hall

Buffy Bus

Is no longer visiting the Parish, the Wednesday service has been rescheduled to stop at Cherry Garden Lane, Newport between 9.15am and 10.30am

Contact the Parish Council

The Clerk, Sue Joannou can be contacted by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone 01799 541984.

Should anyone wish to receive e-mail updates/notices, please send me your e-mail address and I will add you to the village circulation list.

This month's message from the Chairman of the Parish Council

I've heard some encouraging comments recently regarding my regular piece in *THE LINK*, and in fact, *THE LINK* itself. Over a period of time I had come to the conclusion that for the most part, *THE LINK* would appear through the letter box, be picked up, and deposited in the recycling bin without ever being opened, let alone read. But I've heard from a number of people that, actually, they look forward to it, and read it avidly from cover to cover. So I'd like to say a big thankyou, not just for myself, but on behalf of all those who have a hand in putting it together, especially our esteemed editor, Robert Arnold, to all of you who don't simply 'bin it'. It's great to know we're not talking to thin air.

Another thank you, to those who were able to come to the public meeting at the school to see the proposals for a development on the grounds of Ventnor Lodge. I had feared that the subject of planning might have reached the point where people were so fed up with it that apathy had overwhelmed them. In fact more than fifty people came along and I was really pleased to see a lot of people I didn't recognize. My commanding officer tells me that she thinks I seem to know everyone in Q&R, but here was proof to the contrary. The PC are poring over your reactions and once we've come to a conclusion it will be those that guide our response to the coming CALA application. One thing you all seemed to agree on, and it sits perfectly with the PC's thinking from the outset, is that whether we object to the application or support it, we should negotiate to achieve as much benefit for the villages as possible, if the application is approved.

Finally, Community Speedwatch. We all know that traffic through the village is heavier than we'd like, and often faster, sometimes much faster than we'd like. We used to have a Community Speedwatch team, but most have ceased to take part for various reasons. In fact until a week or so ago, I was about to contact the police to return the equipment to them. But the matter was raised with me at the Action Plan launch and two people said they would be interested in joining in. For a team to be viable I would need a total of about six volunteers. So if you would like to join me, give me a call or send a brief e-mail. If we get enough responses I'll contact the police and ask them to arrange training for us.

Alan.

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Here it comes:

I rang the local swimming baths and I said, 'Is that the local swimming baths?'
The guy said, 'Depends where you're calling from'.

AP.

START TIMES
1K 10.15AM
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5K 11.10AM
£8 (£10 ON THE DAY)
10K 11.00AM
£10 (£12 ON THE DAY)

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO RICKLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

News from Uttlesford District Council



Some time ago I'd asked our (then) District Councillors to let us have reports of UDC's activities, but without success. I am therefore delighted that our current representatives have offered this, which I hope will be a regular (and apolitical) feature in THE LINK.

Editor

District Councillors Neil Hargreaves and Joanna Parry

There has been a lot going on at our District Council including some senior management changes. The new chief executive, Dawn French, previously at Basildon Borough Council, joined on 29th February. Dawn has asked councillors to show her round their wards and wants to know what issues residents have, so Jo and I will be taking her up on that! And the Head of Planning Andrew Taylor is leaving UDC on the 8th April, moving to a large firm of developers. UDC is recruiting a replacement. Planning applications now, and the Local Plan for development up to 2033, are for many residents highly sensitive matters, so this is a key appointment.

The new local Plan, which initially we considered as being developed in a more open and objective manner than the previous rejected plan, is unfortunately not progressing as we expected. The adoption date for the Plan has been put back nine months from March to December 2017 and the previously announced public consultation on the proposed sites has been dropped. These changes were presented at the end of January to the cross party Plan Working Group without warning or explanation. Requests from Residents for Uttlesford and Libdem members of the Working Group for officers to supply explanations and a coherent timetable were refused by the Chair and not allowed to be voted on. Further pressure from the minority party members of the Working Group, including Jo Parry, has resulted in some information relating to the schedule. But it is not very convincing, and a full project management process and tools, considered standard practice elsewhere, appear lacking. The Working Party, not being a Committee, has neither rules, nor terms of reference, and it reports to the Cabinet which is chaired by the same person who chairs the working group, and who is also council leader. The removal of the public consultation means residents and businesses will have no opportunity to comment on the intended development sites for our district from now to 2033. Parish councils have, however, been invited to comment on the factual accuracy of the assessments of sites put forward by landowners in the 'Call for Sites'.

Our fear is if this project is not managed professionally, and excludes the opinions of residents and leaves the minority party councillors fighting to be shown evidence for decisions, the Plan may again be rejected by the Inspector. Further delay would leave the district open to more unplanned major housing applications. The Government has threatened to step in and enforce plans on recalcitrant councils

A Newport matter which has some impact on Quendon & Rickling (almost literally) is that a request has been raised to improve diversion signs relating to the railway bridge strikes. The current signage is weak and misleading, (and from the north was demolished a few months ago and has not been repaired!). Essex Highways say a study has been done and a report will be available in time for the March Highways Panel meeting, which considers projects for the next financial year. The bridge is hit about three times a year, and there are many more near misses which also stop all traffic as the large vehicles have difficulty reversing out (and cause significant damage)

Everyone by now will have got their 2016/17 council tax bills. UDC at present has very substantial funds as a result of the New Homes Bonus, a government scheme paying £8000 per completed house to 'persuade' councils to push development, and which therefore made up a large part of UDC income. However the government is dropping the scheme. It continues for 2016/17 but will be tailed off after that. UDC councillors get a share of this for use in their wards and the allocation remains at £3000 per councillor

Our New Homes Bonus allocations for last year have included funds for repair work on the bus stop and donations to the primary school and the Armadillos toddler group. In the rest of the Ward there have been funds for Newport primary school, and the other toddler groups, Scouts, Brownie packs and the Newport Youth Centre, work on the churches and Red Cross training.

If you would like to raise council matters with us directly we attend the PC meetings in the Village Hall, on a rota basis so one of us is always there!

Neil Hargreaves



RICKLING
CARERS' CLUB

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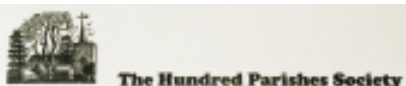
Here comes the spring and we all want to feel good about ourselves and our bodies. Pilates is a programme of exercises that promotes good movement for your body.

It can help towards better posture, strengthening your core muscles, and exercising with good movement for your joints can help towards pain free exercising.

If you fancy giving Pilates a try or are interested in joining the group in the village hall on Tuesdays please give me a call on 07742 182272 or email me on jcrawley01@me.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jan Crawley

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The Hundred Parishes Society

The primary aim of the Hundred Parishes Society is to 'educate' – to increase knowledge and appreciation of our area. We do not pretend to know it all or to be the only organisation spreading the word. We are very happy to publicise what others are doing, usually through the What's On page of our website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk. If your event doesn't already appear, please tell us about it.

Some parishes have local history societies, women's institutes, U3As or similar bodies, and they usually welcome visitors who may come for a specific talk. There are other, perhaps less formal, groups who meet to enjoy the mix of an interesting speaker and a chance to enjoy refreshment and a chat. We were pleased to learn of the success of one such group that started up during this past winter in Standon village hall. Speakers on varied local subjects attracted as many as 60 listeners, although no doubt they were also tempted by the social aspects of the gathering, not least the cakes!

We are conscious that many places do not have such enterprising organisers, so the Society aims to fill part of the gap with its own programme of talks. They will be open to all and will appear on our What's On. We will also be offering members a few guided walks, following the popularity of our first such venture last year. But please don't wait to be organized - now that Spring has arrived, our lovely countryside and fascinating towns and villages are looking forward to your visit! Do try one that you have not explored recently, ideally with a copy of the parish introduction and perhaps a walk route, both of which are available free from our website.

Ken McDonald,
Secretary

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of Quendon & Rickling Village Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 8:p.m. in the Village Hall.

Please come and give your support. All residents are entitled to attend and vote. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Salvation Army - Uttlesford Foodbank

What is the service? The foodbank provides free emergency food. As well as receiving food for a minimum of 3 days users may be directed to further help and support if required. This service can be used up to 3 times, with a break of a month before re-referral.

Who can use the service and is it free? Anyone who is struggling to buy food for themselves or their family can be referred to a foodbank. Referrals are made by local care professionals such as Health Visitors. GPs, Social Workers, CAB or Church Pastoral Workers and The Salvation Army.

How is the service delivered and accessed? An electronic referral is sent via Uttlesford Frontline to either The Salvation Army Well Cafe in Saffron Walden, Uttlesford Community Hub in Great Dunmow or Station House in Takeley.

Service Contact Details

Phone: 07531 436335

Email: info@uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk

Website: tba

Company: 9_

Charity: 214779



Offices

The Well,
Abbey Lane,
Saffron Walden,
Essex, CB10 1AG
Hours Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 am to 2pm. Closed Bank Holidays

CVSU Uttlesford Community Hub,
45 Stortford Road,
Great Dunmow,
Essex, CM6 1DQ
Hours 9.30am to 1pm Monday to Friday. Closed Bank Holidays

Station House,
Sycamore Close,
Takeley,
Essex, CM22 6QA
Hours to be confirmed



Help Needed.

<http://www.matthewproject.org/>

1st Quendon & Rickling Rainbows are collecting the plastic lids that are found on the top of milk cartons. We are collecting them for a charity based in Norfolk called 'The Matthew Project'. It is a project that helps people with drug & alcohol problems. We chose this charity because we all have milk & it is easy for the girls to collect & means that it is an equal ability task. We all wondered if you all would be able to help by collecting them also? Please drop them off to Clare, Bury Farm Cottage, Rickling Green.

Many thanks, Rainbow Dash, Pinky Pie, Chloe, Daisy, Scout, Madison, Maisie, Isabelle & Maisie.

Much happens in Quendon & Rickling that doesn't get reported in these pages. I hope soon to be able to include reports not only from our regular correspondent from the Golf Society, but also from the Cricket Club, Bowling Club, the school and all others who would like share their successes and adventures with us.

I am most grateful to Alexander Rich for the following, which I saved to use just now, when the activities of the sunny months are starting.

Editor

Rickling and Cricket – “The most perfect of wickets”

By Alexander Rich

Since the 17th Century cricket has been played on many village greens. By the early 18th century the game had become popular, especially in the southern counties of England. It was played by every strata of society with wealthy patrons forming their own "select XIs". A notable early fan of the sport was Charles Lennox, 2nd Duke of Richmond and in 1751 Frederick, Prince of Wales, tragically died after being hit by a cricket ball whilst playing cricket at Cliveden House (so the sport has undeniably changed the course of history).

By the 1730's grounds were being "staked and roped out" and large crowds were flocking to watch matches at venues such as the Artillery Ground in Finsbury (now the Honourable Artillery Company's pitch). Thomas Lord opened his first cricket ground, the home of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), in 1787 (though it didn't settle on its present site at St John's Wood until 1814). In 1788 the MCC established the definitive 'Laws of Cricket' (and they are still responsible for their upkeep). In the first few decades of the 19th Century many cricket clubs were founded. Rickling Green certainly had a side by 1842 and in August of that year a match between Audley End and Rickling Green is recorded in a number of contemporary newspapers as far away as London (Rickling Green won).

The Hertford Mercury & Reformer of Saturday 22 July 1843, records a match between Stortford and Rickling and Bell's Life in London & Sporting Chronicle, records the return match between Royston and Rickling Green on 25 September 1844 suggesting that by this time Rickling Green were a well established travelling side (Rickling won by 65 runs). By 1846 they were on a circuit which included Albion cricket club and a further mention that year in the London paper The Era, reports "a vast concourse of spectators" watching a match on Rickling Green. The Chelmsford Chronicle records a cricket match on 7 April (very early in the season) between Matching and Henham played at Rickling Green, suggesting that by this time Rickling Green had become such a well-established cricket pitch that it was being used as a ground by a number of teams. White's "History, Gazetteer & Directory of Essex 1848" lists James Hayden and as keeper of a "beerhouse" at Rickling Green (which was taken over by his widow Elizabeth). This "beerhouse" is not specifically named in directories until Kelly's Essex Directory of 1878 but there is listed as the "Cricketer's Arms" confirming the firm association between Rickling Green and the game of cricket.

It is not surprising therefore that in October 1861 a young army officer, mad-keen cricketer and MCC Member, Thomas Hallam "Tommy" Hoblyn, chose to move with his wife and their infant daughter to the "The Views" at Rickling Green (the residence now known as "Rickling House"). Hoblyn's arrival heralded a new, prestigious era for cricket on Rickling Green. For six years, from the 1862 season onwards, Rickling Green was a regular venue for notable matches between the home side, the MCC and other distinguished teams. In May 1862 Rickling Green played 'I Zingari' at home (a club which still survives and derives its name from Italian meaning "the Gypsies"). MCC and I Zingari fixtures are well documented so it is possible to tease out who was playing for Rickling Green at this time (a number of whom might be considered "ringers"). Along with Tommy Hoblyn players included Henry Plowden (MCC, Cambridge and Hants), William Pitt Prest (Cambridge University, Cambridgeshire and the Gentlemen of England), Ferdinand Hope-Grant (Cambridge University and MCC), George van der Meulen (Rugby School, Cambridge University and Hertfordshire), Walter Edward Grimston (Harrow, Hertfordshire and MCC). Other regulars included H Perkins, J

Perkins, B Spencer, A Spencer, R Forster, W Bayliff and A Court.

Bell's Life records a match between Rickling Green and a Trinity XI which was delayed by rain. There was a "Strict enforcing of Law X" (which deals with preparation of the wicket and resulting postponement of the start of a match). Bell's Life gave credit to Mr Hoblyn for adhering to the Laws "as an MCC man" and comments that "Large scores were consequent upon the most perfect of wickets".

Frank Newton Streatfield CMG records in Chapter VI of his book "Sporting Recollections of an Old'Un" (published in 1913) about having a "Bellyful of bowling at Rickling Green". Streatfield's MCC Membership had been sponsored by Tommy Hoblyn who also invited him to play for Rickling Green against the "Quidnuncs" (a club founded in 1851 by former Cambridge University Cricket Club members whose membership usually required players to have gained a Blue in the Varsity match). Streatfield recalls a "frightful leather hunt... what might somewhat coarsely be exceedingly correctly described as a most unconscionable bellyful". He recalls that Rickling Green were soundly beaten and that C. G. Lyttelton (who went on to become Lord Cobham) scored over a century. This match is almost certainly the one recorded in Lord Cobham's obituary in the 1923 Wisden where it is written up that during an innings at Rickling Green he made "74 runs off 26 balls out of 27 delivered to him" and that Lord Cobham went in to bat with the express purpose of hitting a ball over a big tree which was growing on the edge of the Green "on the top of which was a flagstaff". His hits, extraordinarily, "included an eight, without an overthrow, and not downhill" the ball being "stopped in its course by a gate."

In January 1865 Tommy Hoblyn was advertising in the Herts & Essex Observer for a gardener/handyman (whose duties may well have included maintaining the Rickling Green wicket) but, unfortunately Tommy Hoblyn died, at the tragically early age of 31, just before Christmas 1866 and is interred in Quendon churchyard. The cricketing records show that Hoblyn's demise effected Rickling Green's fixtures list. The MCC did not return to Rickling Green for another five years after which there is a further hiatus of well-documented matches on the Green until the 1880's when a new era of players included Henry Swarder (Essex and Hertfordshire), Frank Silcock (Essex) and Richard Spencer (Essex) who all started playing for the club. Richard Spencer lived at Birchhanger and was Honorary Secretary of Rickling Green Cricket Club for many years (his death was reported in the 1906 Wisden). It was during this period that one of the most remarkable events in cricketing history happened on Rickling Green – placing it on the world cricketing map.

August 1882 was a fine, dry month and on 4th and 5th of that month Rickling Green played Orleans Cricket Club (recently founded by Charles Inglis "Buns" Thornton (1850–1929) and named after the Club's home ground at Orleans Road, Twickenham). Thornton played more than 200 first-class matches in the late 19th century and other notable players on his Orleans side included Arthur Trevor (Winchester, Oxford University & Sussex) and George Vernon (England & Middlesex). "Buns" Thornton and opened the batting for Orleans with George Vernon and scored 15 runs before being caught by Richard Spencer off Henry Swarder's bowling. At that stage Orleans had just 20 runs for 1 wicket, but what followed was one of cricket's most extraordinary feats. Arthur Trevor, the OCC number three batsman, walked out to the crease: it was not until 605 runs later, the following day, that the next wicket fell (when Vernon was finally bowled by Silcock). The rest of the Orleans side all put runs on the board (except for Bernard Posno (England and MCC - once a batting partner of WG Grace) who was caught for a duck by Silcock off Spencer's bowling). Orleans Cricket Club's total was 920 runs – at that time the highest ever authenticated total score. However, Orleans had not completed their innings until a few minutes before the stumps were pulled - so the match was a draw!

The 920 runs had been scored off 1174 balls. Arthur Trevor's runs were made up of four 6's, five 5's, 16 4's, 32 3's, 29 2's and 71 singles. George Vernon's innings comprised of two 6's, 15 4's, 24 3's, 21 2's and 73 singles. Five of the batsmen scored 795 runs between them. Frank Silcock bowled 485 of the balls. Papers throughout the British Empire reported on the score made on Rickling Green and the statistic was included in WG Grace's book "Cricket" published in 1891. The total was beaten six years later in Melbourne, Australia during a match between Carlton Cricket Club and Melbourne University – but even now, after 133 years, it remains the eighth highest all-time score and is still the second highest 2nd wicket partnership.

The sports journalist Alfred William Pullin (known as Old Ebor) recorded in "Talks with Old English Cricketers" (published in 1900) that in 1883, a year after the mammoth Orleans Cricket Club score, they returned to Rickling Green requiring "250 runs in two hours" to win a match. Apparently "the runs were got in a hundred minutes"!

Rickling Green remains one of the most picturesque cricket pitches as home to Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club. It is on the circuit for Essex/England testimonial matches. A sympathetic, purpose-built pavilion was finally erected on the Green in the 1980's superseding facilities laid on by the Cricketer's Arms "beerhouse" for some 150 years. One visiting player wryly noted that Rickling Green is one of the few grounds where you could be out by being "Run Over" (as you have to cross Belcham's Lane (a public highway) to get from the new pavilion to the crease).

Coming soon

The Quendon & Rickling Photographic Competition and Exhibition

Classes:

Travel

Winter

Patterns

Architecture

Street scenes

Rules

1. Size can be any size up to a maximum of A4, unmounted
2. Colour/black and white/sepia allowed
3. Photographs must have been taken during the last 12 months
4. £1 fee for every photograph submitted.
5. All photographs must be submitted by 15th April 2016 with a completed entry form and appropriate fee
6. Copyright remains with the owner of the photograph but you grant a free licence to the Quendon & Rickling PCC to publish it in any form including in THE LINK magazine
7. All photographs will be displayed in an exhibition at Quendon & Rickling Village Hall on Sunday 24th April 2016
8. Photographs can be collected at the end of the exhibition.
9. Judging will be prior to the start of the exhibition.
10. Adults, 12 - 16 and under 12 age groups for all categories

All entries to be submitted by 15th April, with appropriate fee (£1.00 per photograph) and entry form to

Talbots, Cambridge Road, Quendon, CB11 3XJ

Entry forms are available for download on the village website (www.quendonandrickling.co.uk) or call 01799 543075 for a form.

Alternatively clip out the form below.

Come and see all the entries on display on Sunday 24th April at Quendon & Rickling Village Hall, Cambridge Road, Quendon, CB11 3XQ from 1.30 to 5pm.

Quendon and Rickling Photographic Competition 2016

Entry Form

Name										
Address										
Phone Number &/or e-mail address										
Age if under 17										
Which categories:	State number of photographs you are entering in each category									
1. Street Life										
2. Patterns										
3. Winter										
4. Travel										
5. Architecture										
Total number of photographs entered										
Entry fee total (£1 per photograph entered)										

Please label photographs on the reverse with your name and category and photograph title.

The Coffee and Cake Morning

I would like to thank all of you who came along to the Village Hall on the 5th March and contributed to a very enjoyable morning. As ever, the very tempting selection of home-baked cakes was greatly appreciated and raised £45 in donations. This will be used to purchase goods or services that will help the Rickling Carers Club. It was good to see so many clubs and interest groups represented during the morning and shows just how many activities are available to us within our local area.

The morning also gave us the chance to discuss The Village Action Plan with residents and we were grateful to those of you who volunteered to help with the next stage of this project. Perhaps you would like to be involved.

Are you interested in helping with any of the following?

- **Community Services**
- **Young People's Activities**
- **A Playground**
- **A Cycle Way**
- **Improving Pavements**
- **A Community Shop**
- **Environmental Projects**
- **Litter Picking**
- **Footpath Surveys**
- **Neighbourhood Watch**
- **Communications**
- **Village Links**
- **Links with Local Businesses**

No matter how small, your contribution will make a difference.

Our next meeting will be on the 6th April. If you would like to get involved, then do contact one of the following people:

Annette or Brandon Chapman - 543518 or Chris Phillips – 542351

Annette Chapman

The Village Plan Action Group

Fraud and scams: the risks

A scam is a fraud and who is at risk? We all are. You are more likely to become a victim of fraud than any other crime. The villains involved are ruthless, care little about their victims and do not discriminate. People of all age groups, and the vulnerable are all liable to fall victim of this crime. The biggest risk is thinking, "It could not happen to me." Programmes like 'Hustle' glamorize fraud but to a victim there is nothing glamorous about being a victim; it can and does destroy people's lives.

Fraud comes from many directions and in many forms, constantly evolving, and is by no means limited to the few examples below:

Postal delivery: Lottery and holiday wins (should be suspicious when you have not even entered it!); sales pitches involving a continued commitment; someone stranded abroad in need of cash; inheritance, and as below in "telephone, computers and the internet" these may come via the post too.

ATM and shops: distraction at the ATM i.e. dropped cash and 'shoulder surfing' for your PIN; devices attached to the ATM to hold your card and/or read your PIN; 'shoulder surfing' at the till in a store followed by a distraction in the car park while you are getting into the car in order to steal your card from within your bag in the car.

Telephone, computers and the internet: you are told either by telephone or via an E-mail that you have virus in your computer and that you need to give them remote access to your computer; that your telephone bill has not been paid and your telephone will be cut off. Those in 'postal delivery' above may also come via Email; there has been unusual activity on your bank account - they obtain your account details from you and send a courier round for your card(s); you have shares in such and such company and we doing a hostile takeover and would like to buy yours – of course there will be a fee; shopping frauds; carbon credit scams.

The list would go on and on and I do not have the space to cover them all.

Reporting fraud and further advice is available from Action Fraud <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or ring 0300 123 2040, other sources of advice are:

http://www.essex.police.uk/PDF/fraud_not_just_a_scam_but_a_crime_leaflet.pdf (also available from Essex Police stations).

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Lastly remember if it looks too good to be true invariably it is, and you get nowt for nowt.

Stephen Armson-Smith 10/3/2016



April 2016 at...

The Iron Giant: Signature Edition (PG)

Spotlight (15)

Dad's Army (PG)

Marguerite (15)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (U)

Zoolander 2 (12A)

Giselle – **Royal Opera House**

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (15)

Oddball and the Penguins (U)

Trumbo (15)

Don Quixote – **Bolshoi**

A Bigger Splash (15)

Monet to Matisse – **Royal Academy**

How to be Single (15)

Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)

Triple 9 (15)

A War (15)

Matthew Bourne - The Car Man **Saddler's Wells**

Hail Caesar!

Pride (12A) Saffron Screen *Pop-up* – *Albury*

The Lady in the Van (12A)

Lucia di Lammermoor – **Royal Opera House**

Eddie the Eagle

The Divergent Series: Allegiant

The Pearl Button (El botón de nácar) 12A

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Mon 4th 8pm

Tues 5th 4pm

Tues 5th 8pm & Thurs 7th 4pm

Weds 6th 7.15pm

Thurs 7th 8pm & Sat 9th 5pm

Fri 8th 4pm & Sat 9th 2pm

Fri 8th & Sat 9th 8pm, Sun 17th 5pm

Sun 10th 4pm

Sun 10th & Mon 11th 8pm

Tues 12th 7.30pm

Fri 15th 8pm

Sat 16th 3pm, Sun 17th 2pm,

Sat 23rd 3pm & Sun 24th 2pm

Sat 16th & Sun 17th 8pm

Mon 18th 8pm

Thurs 21st 7.30pm

Fri 22nd, Sat 23rd & Sun 24th 8pm

Fri 22nd 8pm

Sun 24th 5pm

Mon 25th 7.15pm

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Sat 30th 3pm & Sun 1st 2pm

Mon 2nd 8pm



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What's On

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
EXTEND Exercises	<i>Mondays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pat Turner 01799 543314
Saffron Searchers	<i>1st Monday in month -</i>		Q&R Village Hall	-
Dog Training	<i>Mondays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Rainbows	<i>Mondays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	(Pre-Brownies)
Prayer Meeting	<i>Mondays</i>	16.30	Quendon Church	
Pilates	<i>Tuesdays</i>	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 077421 82272
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Morning	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Afternoon	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Bowls Club Night	<i>Tuesdays</i>	18.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 01799 540167
Armadillos	<i>Tuesdays (term-time)</i>	09.00	Rickling School	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Rickling Carers	<i>1st Weds in month</i>	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	<i>Wednesdays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Wednesday Club	<i>Wednesdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Osbourn 01799 543367
Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
Line Dancing	<i>Thursdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Upholstery Class	<i>Thursdays</i>	9.30-12.30	Q&R Village Hall	Adult Education Harlow 03330 132158
Upholstery Class	<i>Thursdays</i>	13.00-16.00	Q&R Village Hall	Adult Education Harlow 03330 132158
Rickling Runners	<i>Thursdays</i>	19.30	The Green	Stevie Green 01799 542734
DiddiDance (2-4yrs)	<i>Fridays</i>	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Karate 4-adult	<i>Fridays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	Sensei Claire Kemp 0781 648 8834
Coffee Morning	6th April	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	see p7
BCP Communion	10th April	09.30	Quendon Church	
Parish Council	13th April	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	All welcome
Evening Prayer	17th April	18.00	Rickling Church	
Village Hall AGM	20th April	20.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Golf Society	21st April	10.30	Brickendon Grange GC, Hertford	Jane Waite 01799 542611
Holy Communion	24th April	09.30	Rickling Church	
Photo Exhib'n	24th April	13.30	Q&R Village Hall	see p11
APCM	25th April	20.00	Quendon Church	Have your say about our churches
FOEC	4th May	14.00	Rickling Church	see P3
Wedding Dresses	20th May		Newport Church	see P2
Wedding Renewal	22nd May	11.00	Newport Church	see P2
Fun Run	26th June		Rickling School	see p5 for times

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. Anyone can save a life by using it until an ambulance arrives. In addition you can seek help from any of the volunteers listed below.

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Sue Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
Nigel Ackerman	01799 540678	Middle - Cambridge Road
Anne Howes	01799 543545	Southern end - Cambridge Road
Sandy Turner	01799 540557	Rickling Green
Pat Turner	01799 543314	Rickling Green
Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
Clare Willoughby	01799 543637	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling



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

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