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Parish
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December 2016

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*Another image from
Quendon & Rickling
Photographic Competition
2016*

*Category: Winter 1st prize
Lara Windsor - A Cold and Frosty Morning*

**A number of regular contributors have
not provided copy in time for this issue
so I'm afraid it's a bit thin!**

Robert Arnold

Editor, THE LINK

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.

The Rev'd. Neil McLeod, The Vicarage, 5, Meadowford, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 3QL

Telephone: 01799 540339 **E-mail:** mcleod444@btinternet.com

From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Neil McLeod,

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

No message has been received from the Vicar for this month

Church Services in the Benefice

No notices of services have been submitted this month

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.

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Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

Treasurer - Quendon and Rickling: Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

Contact details for local Police



Essex Police operate through Local Policing Hubs, and it is not possible to contact individual members of that team for day-to-day activities.

The recommended procedure is to contact the police using the 101 service (if 999 is not appropriate, i.e. 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.



Elderberries Lunch Club (For Older Community Members)

Elderberries lunch club will recommence on Wednesday 11th January and every first Wednesday of the month thereafter (excluding holidays!). Guests are served a hot lunch with dessert and coffee or tea by Year 6 students in the surroundings of our busy lunch hall.

There are only six places available for each meal time, so please telephone (01799 543274) or come into the School Office to book a place. The cost is £5 and guests should arrive shortly before 12 noon.



Quendon Bowls Club - An Evening With Elvis

A big "Thank you" to Paul Lillie, as Elvis, for a fabulous evening and to everyone who gave their support to the Quendon Bowls Club.

Ann

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting is on the 14th December at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, so if you can spare the time please do come along, the meetings are very informative. An Agenda will be published on the village website and on all notice boards on the Thursday prior to the meeting. The proposed dates for next year's meetings will be published in due course. Any changes will be advertised. Please be advised that the Clerk to Parish Council is now Anne Webb and her details can be found below.

Village Handyperson

Under discussion in the November Parish Council meeting was the appointment of a village handyperson to undertake small domestic and Parish works. In the interim, should anyone have any minor repairs around the house and you are over 65 or disabled or at risk of falling due to illness or other factors, the Papworth Trust Handyperson service is available. Tel 0300 333 6543 www.papworthtrust.org.uk/homes-and-repairs/handyperson-service

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.

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

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, Anne Webb can be contacted by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone 01799 543988.

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.

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to November's winners!

1st.....Ball 57..... Margaret Dallimore

2nd..... Ball 32..... Janet Evariste

3rd.....Ball 11.....Howard Osbourne.

Many congratulation again to our lucky winners!

Clare. 543637

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The organisers of last month's coffee morning are delighted to have received a gift from one of the villagers that made the Macmillan coffee morning donation up to £200.00. This was very kind and I have sent this with the original cheque.

Angie

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

I said last month that I hoped to confirm the appointment of a new Clerk soon, and I'm pleased to say that Anne Webb has the job. Anne lives in Rickling. She was at her first meeting on Wednesday 16th. and has got off to a flying start. I look forward to working with her for a good long time!

I also said that we remain in need of one more Parish Councillor. Sadly that hasn't changed. Now, I know for a fact that at least three people read this every month, and at least one of them actually looks forward to what I have to say. There must be someone out there who would be interested in joining us. You don't need any particular skills, it doesn't cost anything, (mind you, you don't get paid anything either), you just need to have an interest in, and care about, where you live. If you've been secretly considering it, just give me a call and see if I can persuade you to take the plunge. Or put you off. 542527.

Briefly on the subject of broadband, it seems that all is not lost after all. Gigaclear at least have said that they now have the numbers required, and will start work in the spring, AND it seems BT Openreach will be upgrading our cabinet during December, so we may wind up with the best of both worlds. Hurrah, but I'm not counting my chickens just yet.

Back in the summer, you may recall, I quipped that it would soon be Christmas. Told you. 'ere it is. So.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year to ALL.

Alan.

...and for the last time this year,

I was actually complemented on my driving this morning. Somebody put a note on my windscreen, it said 'Parking Fine'.

Isn't that nice?

Not a true story.



THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

This year the vibrant autumnal colours lingered well into November along with masses of red berries on hawthorns and holly bushes. It has also been a good year for acorns and beech nuts. As the days shorten through December this feast of fruits and seeds will provide ample food for our native wildlife as well as the winter migrants such as fieldfares and redwings. Large flocks of wood pigeons are especially noticeable at this time of year.

What makes the wider countryside of the Hundred Parishes so attractive is its tapestry of hedges, arable fields, copses and small woods which are a testament to successive generations of landowners whose activities have shaped this landscape. The more recent additions of pylons, major roads and railways together with expanding urbanisation demonstrate that this landscape is evolving to meet the varied needs of people, while still retaining some considerable space for wildlife.

As the festive season approaches, the desire to festoon our dwellings with garlands of fresh green branches gathered from hedgerows is still strong. To bring the outdoors inside provides us with a timely reminder that we rely on this vital greenness to revive our sprits when the days are short.

Today's customs associated with Christmas are largely due to the campaigning of one local man – William Winstanley. He lived in Quendon and was an influential writer in the 17th century. He championed the revival of 'traditional' celebrational trappings of Christmas that we now take for granted, but which were banned during the Puritan austerity of Oliver Cromwell's Commonwealth.

The website www.hundredparishes.org.uk has more information about Winstanley under the People section. The website also suggests interesting walks where you can appreciate the beautiful countryside at any time of the year.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

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Essex DaRT Service

What is the Essex DaRT Service?

DaRT means demand responsive or Dial and Ride Transport. It is formed of a number of minibus vehicles, typically accommodating between 8 and 16 passengers. These minibuses operate a range of bus services serving rural communities where conventional buses are not viable operations. They differ from normal bus services, in that they are totally flexible and can divert on and off route to collect and drop off passengers within their operating area. DaRT works by grouping bookings together to make it viable. It is not a taxi service, as there must be sufficient volume of passengers with similar itineraries. Most DaRT work is former bus routes and group bookings. But unlike a large bus, DaRT only needs three or four passengers to make a group booking. And when not operating a timetabled bus route or group booking, vehicles may be available for individual runs where no alternative transport is available. DaRT operates between 0600 and 2000 Mondays to Saturdays inclusive.

Also, unlike a conventional bus, you need to book your seat, and register as a customer, at least two hours in advance of travel, and can book up to three months in advance of travel. But, if you travel regularly, you do not need to book every single time you travel, as you can make a regular booking which lasts for three months.

North Essex DaRT has carried more passengers every month since it first commenced.

To get more information call Essex DaRT on 01621 874411 or visit the website of the operators

www.arrowtaxi.co.uk/dart1.html

Passenger Transport, ECC

For residents of Q&R whose area is covered by West Uttlesford DaRT Service 1

(Arkesden, Berden, Chrishall, Clavering, Elmdon, Farnham, Langley, Littlebury, Manuden, Quendon and Rickling, Strethall, Wendon Lofts and Wicken Bonhunt.)

DaRT is like a normal bus service, but one which diverts on and off its core route to collect or drop passengers to provide an almost door-to-door service. It differs from "Dial a Ride" community bus services, in that drivers are more limited in their range of actions, as they are not allowed to leave the vehicle unattended with passengers aboard. For example, they can help you from your door if need be, but they cannot come and find you in a hospital or similar. It is intended to provide transport between villages and major local towns or to local hospitals including Saffron Walden and Herts and Essex Hospital in Bishops Stortford.

Shopper bus route S14, which runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, has been taken over by the DaRT operators (Essex & Suffolk DaRT CIC) and will continue to run to the original timetable but will rely on passengers calling the office to book a place. The service has recently had a slight alteration, with the former 62 route now merging with the SB14 coming through Quendon & Rickling on Thursdays, adding more capacity to the service

Outside of the services operated to timetables, while not available as a taxi, the vehicles are available to undertake other services on request, so if a group of three or more, for example, wanted to travel to Bishops Stortford on a Monday, then this could be added as an additional service on request. Some flexibility in pick-up/drop off times might be needed, due to bus and driver availability plus other passengers' requirements, as it is difficult to fulfil everyone's requests.

Concessionary bus passes will still be accepted (after 0900 Monday to Friday and all day Saturday) and wheelchairs can be accommodated. Those passengers who cannot travel without the presence of a carer should advise when booking, and the carer travels free.

In our area, DaRT cannot cover the same route as the Stephensons 301 bus, or any other registered route, but may be able to do so outside of their normal operating days and times.

Other news The times of the 301 bus service from Saffron Walden have changed to accommodate school leaving times. The consequence of this is that there is now no service from Bishops Stortford Interchange for nearly 1.5 hours between 2:55pm and 4:20pm and from Saffron Tesco from 1:56pm to 3:20pm. Buses again run in hourly intervals from those times for the rest of the day.

Chris Phillips

New Head Teacher welcomes paralympian Gold Medallist to Farnham and Rickling Schools

New Head Teacher of Farnham and Rickling CE Primary Schools, Alan Gardiner, has started off the new term with a wide range of exciting activities and opportunities for his children and staff.

Last Friday, the paratriathlete gold medallist, Clare Cunningham visited the children from both schools at the Rickling site. She put children and staff through their paces by setting up a round robin course of four events, each of which had to be endured for a minute each. The exercises included the 'spotty dog', leg drives, push ups and star jumps. Clare was very impressed with the children's abilities and explained that training to become a champion meant hard work, commitment and determination. Her motto, 'nothing is impossible; there is always a way', summed up her stimulating and interesting talk to the children about her life's achievements and how she overcame her disability.



Mr Gardiner, who was previously the deputy head of both schools, said, "It is vitally important to promote a healthy school in all aspects of primary school life. We work incredibly hard to achieve this and Farnham is in the small minority of schools which has been given Enhanced Healthy Schools status and Rickling is currently working towards the same award." Already this term, as well as the inspirational visit from Clare Cunningham, the schools have taken part in football matches and off-site training sessions, a basketball tournament, whole school cross-country running and all children are encouraged to run a mile each day at school. Their minds have

also been stretched with a trip to the British Museum in London to see first-hand, ancient Egyptian relics as well as a visit on Monday from the amusing and creative children's author, Tony Mitton. Mr Gardiner continued, "It is my priority that our children achieve their academic potential and progress confidently into the next phase of life, filled with positive experiences. We endeavour to build their confidence to embrace whatever comes their way and to prepare them to deal effectively with the challenges that the modern world presents."



The Quendon & Rickling Photographic Competition 2017

Date to be published, but get your cameras and phones out and compose your pictures for next year's competition

Classes:

- *Bridges*
- *Reflection*
- *Night*
- *Weather*
- *Wood*
- *Mystery*





Rickling/Quendon Coffee Morning
Fun Christmas Bingo, Refreshments



Raffle

Wednesday December 21st 10.00am-12.00pm

In aid of the Home Farm Trust, Ugley

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Any queries: Phone Angela 01799 218061 or Carole

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All our members are ordinary tenants and we are looking for new members to make a change and here are ways you can help:

- **Join the Forum** – Get involved with our meetings and work with other members on a specific issues
- **Trailer days** – Visit different parts of the district throughout the year talking to other tenants
- **Focus groups** – Get together with friends and neighbours to discuss issues and then bringing them to our attention

If you are interested please phone Angela 01799 218061 email angiecallahan@aol.com or Tenant Participation Officer, Nicole Shephard-Lewis at tenants@uttlesford.gov.uk or Carole 01799 543807

Angie Hutton (Chair of the Tenant Forum)

Quendon & Rickling Christmas Market November 2016

This event has raised approximately £600 to help support the Parochial Church Council's struggle to pay our annual Parish Share (this year over £14,500) to the Diocese.

The PCC thanks all those involved in the event.

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Protect your presents!

Over Christmas you may be lucky enough to receive some rather nice gifts.

What will you do with the packaging? Leave it by the roadside for the recycling collection? What better advert to the thief of where to find some new things to steal? Where possible fold the boxes inside out, or tear the box up, or package it in something else, or take it to the recycling centre yourself.

How many of us have thought about recording the serial numbers or property marking it? Be it a cycle, electrical goods, garden equipment or mobile phone it may have a serial number. You can record your serial numbers free or charge at <https://www.immobilise.com/index.php> and there are a number of property marking products available like indelible pens, SelectaDNA, SmartWater, CRE mark by CRE products to name but a few.

With jewellery and antiques don't forget to take photographs of it, include an "Object ID card" or ruler in a photograph to give it a scale. Some of these property marking products may also be suitable and you can now upload images to Immobilise too.

Mobile phone and personal music devices: don't forget to make a note of the IME number of a mobile phone, to find it key in *#06#; with this if it's stolen you can block it. Many TVs, mobile phones, computers and other electronics come pre-loaded with security and/or tracking software, so make sure that it is activated. If you are storing valuable college work or other on that nice new laptop, don't forget to back up your work elsewhere just in case you lose the laptop. You can download an "App" on mobile phones to find your phone and more importantly wipe those data stored on it. Check your "App store" or mobile phone provider.

When texting or talking on phones or listening to music, remain "in touch" with your surroundings; a number of road accidents, thefts and assaults occur when we fail to note what's going on around us - and don't forget to pass this advice on to children.

If you would like further crime prevention advice "Do it Online": consult <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> or contact your local Crime Prevention Advisor by using the Police Non-Emergency Telephone Number of 101.

Another good source of crime prevention advice is: <https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/>

Stephen Armson-Smith

Essex Police, Braintree & Uttlesford District Crime Prevention Advisor

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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
Coffee Group	<i>3rd 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
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 to adult)	<i>Fridays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	Sensei Claire Kemp 0781 648 8834
Parish Council	14th December	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Coffee Morning	21st December	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	See p8
Elderberries Lunch	11th January	12.00	Rickling School	See p3

I wish all readers of *THE LINK* and all those essential to its survival,
in particular advertisers, contributors, printers and deliverers,
a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.
Thank you all for your support during 2016.
Robert Arnold, Editor

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.

Name	Home Telephone	Locality
Alan Price	01799 542527	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Jane Price	01799 542527	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Robert Arnold	01799 543075	Northern end - Cambridge Road
Chris Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
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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