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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.

As I write this article we are in the church's season of Epiphany, which means revelation. The readings that we look at help in revealing Jesus to us:

- The visit of the kings tells us of Jesus being King and the long-promised Messiah
- The baptism of Jesus reveals that he is the son of God
- The wedding at Cana tells us the first of Jesus's miracles in John's gospel with the revelation of God's glory
- The presentation of Christ in the temple speaks of the sadness that Mary will ensure in Jesus's death

All of the above are great but it begs the question how does reveal himself to us today? Maybe you'd like to consider the following:

- God reveals himself to us in our worship in our churches: in the singing, the bible readings and the prayers. He reveals himself to us in the sermon.
- God reveals himself to us in the people around us: someone who has a kind word or encouragement, or someone who helps us.
- God reveals himself to us in the people that help others in their time of need: those who are there to help people following a natural disaster or those helping refugees. There are those who make time to help the homeless and the lonely.
- God reveals himself to us in the world that he created: in the grand vistas of magnificent landscapes or the variety of animals that live on this planet, or the smallest flower that grows in isolation in our gardens.

How do you see God in this world? How might he be wanting to reveal himself to you? Sometimes it may be just a matter of perspective; I encourage you to see the world, the animals and the people with new eyes. Not just in the season of Epiphany but throughout the whole year I encourage you to see God.

Neil

Churchwardens' News

In Memoriam

Betty Houghton 1932 – 2015

We report that sadly Betty died in December and her funeral took place at Cambridge Crematorium on 5th January. The service was conducted by Rev. Simon Whittaker. Our sympathy goes to her family.

Crib Service Rickling Church – Christmas Eve

Revd. Canon Jenny Tomlinson, from Saffron Walden, took this service and once again we were delighted to see the chancel full with smiling faces. Thank you to parents for turning out on a dark afternoon. It has become a charming and meaningful service.

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

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 7th February

9.30am	Widdington	Family Service
11.00am	Newport	Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th February

Ash Wednesday

8.30pm	Widdington	Ash Wednesday Communion
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Sunday 14th February

8.30am	Widdington	BCP Communion
9.30am	Quendon	BCP Communion
11.00am	Newport	All-Age Service

Sunday 21st February

9.30am	Widdington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Newport	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Quendon	Celtic Communion

Sunday 28th February

8.00am	Newport	BCP Communion
9.30am	Rickling	Holy Communion
11.00am	Newport	Morning Worship
3.30pm	Newport	Messy Church

Sunday 6th March

Mothering Sunday

10.00am	Rickling	Family Service
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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.

Contact details for local Police

For emergencies **999**

For other general inquiries **101**

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Hannah Griffiths Telephone: 101 ext 395102 Mobile: 07989 174801 E-mail: hannah.griffiths@essex.pnn.police.uk

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Quendon & Rickling Village Coffee Mornings

There are no Coffee Mornings booked for February or March.

Having established a regular pattern it will be a huge shame if they don't continue.

Help is always offered and you can choose which charity you would like to support.

Ring Maureen Hawkins 543201 to book the hall.

Quendon & Rickling Photographic Competition and Exhibition

Have you had your camera out?

Have you been taking pictures?

Have you been MAKING pictures?

Our photographic competition is coming in April!

Classes: Travel

Winter

Patterns

Architecture

Street scenes

***Entry information in the next issue of
THE LINK.***

Lost your keys?

Some keys have been handed to our Parish Clerk having been found in the new 'bus shelter by Quendon & Rickling Village Hall.

If you think they are yours please contact Sue Joannou by telephone (01799) 541984 or by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com

Bowls Club Jumble sale

Quendon Village Hall

Sat 27th February

Doors open 2.00pm

Lots of Bargains.

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

New Parish Clerk I'd just like to say a quick hello – I'm Sue Joannou and I am the new Parish Clerk, all my contact details can be found at the bottom of this article if you need to get in touch.

I would like to say a big thank to our previous Clerk Sue Phillips for all her hard work with the Parish Council, and for being so organised that we've had a very smooth handover.

I hope you enjoy your newly found spare time.

I'm sure I'll have a bit more to report in the next issue as I will be fully up to speed by then, I hope!

Bus Shelter Is a useful new addition and is going down rather well particularly with the school children on these cold, damp mornings. We hope this will be a useful addition for those travelling northbound by bus. We are now looking to ensure that the shelters on both sides of the road have suitable litter bins nearby.

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.

Welcome Packs The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. This is sometimes hard to keep track of, so if anyone knows of any newcomers to the village do please advise the Parish Clerk on the contact details below and she will drop off a welcome pack to them.

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

We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate a **Neighbourhood Watch Team** in the Parish. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk (details below).

Allotments Anyone interested in taking up an allotment should call Peter Warwick on 01799 543526. We understand that there are still some available and it is also possible that some of the existing ones may be divided up.

Parish Council Meetings All are welcome to attend the Parish Council Meetings. The proposed dates for meetings in 2016 are:

27th January, 9th March, 13th April, 18th May, 22nd June, 27th July, 7th September, 12th October, 16th November and 14th December.

All meetings will commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and any changes will be advertised.

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 9.15 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

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 her your e-mail address.

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

I have two items of good news this month. I'm very happy to say that we have found a new Parish Councillor. Paul Wilshire, who lives in Waterbutt Row has volunteered his services, and all being well, he will be co-opted onto the PC at our January meeting. So a warm welcome Paul and I look forward to working with you for some time.

The other item, as you may have seen elsewhere in this issue, is that the Village Plan working group are about to launch the Action Plan. I would encourage everyone to attend the launch and, if you possibly can, please volunteer to take part in some aspect of the planned activities. Many hands make light work as we all know, but if there are no volunteers, it simply won't get off the ground. This is your community and many of you have stated what you would like to see, so let's all get involved in bringing our plans to fruition.

That's about it from me this month, which is probably a good thing because it means there are no known disasters on the horizon. Fingers ever crossed.

Alan.

Here it comes.....

Two cannibals were eating a clown, one says to the other,

'Does this taste funny to you?'

OK I'm sorry. AP.

Illusionist

Most burglars are opportunists, they leave home with the intention of committing the crime, but their target has yet to be identified. Take away that first attraction and you do not become that target. First attraction: - open or insecure gates or ready access to the rear of the property, overgrown shrubs that conceals the front door, insecure properties, lack of obvious security like good locks (with a PVCu door etc. have you locked it correctly i.e. lift the handle and turn the key or thumb turn, and if replacing the lock cylinder look for a British Standard TS007 three star Europrofile replacement) and an intruder alarm is a good deterrent.

Become an illusionist make your home appear occupied even when you are out, a burglar is more than likely to only see your home in one moment in time. Simple things like lights on timers and "Fake TV" for the evenings, you can now even get a timer that fits over your light switches (search on the internet for light switch timer). During the day leave a radio on, boots outside the back door, vacuum cleaner out with the lead going out of sight (not plugged in though), newspaper over the arm of the chair with a drink on the table and a pair of spectacles, the list goes on. Don't leave garden tools out in the garden though or you may find the burglar uses them, lock them securely away in a secure shed or garage (use a shed alarm too).

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Book club

Are there any more interested in meeting as a book club?

Only 2 interested people have contacted me.

Please let me know otherwise we will not be able to meet.

Sandra Arnold

c/o The Editor, Robert Arnold

E-mail: robert@arnold-q.uk

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The Hundred Parishes Society

I recently gave a 15 minute interview for the Bishop's Stortford & District Talking Newspaper that covers much of the Hundred Parishes area. The interview – about the Hundred Parishes, of course - was added to readings of the week's news, taken from the Herts & Essex Observer, and was distributed on memory sticks to about 100 visually-impaired folk throughout our area. Preparing for this interview made me even more conscious of how fortunate I am to be able to see clearly the beauty and variety that is all around us, and also how fortunate I am to be mobile enough to explore it. I resolved not to take such blessings for granted and to strive to be more inclusive when pursuing the Society's objectives to educate and to encourage exploration.

Use of our footpaths has been more challenging than usual in recent weeks following the persistent rain, and a decent pair of walking boots is essential. However, a few hours in the fresh air are usually rewarding in any conditions, especially if accompanied by rest and refreshment at one of our tea rooms or pubs. If you need inspiration to get out, please consider one of the walks on our website or simply stroll around a new village or town with a copy of our parish introduction. We show plenty of organised walks on our What's On page and our own self-guided walk descriptions can be downloaded from the Walks section. Our website address is www.hundredparishes.org.uk.

Ken McDonald
Secretary

Elsenham Village Fete and Craft Fair

Saturday 11 June 1.00 - 5.00pm

This year's fete plans are well under way with many stalls already booked but still space for more so if you'd like to book a pitch please telephone me on the number below or email me at pajemiki@tiscali.co.uk



This year we have The Ruthless Brothers entertaining us throughout the afternoon along with Scotty and his circus skills have a go arena.

We also welcome the Native American Cavalry League to our fete.

There will be the usual pony rides, punch and judy, bouncy castle, BBQ, teas, bar and raffle, plants and plenty have a go stalls for the children.

Again will have a small selection of crafters who will set up in the marquee, so come along and take a look and watch some of them in action.

As the fete is run by people from the village for the village, if we have any budding fundraisers who would like to try and sell some of their gifts or have games for people to have a go at why not fill the booking form in and come along. We cannot guarantee the weather but good company and lots of people make the day worthwhile.



For more information on the fete, to book a pitch or to donate a prize please call me, Jennifer on 814434 or email me at pajemiki@tiscali.co.uk

Pitch Fees (are per spot of one gazebo size 3x3)

**£5 for Village Organisations / locals, £10 Semi Professional &
£20 for Professional business stall holders. Or a % donation on the day.**

Please provide your own tables, gazebos etc, for the fete.

To avoid too many stalls of the same type, the organisers reserve the right to request a change of stall.

Mrs Jennifer Jarvis, 24 Broom Farm Road, Elsenham, Bishops Stortford, Herts. CM22 6LD,
01279 814434 / 07900123917 or email to pajemiki@tiscali.co.uk

The Quendon & Rickling Village Plan

Last summer, each household in Quendon and Rickling received a copy of the 2015 Village Plan. This document summarised the results of the 2012 Community Questionnaires, which each member of the parish was asked to complete. This was an opportunity for the community to take stock of the local infrastructure and services, and to identify what needs to be preserved, improved or, in some cases, discarded in the villages. Some improvements are already underway as a direct result of your views and ideas.

The next step was for a small group of people to compile an Action Plan. This prioritises the actions suggested in the Village Plan and identifies which agencies may be involved in working towards the suggested targets.

I am pleased to say that this work is now complete and the **2016 Action Plan** is available to view on the Village Website, www.quendonandrickling.co.uk. We are aware that not everybody has access to the Internet, so should you require a paper copy, then do please contact one of the group listed below.

The final stage in fulfilling the original objective of the Village Plan is to establish small working groups who will explore the recommendations put forward by the residents. It is hoped that many of these ideas are achievable in the coming years, but all will be closely monitored with regular updates appearing in **THE LINK** and on the Village Website. In a nutshell, we now need **your** help to fulfil **your** ideas for the future of **your** community.

If you have an interest in your community and would like to get involved, then do please contact a member of the Action Group listed below. Or better still:

Come along to the Village Hall on the 5th March
to a Coffee and Cake Morning to launch the
2016 Action Plan.

Representatives from local clubs and interest groups will be there to explain what is available for you and your family either in the village or within the local area.

Parish Councillors will also be on hand to talk about any local matters that may be of interest or concern to you.

So please come along and show your support for your community.

If you would like to be involved in a working group or have any queries regarding this event or the 2016 Action Plan, then please contact one of the following people:

Annette or Brandon Chapman – 543518, Chris Phillips – 542351, Gordon Lodge - 543580

Rickling Carers Club

Thank you very much to all the people who supported our first social coffee morning of the Rickling Carers Club, and to all the helpers, Carol, Kathy and Marion; it was greatly appreciated.

Future meetings are:

On Wednesday 3rd February 2016 10.00am-12.00pm at Quendon & Rickling Village Hall
Kate Watkinson - Community Matron will give a talk on her role in the community.

On Wednesday March 2nd 2016 10.00am-12.00pm at Quendon & Rickling Village Hall
Tina Hughes the West Essex Stroke Co ordinator will give a talk on supporting people with strokes.

On Wednesday April 6th 2016 10.00-12.00p at Quendon & Rickling Village Hall
Georgina Salmon - Jill will be coming from the Alzheimers Society to discuss how she can help service users and carers.

If you care for someone, are cared for, or just want a morning out come along and we look forward to seeing you.

There will be refreshments, a raffle, bric-à-brac and magnetic bracelets available on the day.

If you need any more information please call Angela on 01799 218061 or Carol on 01799 543807. Alternatively just turn up on the 3rd February 2016 and we'll put the kettle on.

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to our winners this month.

They are as follows:

1st Prize No 51 Caroline Mackrill

2nd prize No 88 Margaret Tissot

3rd Prize No 78 Roger Hackwell

If you would like to join us,

please contact Clare, 01799 543637.

Thank you.

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 The Danish Girl (15)
 He Named Me Malala (PG)
 Sunset Song (15)
 Brooklyn (12A)
 Joy (12A)
 The Theory of Everything (12A) **Pop-up Whittlesford**
 The Good Dinosaur (PG)
 As You Like It – **National Theatre**
 Bolshoi Babylon (PG)

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 Sun 7th 8pm
 Mon 8th 8pm
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 Fri 12th & Sat 13th 8pm
 Sat 13th & Sun 14th 3pm, Mon 15th & Tues 16th 4pm
 Sun 14th 11am
 Sun 14th 7pm
 Mon 15th 8pm
 Tues 16th 7.30pm
 Weds 17th 4pm
 Weds 17th & Thurs 18th 8pm
 Fri 19th 4pm & Sat 20th 2pm
 Fri 19th 8pm, Sat 20th 5pm & 8pm, Sun 21st 5pm
 Sun 21st 2pm
 Sun 21st & Mon 22nd 8pm
 Tues 23rd 8pm
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 Fri 26th 8pm
 Sat 27th 2pm
 Sun 28th 3pm
 Mon 29th 8pm

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I wish everyone a pleasantly surprising

St. Valentine's Day

and a successful

Leap Year Day!

Robert Arnold,
 Editor, THE LINK

What's On

Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
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
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	
Rickling Carers	3rd February	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	
BCP Communion	14th February	09.30	Quendon Church	
Celtic Communion	21st February	18.00	Quendon Church	
Jumble Sale	27th February	14.00	Q&R Village Hall	Contact Bowls Club
Rickling Carers	2nd March	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Holy Communion	28th February	09.30	Rickling Church	
Action Plan Launch	5th March	Morning	Q&R Village Hall	See Ad. p7
Family Service	6th March	10.00	Ricklig Church	For Mothering Sunday
Parish Council	9th March	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Rickling Carers	6th April	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Parish Council	13th April	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Photo Comp.	24th April		Q&r Village Hall	Further details TBA

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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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
Cleo Martino	01799 542257	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



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