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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.

It seems that these days we all have at least one diary or calendar on the go. Sometimes we have a work diary and a personal diary. Sometimes we have a calendar of events on our computer that we have to synchronise with our telephone calendar. I have one diary, and it is my trusty filofax – no electronic calendars for me. I know where I am with my old fashioned paper version. In it I have all the meetings & services that I shall be doing.



This month I'd like to highlight some of the special services that are happening over the next few months. I hope that you'll put those dates into your paper or electronic diary, or write them on your calendar hanging up.

**Sunday 1st November:** At 6.00pm in Newport Church I shall be holding our annual Commemoration Service, which provides an opportunity to remember those people who we continue to love but who are no longer with us. Whilst invitations are sent to families for whom funerals have been held I recognise that grief and remembering continues for everyone. There is an open invitation for anyone to join us at that service. You may also like to light a candle in memory of someone.

**Sunday 8th November:** Our main Remembrance Service is in Newport for which we gather at 10.50 for our act of remembrance at the war memorial. Before this is a communion service in Quendon at 9.30am, during which the names of people being remembered are read out. I hope that you'll join me at one of the services to remember those who fought in conflict for us. At Newport we are being joined, this year, by members of the British Legion.

**Sunday 15th November:** I shall be holding a Healing Service in Quendon church at 6.00pm. This is an opportunity to be prayed for, or to come forward and ask for prayer for someone else. Some things can be strange but I encourage you to be bold enough to come along to find out what happens. It may just help!

**Sunday 13th December:** Our Carol Service at 6.00pm. It is a couple of weeks before Christmas itself, but please join with us as we begin our celebrations of the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Eve:** The Crib Service will be at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve in Rickling Church. It is a great and fun way for children to remember the Christmas story.

**Christmas Day:** The Christmas morning service will be at 9.30am in Quendon church. What better way is there is beginning Christmas Day itself, than by gathering to sing carols and celebrate the momentous of 2000+ years ago.

Please any or all of the above dates into your diaries. Invite your friends, and let us come together as a community on these special occasions. See you there.

Neil

### Bowls Club Whist Drives

Upcoming dates for whist drives are Sat 7th Nov and 21st Nov. 7.30pm

We are a small group but if you enjoy a game of cards, please come along.

### 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](mailto:hannah.griffiths@essex.pnn.police.uk)

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## Church Services in the benefice

### Sunday 1st November

9.30am	Widdington	Family Service
11.00am	Newport	Family Communion
6.00pm	Newport	Commemoration Service

### Sunday 8th November

9.30am	<b>Quendon</b>	<b>BCP Communion with Reading of Names for Remembrance</b>
10.50am	Newport	Remembrance Sunday Service

### Sunday 15th November

9.30am	Widdington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Newport	Holy Communion
6.30pm	<b>Quendon</b>	<b>Healing Service</b>

### Sunday 22nd November

8.00am	Newport	BCP Communion
9.30am	<b>Rickling</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
11.00am	Newport	Morning Worship
3.30pm	Newport	Messy Church

### Sunday 29th November (Advent Sunday)

9.30am	<b>Quendon</b>	<b>Advent Holy Communion</b>
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### Sunday 6th December

9.30am	Widdington	Christingle Service
11.00am	Newport	Family Communion

### Sunday 13th December

8.30am	Widdington	BCP Communion
9.30am	<b>Quendon</b>	<b>Baptism Service</b>
11.00am	Newport	Morning Worship
3.30pm	Newport	Messy Christingle
6.00pm	<b>Quendon</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>

### Sunday 20th December

11.00am	Newport	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Widdington	Carol Service
6.00pm	Newport	Carol Service

### Christmas Eve

3.30pm	Widdington	Crib Service
4.00pm	<b>Rickling</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
5.00pm	Newport	Crib Service
11.30pm	Newport	Midnight Communion

### Christmas Day

9.30am	<b>Quendon</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>
10.00am	Widdington	Family Communion
11.00am	<b>Newport</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>

### Sunday 27th December

9.30am	Widdington	Benefice Holy Communion
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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.

#### Churchwardens News

We are once again supporting the Samaritans annual shoe box appeal. Please contact Christine Osbourn (543367) if you would like a leaflet on the suggested gifts to pack. The filled boxes can be left at Quendon and Rickling church or at Christine's or Maureen Hawkins by Sunday November 8th.

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

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**Churchwardens -** **Quendon:** Mrs Maureen Hawkins 01799 543201 and Mrs Christine Osbourn 01799 543367

**Rickling:** Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

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

### Village Hall.

#### Wanted: Treasurer.

Our long time (20 years) and wonderful treasurer Tony Lett is retiring. All of the village hall committee are volunteers, so this is not a paid position.

The committee meets every two months and a large amount is done on-line so a computer is essential.

For further information please contact Tony (543545) or Christine (543367)



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

I'm going to start with what has become a regular seasonal request. The season being Autumn, which means tons of leaves landing on the ground. It's fairly common practice to burn them and who doesn't like a bonfire on a crisp and sunny day. But please consider your neighbours who may still be hanging out their laundry, or making the most of the fresh air by keeping doors and windows open.

On Saturday, 17th. I met one or two people in the Village Hall. The intention is that a resident of Thistley Cres. is planning to start up a Tenant Forum and I will be on hand to answer any questions relevant to the Parish Council. Hopefully this will go on to be a successful aid to improving and maintaining quality of life for all tenants in the village. I'll let you know next time how it went.

We are also hoping, following a suggestion from Brandon, to take advantage of future coffee mornings, by having a member of the PC present to hold a 'surgery' so that anyone attending a coffee morning can speak to us about any issue they may have concerning the village. This should be a good way for us to meet more of you, and enable us to get a better understanding of what you want from where you live.

Alan.

*'Doctor, I can't pronounce my F's, T's or H's'.*

*'Well, you can't say fairer than that then'.*



### Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many congratulations to our 100 club winners for this month. (This is all done above board, so please rest assured, Graham getting the prize was legit!!)

1st.....No 49.....Rita Lockwood

2nd.....No 73.....Kim Grey

3rd.....No 61.....Graham Willoughby

If you would like to join us too, please call me; 01799 543637.

Clare. xx

### Quendon & Rickling Coffee Morning on 17th October

A big Thank You to everyone who helped us with baking, making and donating and the sale of goods and refreshments as well as supporting the event on the day. The coffee morning was successful due to their co-operation and hard work, resulting in an enjoyable social time and raising of over £340 for Alzheimers Research UK.

Thank you all.

Pat Turner

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### ANDREW ROBSON BRIDGE WORKSHOP

Manuden Village Community Centre, CM23 1EH

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015

10.00 for 10.30 start. Finishing at 3.30 pm

Following his very successful Bridge Workshops Uttlesford CAB is very pleased to welcome back bridge guru Andrew Robson with an instructive blend of:

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015, at Manuden Village Community Centre, CM23 1EH

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Please reserve me..... places at £37.50/ticket/person

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Do you have any Special Dietary Requirements?

If YES please list:.....

Please bring a card table with you, if possible. A limited number will be available.

Return this slip together with your cheque and a stamped self-addressed envelope to - Mrs Jo Hancock, Uttlesford CAB, Barnards Yard, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4EB



**The Hundred Parishes Society**

Our area is one of the driest in England, with relatively low rainfall and no major lakes or rivers. There are, of course, lots of small rivers whose valleys contribute to the beauty of our countryside. Three have their source on the relatively high ground in the Henham and Debden area near the centre of the Hundred Parishes: the Chelmer eventually flows into the Blackwater and reaches the sea at Maldon; the Roding flows into the Thames; and the Cam flows north to join the Ouse and discharge at the Wash.

The absence of water has been a key factor in allowing this area to remain relatively unspoilt, with insufficient natural water supply to service major industrial or residential developments. However, man's ingenuity has enabled a growing population to survive, with a variety of manmade devices to supplement natural water sources. Water is pumped from rivers or from deep artesian wells; farms have invested in reservoirs; and our waste water is recycled.

One of the most remarkable man-made devices for increasing water supply is the New River, which passes through the far southwest corner of the Hundred Parishes at Great Amwell. Water is pumped from the River Lea near Ware into this aqueduct and it flows south for nearly 30 miles, through London's northern suburbs to Hackney. What is perhaps most surprising about the New River is that it was constructed over 400 years ago. At that time, it took desperately-needed clean water into the heart of London. It still serves that purpose. Our selection of walks from railway stations includes number 19 whose easy 4 miles from St Margarets Station to Ware station includes an interesting stretch of the New River. The route can be downloaded from our website, [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk).

Ken McDonald  
Secretary

## **Big changes to consumer law – what this means for you.**

A new consumer rights act became law on 1 October 2015. It's been billed as the biggest shake-up in consumer rights law in a generation, bringing together several pieces of legislation into one. Some of the main changes in legislation are:

### **Digital rights**

A big hole in the old consumer laws was it did not deal with digital content – music downloads or anything else supplied in digital form. The new act recognises digital content and says that such content must be:

- Of satisfactory quality
- Fit for a particular purpose
- As described by the seller.

If digital content does not meet these standards the consumer has the right to a repair or replacement; if this doesn't fix the problem, the costumer can ask for a price reduction. Retailers will have to provide compensation if any device, or other digital content, owned by the consumer is damaged because of the digital content downloaded.

### **30-day right to 'reject'**

There is now a specific timeframe in which you can reject a faulty item and get a full refund - 30 days from the date you purchase the product. Previously this was described as a 'reasonable time'. However, this right doesn't apply to digital content.

### **A 'tiered' remedy system**

A 'tiered' remedy system is now in place for faulty goods, digital content and services; this means your rights to a refund are now more clearly set out. Whether you're entitled to a refund depends on how long you've owned the product.

- Failed repairs. After one failed attempt by the retailer to repair or replace a faulty good, you're entitled to ask for a refund or price reduction.
- A second repair or replacement. If you don't want a refund or price reduction, you have the right to request another repair or replacement at no cost to you.
- Deductions from refunds. No deduction can be made from a refund in the first six months after purchase. The only exception to this is motor vehicles, where a reasonable reduction may be made for the use you've had of the vehicle.

### **Letting Agents**

Lettings agents must clearly publicise a full tariff of their fees both on their websites and prominently in their offices.

## Secondary Ticket Sales

Secondary ticketing sites, like 'Seatwave' and 'Get Me In' must now state the face value of tickets being resold - often for a much higher price. The companies will also need to make it clear if there are any problems with sight-lines and if seats listed together are actually next to each other. Importantly, these secondary ticket websites will also have to carry an email address for buyers in case problems arise with the tickets.

Visit the **Citizens Advice website** for examples of how the new legislation will work in practice or for advice on what to do if you have a problem. [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

### Uttlesford Citizens' Advice

Barnards Yard, CB11 4EB

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W: [uttlesfordcab.org.uk](http://uttlesfordcab.org.uk)

E: [bureau@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:bureau@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk)

Saffron Walden 9.30 to 3.30 M.T.Th.F. (appointments available Weds)

Great Dunmow 9.30 to 3.30 T. W. Th.

Thaxted 9.30 to 12.30 Monday (fortnightly – appointments only)

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## Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst MP surgery dates

**November 6th 2015** – Guildhall, Thaxted – 5:45pm – 6:30pm

**November 6th 2015** - The Old Armoury, Saffron Walden – 7pm – 7:45pm

**November 27th 2015** – Village Hall, Boreham – 5:15pm – 6pm

**November 27th 2015** - Town Council Offices, Great Dunmow – 6:30pm - 7:15pm

No appointment is necessary, please contact The Constituency Office for further details – 01799 506349



## Quendon & Rickling Parish Council

**Highway Problems** The Clerk has reported to Essex Highways, a number of potholes in the roads leading out from the Parish. 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. The extremely poor condition of the footpath along the B1383 at the southern end of the Village has also been noted and a request for the Uttlesford Rangers to clear this has been made.

**Village Plan** UDC has confirmed that the Quendon & Rickling Village Plan was adopted as Council Approved Guidance by Cabinet on 17th September 2015 and may be viewed on the UDC website at: [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/communityledplans](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/communityledplans). Thank you to all those who participated in its formulation. The next step is to deal with issues and recommendations by producing an Action Plan.

**Welcome Packs** The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for residents new to the Village but it is difficult for the Parish Clerk to keep track of all movements. If anyone knows of any newcomers recently moved in/moving in near them please advise the Clerk (details below) and she will provide the information.

**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](http://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. Proposed dates for 2015 are as follows:

18th November & 16th December.

Any changes to these dates will be published.

**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 Phillips can be contacted by e-mail [quendon.clerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:quendon.clerk@tiscali.co.uk) or by telephone 01799 542351. Should anyone wish to receive e-mail updates/notices, please send her your e-mail address.

## Calling all book worms Second Hand Book Sale

14th November

Village Hall

11am onwards

Refreshments available

In aid of the village churches



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543201.*

*We're happy to arrange collection.*



## 2016

## Village Photographic Competition

## April 24th

Dig out your camera – start taking those pictures again.

Classes to be announced shortly.



## Quendon and Rickling Golf Society

On Thursday October 1st the village Golf Society made a return visit to Toot Hill Golf Club near Ongar. This is a very popular venue for us and I think it's our third visit. This time the weather was just perfect with balmy autumn sunshine and just a breath of breeze, quite a contrast to the torrential rain we experienced on one of our previous visits. No excuses there then!

Our 17 players were divided into teams and we played a game called the Joker where two out of three scores counted on each hole and the Joker, when played, doubled points. Of course  $0 \times 2$  will always = 0 so even if you are not a golfer and don't understand the format you can appreciate that luck was an element to take into consideration as well as our usual good golf, and good fun was the object of the day. It certainly delivered on all fronts.

We began with the usual coffee and bacon sarnies and time to chat and catch up, a good set up for the challenges of the excellent golf course. On return to the clubhouse and a beer or two there was steak and ale pie to hit the spot after our exertions and much discussion as ever of chances taken and missed out on the course. Two of our players Oz and Ike, had birdies which deserves a mention. The winning team of Tony Jones, Ike Hutchins and Chris Howarth came in with 104 points - impressive, and well done to them. Jaine Fieldhouse won the longest drive for ladies and also landed her ball closest to the pin on the island green 12th hole - no mean feat when many others landed theirs in the water! Mervyn Waite was the winner of the prize for the longest drive for men. I organised the day and it was a pleasure to do so.

We meet again at Bishop's Stortford on November 6th and if you would like to join us and aren't already part of our group then please do get in touch with me - [janewaite@hotmail.com](mailto:janewaite@hotmail.com). We shall end our year with a little golf and a quiz evening for golfers, partners and friends on December 9th. See What's On for contact details and we'll look forward to welcoming you.



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### 10 USEFUL TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING ARTICLES

- Turning on all the lights inside the room will help the camera to focus and expose the image.
- Avoid taking photographs of items on reflective surfaces. This may create "hotspots" with the flash on your camera.
- Use a non-glare cloth as a background for silver, china or jewellery.

- When photographing possessions, such as china or any specialised collectables - take a close up picture of any minute detail(s), the pattern name or manufacturer's signature, serial number, inscriptions, and any damage or imperfections. Don't forget to include your "Object ID card" in the photograph to determine correct colour rendition and scale!
- Angle the flash when photographing jewellery or other reflective objects to avoid glare or "hot spots".
- When taking photographs of small items step back and zoom in with the camera lens close to the article. This will avoid any distortion on the photograph.
- Look at creating nicely composed image – fill the frame with the article you are photographing.
- Remember to photograph your items on both sides or from different angles.
- For scale or determining the size of jewellery (rings, necklaces, bracelets), include a shot of it being worn on the body.
- Evaluate your photograph. Make sure you are happy with the results.

Items of property are not the only things to benefit from concise photographic records. Pre-incident photographs of buildings, parts of buildings, earthworks, archaeological sites and other larger objects provide good evidence of the original condition should damage or theft occur at a later date. With the larger objects, statues and other monuments always try to include in one photograph a reference point that gives it scale and as before take further photographs of inscriptions, damage, etc.

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Rickling Primary School**  
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## A Bit of History

An enquiry was recently made via the village web-site ([www.quendonandrickling.co.uk](http://www.quendonandrickling.co.uk)) for information about a former inhabitant. The enquirer was looking for more information about his ancestor, following his coming across the following old news report.

*Samuel Clayden.... The funeral took place in Quendon churchyard on Monday of Mr.Samuel Clayden of Woodlands Cottage, Quendon. Mr.Clayden was born on May 17th. 1826 and died on June 20th. 1919 and was consequently 93 years of age.*

*He was the oldest inhabitant of the twin parishes of Quendon and Rickling.*

*He formerly belonged to A Troop. Madras Horse Artillery, with which he served 22 years 3 months and 23 days. The whole of that period in India.*

*He held the Indian Mutiny Medal with bar, Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.*

*His fighting record shows that he was with the Sangor Field Division at the attack of Thieghun (10-4-'58)*

*Skirmish at Kubrae 17a*

*Battle of Banda 19th.*

*Attack at Jampore, December 26th*

*Relief of Kirwe 28th.*

*The storming of the heights of Puriwarre 29th*

*And the skirmish at Kute in 1859*

*The funeral service was conducted by the Rev.R.C.Earle, rector of Quendon and*

*Mrs Earle at the organ played the Death March in Saul*

*The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and flowers in the form of the Prince of Wales feathers, from the rector, was on it.*

*The mourners were Mrs. Rolph and Mrs. Thomas Hinks, Bishops Stortford (daughters)*

*Messrs F.Clayden and Robert Clayden (sons) and Mrs. John Clayden, daughter-in-law.*

*The widow who is 78 and a son and daughter were unable to be present.*

*At the request of the deceased, there were no family wreaths.*

It is doubtful whether anyone alive now has anything to offer (though a search through the parish records has been requested) but it seems an interesting item anyway. It's quite a record.

**A coffee morning was held** on the 25th September at the home of Marion and Terry in Coney Acre, in aid of the Macmillan nurse charity,

The wonderful sum of £253.36 was raised for a very worthy cause.

They would like to thank all those who made it a success by donating sums of money, making some very lovely cakes, and donating prizes for the raffle.

We all had a fabulous morning, and the sun shone down on the day

Thank you Marion & Terry

## **Are you a council tenant in Rickling Green and surrounding areas ?**

A representative from **The Tenants Forum** will be in  
**the small room at the Village Hall**  
**on Wednesday 18th November 2015 10.00am -11.30am**

This is to listen to  
**your concerns, compliments or suggestions for changes to your area or services**

**Look forward to seeing you there**

***We anticipate holding these meetings regularly in 2016 to enable you to have a say as to how you would like to implement changes they will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the small hall at Rickling and Quendon Village Hall at 10.00 am - 11.30***



## **HeroRATs helped Mozambique become mine-free!**

By Ragna Frans - project assistant

### **The HeroRATs have helped clear over 11 million m<sup>2</sup>**

We're thrilled to announce that Mozambique was officially declared free of all known landmines on the 17th of September! This massive accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous efforts of our brave deminers and HeroRATs and their generous supporters!

Mozambique is now freed of tens of thousands of landmines and this achievement is even more special to APOPO since Mozambique is the first country where our landmine detection rats were tested and deployed in the real minefields.

Back in 2003 a first group of landmine detection rats nailed their trial tests in a densely mined field, indicating all 20 mines that were subsequently found by the manual deminers. A massive breakthrough for APOPO and the HeroRATs, proving our sniffers were up for the real job in the minefields. Soon after, eleven rats passed the accreditation test organized by the National Demining Institute of Mozambique and received their operational licence.

They joined our mine action team in Gaza Province where they have helped clear over 6 million square metres of land, more than a year before the deadline! This successful clearance operation was the start of many tasks throughout Mozambique and eventually the HeroRATs have helped free five provinces of landmines, thereby finding 13,274 landmines and returning 11,124,446 square meters of safe land to the people of Mozambique.

"We were all excited when the rats passed the first trial and accreditation tests but I don't think anyone of us was hoping they would become such an important part of our operations and would help Mozambique become mine-free", says APOPO's training manager Abdullah, who was in Mozambique in 2003. "I'm so proud of them and I look forward to celebrating future accomplishments of our HeroRATs in Angola and Cambodia"!

### **What now for Mozambique?**

APOPO's demining staff in Mozambique have demonstrated tremendous commitment, sacrifice and dedication in helping rid the country of thousands of landmines and return safe land to the people of Mozambique.

APOPO is now repaying their dedication by offering an opportunity to acquire new skills during a vocational training course. The purpose of the course is to assist in supporting the demobilized staff undertake an alternative career as Mozambique has successfully resolved its landmine problem and no longer requires such a large core of deminers.

With this initiative, APOPO aims to support and enable 150 staff members to secure new employment to improve their livelihoods and make a better future for themselves, for their families and for their communities. Read more about the capacity building training program and get involved!

### **Hero Rats elsewhere**

Now we have been able to send a first group of mine detection rats outside of Africa! Soon our little heroes will help clear mines in Cambodia, one of the most mine-infested countries in the world.

Our HeroRATs are now undergoing in-country training in preparation of an accreditation test that is organised by the Cambodian mine action authorities. The rats are fully trained and tested in Tanzania but when they are sent to a new country, they need to acclimatise to their new context and train on specially prepared fields where we work with common mine-types particular in the country. At the end of the training in the new operational setting, the rats have to pass the external accreditation test and once they do, they receive a licence and can be working in the minefields.

"They are all doing very well, getting ready to be deployed in the minefields," says Sokheng Hul, one of the trainer supervisors who also visited the training headquarters in Tanzania. "We were all very excited to receive the rats in Cambodia as this is not only a big step for APOPO – first time the rats set foot on the ground in Asia – but also for our country. There are still thousands of mines causing tremendous suffering and the HeroRATs will help speed up the clearance works massively. The rats are all on track, the training is going well and they will soon prove their skills during their final test".

"It's also important for our trainers and handlers to go through this intense period of in-country training," explains Sokheng. "They need to understand all aspects of the training, get to know the animals and learn to interpret their behaviour. Nobody has worked with rats before so this period is crucial for both humans and HeroRATs."

If everything goes well, the final test will be organised before the end of the year so our new team of HeroRATs can start helping the deminers beginning of next year. Please follow our Facebook page or website for the latest updates!

**Find out more about APOPO and the HeroRATs' demining and tuberculosis detection work at <http://www.apopo.org>**

## 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
Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
U3A Choir	<i>Wednesdays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Wednesday Club	<i>Wednesdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Osbourn 01799 543367
Line Dancing	<i>Thursdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Upholstery Class	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.30-12.30	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	
Remembrance Event	1st November	18.00	Newport Church	Commemoration Service
Golf Society	6th November	09.15	Bishop's Stortford G.Club	Susie Hartley 01799 543357
Whist Drive	7th November	19.30	Quendon Bowls Club	
Rem'brance Service	8th November	09.30	Quendon Church	Holy Communion
Book Sale	14th November	11.00	Q&R Village Hall	See ad. page 8
Healing Service	15th November	18.00/18.30	Quendon Church	The Vicar
Tenants Forum	18th November		Q&R Village Hall	
Coffee Morning	18th November	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	See ad. page 14
Parish Council	18th November	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Quiz NIGht	20th November	19.30	Rickling School	See ad. page 10
Whist Drive	21st November	19.30	Quendon Bowls Club	
Crafts Sale	28th November		Q&R Village Hall	
Holy Communion	29th November	09.30	Quendon Church	
Photo Competition	24th April '16			See ad. page 8

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

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Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (12A)	Sun 1st, 3.00pm
Irrational Man (12A)	Sun 1st, 8.00pm
The Second Mother (15)	Mon 2nd, 8.00pm
Everest (12A)	Fri 6 & Sat 7th, 8.00pm
Bill (PG)	Sat 7, 2.00pm, Sun 8th, 10.00am
A Walk in the Woods (15)	Sat 7th, 5.00pm, Sun 8th, 8.00pm
Jewels – Bolshoi	Sun 8th, 3.00pm
Tangerines (15)	Mon 9th, 8.00pm
I Believe in Miracles (12A)	Tue 10th, 8.00pm
Eric Clapton: Live at the Albert Hall	Wed 11th, 8.00pm
The Martian (12A)	Fri 13th & Sat 14th, 8.00pm, Sun 15th, 5.00pm
The Big Knights (U)	Sat 14th, 10.00am, Sun 15th, 2.00pm
Four ballets – ROH	Sat 14th, 2.15pm
99 Homes (15)	Sun 15th, 8.00pm
Mia Madre (15)	Mon 16th, 8.00pm
Of Mice and Men – Broadway	Thu 19th, 7.00pm
Miss You Already (12A)	Fri 20th, 8.00pm
Zarafa (PG)	Sat 21st, 3.00pm, Sun 22nd, 2.00pm
Paddington (PG)	Sat 21st, 7.00pm, Sat 28th, 4.00pm
Macbeth (15)	Sat 21st, 8.00pm, Sun 22nd, 5.00pm & 8.00pm
Happy Feet (U)	Sun 22nd, 10.00am
Palio (12A)	Mon 23rd, 8.00pm
Suffragette (12A)	Fri 27th & Sat 28th, 8.00pm, Sun 29th, 5.00pm
Hotel Transylvania 2 (U)	Sat 28th, 10.00am, Sun 29th, 2.00pm
The Winter's Tale – Garrick Theatre	Sat 28th, 3.00pm
Child 44 (15)	Sat 28th, 8.00pm
Crimson Peak (15)	Sun 29th & Mon 30th, 8.00pm

**Tickets: Evening:** Full price £7.50, 65 & over £6.70, other adult conc: £5.70, 18 & under: £5.40  
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**Day:** Full price £6.50, 65 & over £5.60, other adult conc: £5.00, 18 & under: £4.20

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## Quendon & Rickling Village Coffee Mornings

**Wednesday 18th Nov 10.00am**

**in aid of Wendens Ambo Pre-School**

**Quendon Village Hall**

**If you would like to organise a coffee morning in the New Year, for a charity or cause of your own choice, please contact Maureen Hawkins 543201.**

Held on the third Wednesday or Saturday it's a great way to meet people and raise money for good causes.

We have received a warm letter of thanks from 'Blood Wise' (Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research) for the donation we were able to make after the Coffee Morning on 19th September for £110.

Many thanks to all who came and supported.

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