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April 2018

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Rickling School - February 2018

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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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.

It's two weeks to Easter as I write this and the car is once again covered with snow! Hopefully that will be the last of it. Yet it serves as a metaphor for how some people approach Easter.

Easter is a time of spring; of new life bursting forth. I hope the daffodils outside Rickling Church will be coming out soon. New lambs will soon be coming into the world. The harshness of winter will give way (I hope) to warm spring sun. Easter is also a time of new life spiritually, for what we remember at Easter is Jesus's resurrection; his bursting from the tomb that had been sealed by the Roman soldiers with a huge rock. After giving up his life for us on the cross God the Father lifted him from death and brought about new life as Jesus once again walked about among us. Jesus never died again. He was alive when he ascended into heaven and, I believe that he is still alive today. It is Jesus's resurrection that brings hope to each one of us for our own resurrection to eternity at the end of our lives here on earth.

Yet the hope of the Christian faith isn't just for the end of our lives. It is for the here & now too. I believe that God wants all of us to come to know him. That, I believe, leads to better lives for each of us. It won't necessarily be easier but God will help to cope with the tough times of life. I've had experience of that for myself.

Yet some people choose to stay out in the cold, and don't see the hope of new life at Easter. This year please join us for one of our Easter services. This year let your eyes be opened to the hope of new life in Jesus Christ. This year step into the new life spiritually as you physically step into spring.

Happy Easter to you all.

Neil

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 1st April

9.00am Quendon Family Communion
10.00am Widdington Family Communion
11.00am Newport Family Communion

Sunday 8th April

11.00am Newport Benefice Morning Worship

Sunday 15th April

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

Sunday 22nd April

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

Sunday 29th April

9.30am Quendon Benefice BCP Communion

**** Please note the new service times below. ****

Sunday 6th May

9.30am Newport Family Communion
11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 13th May

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

Sunday 20th May

9.30am Newport Holy Communion
11.00am Widdington Holy Communion
6.00pm Rickling Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th May

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

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

Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

Treasurer - Quendon and Rickling: Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

Quendon and Rickling Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The Annual Meeting of the Church Parish of St Simon and St Jude, Quendon with All Saints Rickling will take place at 8pm on the 9th of April 2018 in Quendon Church.

This is the time to review the local church activities over the past year, to elect churchwardens, to elect members to the Parochial Church Council and to outline activities for the forthcoming year.

It is also an opportunity for everyone in the parish to meet the vicar and current officers of the church parish and to take part in a discussion of the running of the church here.

Everyone in Quendon and Rickling is welcome to attend and anyone on the Parochial Electoral Roll is eligible to offer him- or herself to be elected as a churchwarden and/or member of the Parochial Church Council.

Everyone on the Parochial Electoral Roll is entitled to vote.

If you are not on the Parochial Electoral Roll then you can talk to the secretary about this.

Churchyard at Quendon

The Churchyard at Quendon Church is a valuable space in the village offering tranquility and a sense of continuity with our past.

We who mow the grass (using machines provided) are becoming fewer.

Please contact John Watkinson on 01799 543350 (johnwatkinson@tiscali.co.uk) to join us!

Easter Services in the Parish of Quendon and Rickling

Maundy Thursday: BCP Communion at Quendon - 7pm

Easter Sunday: Family Communion at Quendon - 9am

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.



Village Hall Update

Those of you who are regular users of the Village Hall (13 groups) will have seen that our urgent underpinning work has started. It has taken a few years to fund raise for this project. A necessity but not an attractive money spinner.

Unfortunately our original builders were unable to undertake the work and we had to start all-over again with estimates etc. Phase 1 will take 5 to 6 weeks, and then Phase 2 means the ceiling in the small hall will come down for remedial roof work.

This is where our share of the 100 club money goes. Thank you to all those who have contributed, please continue to help by joining again this year. New members are always welcome, application forms were recently delivered throughout the villages. The more people the bigger the prize money.

Thank you to all those who have contributed towards the underpinning project, as individuals, clubs or by fundraising, it all helps.

We are fortunate to have been able to keep all the classes going in the Large Hall and thanks to those who have embraced the changes.

Reminder

Village Hall AGM Wednesday April 11th 2018 at 3pm

HOW TO FOLD FITTED SHEETS

step 1

Fold sheet in half with elastic on the inside.



step 2

Fold once more, this time from corner to opposite corner to create a triangle.



step 3

The sheet should now be in a neat triangle. Next, turn the sheet inside out with the elastic facing in.



step 4

Now pinch all four corners together with one hand.



step 5

Tuck one elastic corner over the other three.



step 6

Now place the sheet on a flat surface to smooth out any wrinkles.



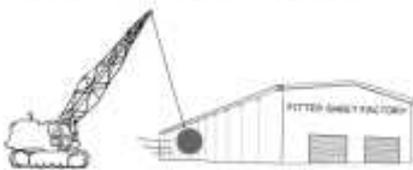
step 7

Finally, fold corners under to create desired shape for storage.



step 8

Congratulations! Now store your beautiful folded sheet!



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

Just a few words this month on PC projects that are ongoing.

There has been some confusion about the management of the new, albeit rather small playground at The Pavilions. It seems this will be taken on by a private management company, appointed by CALA. I await further information from UDC.

You will have seen before that one of us, namely Ele Stoneham, is organizing a dining event. This is intended to be a fun social evening and an opportunity for people to get to know others in the village who they might not usually have a chance to meet. Please support this if you can. If you would like to join in, please let Ele know either directly or via Keith.

Chris is taking a lead on looking into the possibility and cost of introducing low level lighting, probably solar powered, at key points in the village where safety might be an issue during the hours of darkness. Watch this space.

Regular readers will be aware that I am in the process of preparing a submission to ECC regarding the weight and volume of traffic on the B1383. The initial part of this, concerning background and reasoning is complete, but the next bit, which requires evidence and suggestions as to what sort of traffic management would be appropriate, is proving problematic. This is largely because the traffic survey conducted in September produced figures which suggested that both the numbers of vehicles and the average speed of vehicles had reduced since the previous survey a couple of years ago. I suspect that, like me, you will find this hard to believe. As a result I have asked ECC to repeat the survey and this will be done in April.

That's about it for now,

Alan.

A nod to the late, great, to me anyway, Ken Dodd.....

'According to council regulations this room can be cleared in three minutes. I'm here to prove it'.

EXTEND Keep Fit Classes for Seniors

We are now able to open the Monday morning classes in the Village Hall to a few new members.

- We are a friendly group;
- we exercise to music each week;
- exercises are adaptable to all abilities;
- we include resistance strength exercises and some for posture, balance and general mobility.
- Some exercises are in standing and some performed seated.

Contact; Pat Turner 01799 543314 for details

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Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Street lighting

If you notice any street lights not working, please contact the Parish Clerk who will be happy to make the necessary arrangements to get them repaired. Enquires are ongoing with a view to replacing the existing lights with more modern led alternatives.

Winter salt

As the “Beast from the East” seems to have returned from whence it came, I suspect that there is now no need for salt supplies (unless you want some for your fish and chips). So, I think I will make this the last Winter Salt advice note until the return of Winter. Supplies can be found at CONEY ACRE, THISTLEY CRESCENT and THE CRICKETERS ARMS. The use of this salt is really to de-ice public footpaths in adverse weather but adding a little to the path to your front door is OK. Take care in these conditions and please be aware that the salt can be quite heavy and sometimes difficult to extract from the bins. Should you have any problems please contact Brandon Chapman, who may be able to help.

Trees, hedges and power pylons

If you have a tree or hedge which needs trimming but is next to an electricity pylon you would have understandable concerns about taking your loppers or pruning shears anywhere near electricity cables. Particularly when you see those signs “Danger of Death”! You will be pleased to learn therefore that UK Power is responsible not only for the pylons but also for clearing any vegetation around them. So, don’t take any chances. If you do have hedging or trees adjacent to said pylons, contact UK Power.

Come Dine With Me

Want to meet fellow villagers over a relaxing meal? Then “Come Dine With Me” could be for you. To find out full details please contact Ele Stoneham on **01799 5405519*** or email at elestoneham@gmail.com.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. The pack is currently being updated and should be available in its new improved version very shortly. If anyone knows of

any newcomers to the village that have not received a copy of the existing pack, do please let the Clerk know on the contact details below and a welcome pack will be dropped off to them.

Notice boards

There are three notice boards in the village, sited at Coney Acre, Thistley Crescent and the Village Hall. If you would like anything posted on the notice boards please contact the Parish Clerk. The agenda for monthly parish council meeting is posted to each notice board.

Allotments

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

Dog Fouling

We all know the problem of dog deposits. There are several dog bins around the village which it is hoped will encourage owners to **bag it and bin it**. Perhaps all could be reminded of the importance of keeping the area clean for the benefit of everyone.

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

Contact the Parish Council

The Clerk, Keith Williams can be contacted by e-mail quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com or by telephone **01279 814473**

**Ele's number doesn't look right to me. Editor*

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many congratulations to this month's winners.

No 9.....Carole Mandy.....£35

No 25.....Tessa Deriziotis.....£25

No 90.....Dawn White.....£15

Many congratulations to our lucky winners!

Please may I politely remind our members that subs are now due.

Clare. x

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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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Hedgerows are a significant feature of our agricultural landscape and were planted in the past as boundaries.

usually felled after about 50 years growth. Oaks provided structural material; elms became floorboards, coffins and especially weatherboarding (where it can be identified by its distinctive wavy grain).

Thorny blackthorn and hawthorn made a stock-proof barrier, with hazel, holly and spindle colonising later. Ash, elm, field maple, hornbeam and oak trees were integrated into such hedges and these nurtured specimens were managed as pollards, being cut off at head height on a regular cycle. In 1778 it was recorded that 85 percent of the hedgerow trees in Barwick in the parish of Standon were pollards, so these would have stuck up at regular intervals above the hedges.



Old pollarded elms in a hedge in Tilty, they are wonderful scarce survivors within the Hundred Parishes.

Some of the cut material was used as leafy hay for winter feed for livestock. Once the nutritious leafy branches of ash or elm had been eaten, the twiggy leftovers became excellent dry kindling. Larger poles were used for fencing, building repairs, handles or fuel. Timber trees in hedges were

Historic surveys of the numbers, species and value of trees on many estates are lodged in record offices. An analysis of these records is included in a new book, *Trees in England*, in which the authors comment that in the past oak, ash and elm trees were an essential part of the local economy.

Today, the situation is very different with the significant loss of hedgerows and the trees within them. Most surviving trees are old oaks or ash, growing as uncut pollards with spreading crowns. Any mature elms are extremely rare, but there is a small group in Tilty and another is recorded in Bartlow. Do you know of any other surviving elms? If so we would like to hear about them.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee



RICKLING/QUENDON COFFEE MORNING CLUB

INDOOR BOOT SALE

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall

SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

10.00-12.00 am (Sellers 9.00 am)

CANCELLED

Unfortunately due to the lack of response from the village, it has been decided to hold an Indoor Table Sale in the Rickling/Quendon Coffee Morning Club on **18th April 2018** in the Village Hall between 10.00 – 12.00.

If you wish to donate anything to the sale this can be collected if in the area.

Call Angela or Carole on 01799 218061/ 543807



Rickling /Quendon Coffee Morning Club

Pub Quiz, Fun Bingo Table Sale

Wednesday 18th April 2018

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Sandwiches available at 12.00



Please contact: Carole or Angela
on 01799 543807/218061

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ

START TIMES
1K 10.30AM (£3 ON THE DAY)
5K 11.15AM £10 (£12 ON THE DAY)
10K 11.10AM £12 (£14 ON THE DAY)

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QUENDON AND RICKLING FESTIVAL OF RUNNING. SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2018.

Preparations for our 2018 RunFest are now well underway and we look forward to another fantastic day for our Villages and School. All proceeds from this Event will be donated to our village school to enable them to instal a Multi Use Games Area on the school field over the summer break. This will be of real benefit to the school and our children who will be able to use the area throughout the year.

RunFest will incorporate our three events, namely the 10K, 5K and 1K Fun Run and will be a great day for everyone to come and join in. We will have face painters, bouncy castles, refreshments, ice cream and waffles and a BBQ for you all to enjoy.

Entry will be live from 1st April and on line entry will be via FindaRace.

<https://findarace.com/events/quendon-and-rickling-10k-5k-and-fun-run#details>

Further details will be provided in the forthcoming editions of *The Link* together with our Village FaceBook page and our RunFest page,

<https://www.facebook.com/QR.RunFest/>

We are once again indebted to our sponsors, who are all local to our villages, together with our Parish Council and the Quendon and Rickling Estate. Without their support it would not be possible for us to hold this event.

We are also extremely grateful to everyone in our villages who volunteer to assist with the day. We cannot do this without your support and we hope you will all be able to continue with your support. It is truly appreciated by us, the school and parents. We are also the only local event who not only support our own village school, but also help support other schools, clubs and charities by enabling them to raise sponsorship for their own fundraising activities. You are therefore not only assisting us, but the whole of the wider community, so thank you.

Please do contact Stephanie Bridgewater if you have any questions or require further information. **01799 540867**
 email. info@quendonandricklingrunfest.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all in June.

Many thanks

The Race Team.

Rickling primary School News

We have had a very busy week back after having a couple of snow days.

Netball - A huge well done to all the children that participated in the Netball Tournament, they all played brilliantly, a valiant effort to all. They drew 2 and lost 1 match.



World Book Day Children dressed up as their favourite book characters



Acorn Class children are busy learning about money, using everyday language to talk about money. In English they have been learning their own version of the '3 little Pigs'.

Oak Class have, without doubt, been very 'eggcited' about the arrival of the baby chicks. They are so very cute. For their English the children have been writing a diary entry everyday about the events that have been taking place in the hatchery.



Maple Class have been very busy in their English lessons writing short horror stories. Their language and composition is really developing well. Well done Maple Class.

Beech Class children have been very busy rehearsing for their play. In Maths the children have been learning to convert from 12 hour clock to 24 hour clock, certainly a very useful skill to have.



The School Council went to Bishops Stortford College to attend the first ever Bishops Stortford Pupil Voice Network Meeting. This is a brand new initiative in Bishops Stortford for local school councils, the aim being to promote pupil voice. The children were lucky enough to meet Councillor Hollebbon, who is a member of the Town Council and is in control of the South Ward section of Bishops Stortford.

The children participated in a number of activities, allowing them to meet pupils from nearby schools and gain inspiration of ideas they could share with the rest of the school council at Rickling.

The Network has big and exciting plans for the future, including having a say in the events of the 2019 Bishops Stortford Carnival, meeting the mayor of Bishops Stortford and even hosting a trip to parliament!

Don't forget the school Easter Service at Quendon Church Wednesday 28th March: 2.15pm



QUENDON & RICKLING 1K 5K 10K
RUNFEST
SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2018

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers for Quendon and Rickling's fourth RunFest on Sunday 24 June.

This is one of our biggest village events that raises a huge amount of money for Rickling School, but is only possible with the support of the village! We are looking for volunteers to marshal the route and around the green, help out with refreshments, setting up etc. Please get in touch if you can help out in any way. **Thank you!**

Stevie Green
info@quendonandr Ricklingrunfest.co.uk
01799 542734



QuendonAndRicklingRunFest.co.uk

TAI CHI Classes



Tues 6-7pm

Vision Fitness Gym, Henham CM22 6AN

Mons 2-3pm

St Michael's Mead Main Hall,
Bishop's Stortford CM23 4FZ

Mons 7:30-8:30pm

Elsie Barrett Room,
Bishops Stortford CM23 2EL

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The Turn of the Handle

I woke up. I had sleep in my eyes and my fingers felt like an avalanche of snow. I waited, for the turn of the handle, it slowly moved clockwise and in came as usual my mother. She was as bright and breezy as usual "now you be a good girl and try your best at school today!" I didn't answer as I knew Brad would be there.

Seven long hours later, when I had finished school, I was cautiously shuffling down the lane, the lane that nobody ever went by.

"Hey loser" came that horrible cruel voice....the voice of Brad. This time I was determined I wouldn't let him get to me. I grabbed his back pack and hurled the contents over the old gates to the forbidden manor house (where, according to the stories, a child had supposedly died). His insults were muffled by his anger as he started punching my face. I had no answer I knew I had to go in and retrieve his belongings. I was shivering with fear as I slowly walked up the path that lead to the imposing manor house. At this point I wanted to run away, but there was one thing that stopped me.

Out of the corner of my eye I swore I saw the rusty steel gates open. Slowly, I twisted round knowing my fate "sorry for trespassing" but as I went to finish my sentence I realised there was nobody standing there to apologise to. There was no sign of any movement anywhere. I must

have been the Spring wind. So, I decide to examine the red, rusty steel gates, which were overrun with clinging ghostly ivy.

My heart was beating like Thor's hammer as I held my breath walking through to the unknown. I hesitantly stepped into a dark room, with floorboards creaking under foot, I could just see the faint outline of a bearskin rug, I again shivered as if ice was running through my veins.

Suddenly, there was a jingling of bells and a great deafening noise which sounded like a dragon waking from a deep slumber. All the candle flames flickered on as if a switch had been flicked. My eyes exploded with orr I was speechless. Another noise hit my ears, but not a noise of laughter and happiness but of horror and despair...

Crash! Fire! Planks, falling from the old wooden ceiling. I was thrown down to the ground in a matter of seconds. I staggered, unnerved, to my feet, and then I spotted it, or rather I spotted him, I spotted a child, clutching an old teddy. He looked about four, but his old-fashioned clothes made it hard to tell. I yelled "watch out!" and started to jump towards the kid, avoiding the falling planks. I could see a burning plank tittering above the child's head, I had no choice but to try and save him. I remember flying through the air trying to reach out to the boy, I felt

nothing but air. I hit the ground and after the crash of splintering wood I opened my eyes to see something or someone was under a large oak beam.

The boy? Or was it his threadbare teddy? Squealed out “why didn’t you open the door?” I frantically ran around the room looking for a way out but none of the door handles seem to work despite my every effort. Suddenly, the boy appeared, tears of sadness ran down his blackened face from the fire. Still clutching his now burnt teddy he uttered the words “I’ll get you, there’s no

way out”. I looked but there was no escape. All I could do was sit and wait for my impending doom.

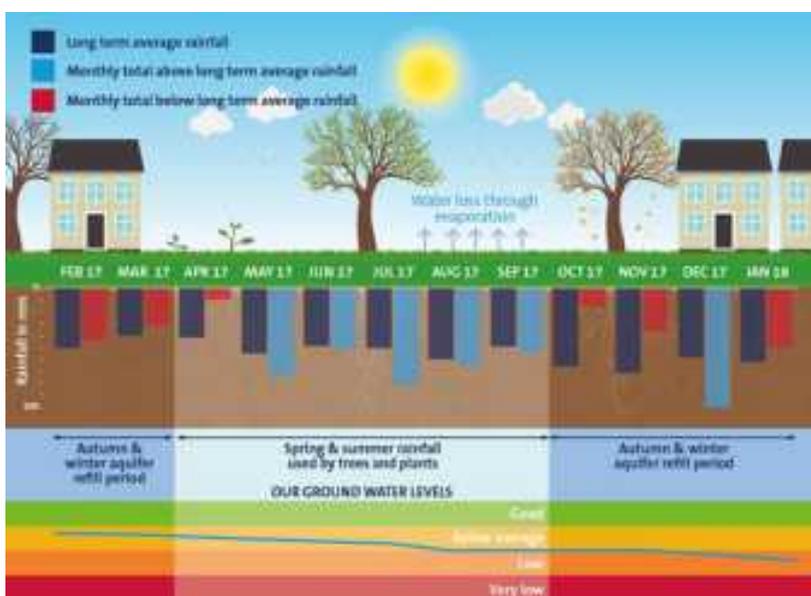
I waited, praying the door handle would turn. Through the destructive flames I looked at the grandfather clock, the horrible seconds past, I couldn’t bear it anymore. Suddenly a movement, did the handle move or was it just wishful thinking? I watched, every second was a searing pain, just then the handle turned.....

By Jarvis

Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves

Water Supplies

As we have had a fair amount of rain recently I thought this might be a good topic! Councillors receive regular updates from Affinity Water about the state of the aquifers which supply most of our water, and the rainfall. Although February is likely to have been an above average rainfall, the pattern through the winter has been of low rainfall, except December. The chart shows the continued drop in underground water levels, and the heavy summer rain makes



little difference as it is taken by plant growth and evaporation.

However, these are annual fluctuations and the far bigger concern is the inability to supply water for more houses without doing more damage to our environment. Our water supplies come mostly from nine boreholes throughout the district, plus a small amount imported from neighbouring areas. Over extraction has already caused environmental damage. Streams which should flow all year are now dry or only have intermittent flow and the water related life has just gone. Examples are at Arkesden where the brook no longer babbles through the village in summer and the Debden ‘Water’ which should flow through Newport’s Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is typically dry by 1st May, see photo taken in 2013.

In the consultation for the UDC local Plan the Environment Agency say that the water consumption standard for houses in the proposed garden villages should be enforced at 110 litres per inhabitant per day. That is the very highest standard, not what is being applied to houses going up now. If we multiply by the number of people per house, and by 365 days, that’s about 100,000 litres per house per year. To make the sums easy if we say build 10,000 houses across the district that means another 1 million tonnes of water a year has to be pumped out of the ground.

It’s not just houses. There is the Stansted airport expansion, with about another 10 million more passengers per year, consuming roughly 28 litres per passenger. The airport application (UTT/18/0460/FUL if you wish to comment on it) gives the figures below:



We used to have kingfishers in Newport.

Year	Potable Water Usage (m ³)	PAX (000,000)	Potable Water (L/PAX)
2008	720,568	23.8	30
2016	672,849	24.3	28

'As a worst case, assuming a linear growth and no further improvement in water efficiency (measured in both absolute terms or on a per passenger basis), the airport would consume approximately 1,172.5 million litres in the 2028 case

DM (35mppa) scenario and 1,474 million litres in the 2028 DC (43mppa).'

This means the airport consumption would go up from around 0.7 million tonnes a year to about 1.5 million tonnes. So in total another 2.5 million tonnes of water a year to be stripped out of the ground. The various documents for Stansted and the Local Plan talk about water conservation measures and move quickly on; none of them deal with the reality that the gains from metering and better white goods are now diminishing returns.

In the absence of an up to date Water Cycle Study for the Local Plan, I went through Affinity Water's 2015 documentation. It is full of acronyms, but even without the scale of development now being planned, and factoring in all the water savings, it says they would have deficits in their ability to supply.

I raised all this at a Plan Policy Working Group in December. The response was that another report had been commissioned.

Surely if the government is insistent on vast housing development in the driest part of the country it should be solving the water supply problem by building infrastructure to bring water from those areas of the country which have a surplus. Our C19th and C20th predecessors built aqueducts, still in use, from Wales and the Lake District to Manchester and the Midlands. It is not the job of a small district council to build national water infrastructure. H₂O rather than HS2?

Councillors Surgeries

We are available every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 in Dorrington's in Newport and we take turns to attend the parish council meetings in the Village Hall.

Neil Hargreaves

QUENDON BOWLING CLUB a History - continued

Chapter III *continued*

Plans were also being discussed in committee of extensions to the clubhouse and a five year improvement schedule. It was at this time that a resolution was adopted that the name The Rickling and Quendon Bowling Club be dropped for the shorter "Quendon Bowling Club". Other than the length of the original title, the reason for the change is obscure, as the two villages were always prominent in its support foundation, and must have been a cause of sadness. The five-year plan called for a refurbishment of the whole of the clubhouse, fencing, up-to-date equipment for the green, storage huts, toilets, score boards, furniture, curtains, and all cooking and domestic items. The ladies set about raising the funds by Whist drives, usually in the houses of those members, and various raffles etc on Club days.

Nominations for the Clubs first entry into the Widdop Cup were asked for, as well as other County games, during the year of 1962. With the membership growing, the entry into County competitions was vital to the progress of Q.B.C. Some thirty five members attended the AGM of that year, where questions for a proper facility for the ladies was called for, and much more urgent expert attention for the green. This year also saw the planting of the rowan (mountain ash) trees to the north of the green, which were the gift of Col. Simpson. The boundary was originally inside the line of these trees you see now, and confirmation was sought that the planting was on the property of Sir William, rented by the Club. With regard to the yearly peppercorn rent of one penny, paid with all its propriety by the members, come

many a story. One related by a present day member, was of his father Hubby, being a committee officer, selected one year to make the journey to Quendon Hall to offer the rent. After the ceremony, those present were regaled with drink and those evenings were very happy indeed.

With the new members came many offers of equipment, notably at last the presentation of an "Elsan" closet for the ladies, by Mrs Carmichael, score boards from Mrs Beaman, plates, cups and saucers through raffles and purchased from the establishment of Ray Collard another member.

With our affiliation to the ECBA inspections of the green was now a yearly one, and approval of the rinks for County competitions was mandatory. Rinks 2, 3, and 4 (now 3,4 and 5) were passed for play. Club rules, design of suitable badges and ties, and the quest to associate the Club with Christ's Hospital and the Quendon coat-of arms were all matters under discussion. The club tie was to be a plain design with the letter "Q" prominent, and would cost 15/-. Subs were now some 25/-, and the cost of teas 2/-. With the Committee meetings now being held monthly, the "faltering steps" were now much firmer under a purposeful management.

1963 was a good year for the Club, with many projects advancing and long term plans put in hand. The green was still in the care the members, being cut on a rota basis, along with the scarifying, fertilizing, and general handiwork. A new mens' toilet was built and improvements to the clubhouse and its surrounds made by turfing and planting.

Sir Robert Adeane whose land adjoined south and east of the Club, presented some fencing, which was erected along those sides. Meanwhile negotiations were being pursued by the Secretary for the purchase of land on the north and east sides of the green, the amount money being just £15 plus conveyancing.

The Clubs finances were in good order, helped as always by the Ladies section in keeping going all whist and raffles, during the close season. Gifts were still coming in: green string, notice board (Mrs Edmonson) wash basin (Mrs Dickson) scrapers (H. Clayden).

Verbal agreement was reached late in the year regarding purchase of land, but negotiations were slow. Land to the East (wooded side) and its sale to the Club was now in the hands of Adams and Land of Saffron Walden our solicitors.

Another innovation was the attendance at the mens committee meetings a representative from the Ladies section, usually the redoubtable Mrs Peasly, who demanded water to be laid to the clubhouse, electric cookers, and on the bowling side, a match between the Clubs Ladies and Gents. This fixture now played regularly. A competitions Secretary was appointed being one G. Dickson, who ensured that rounds were completed, with those words: being in complete and sole control. The subject of another rink was being looked into once the land was in the Club's hands, on the initiative of Gordon D. removal of scrub was in hand and plans formulated. A licence for the sale of liquors on the Club's premises was sought from the Clerk to the Justices. Also going forward was a request to the Playing Fields Assn. for a grant. With all this activity a lot of expenditure was seemingly made, as the Hon Treasurer spoke of the "leanness of his Exchequer".

Another milestone came at an Extraordinary Meeting on March 6th 1964, held to legalise the "Sale of Excisable Liquors" on the Club's premise. A wine committee was formed (Mr Ennals, Mr Collard, Mr Carmichael) who were to have sole control of the purchase of excisable liquors as laid down in the new rules as formulated, Rules Nos. 33 & 34. This was a big advantage now to the Club, in its hospitality and finances.

A small section was also formed to put into motion plans for the Clubhouse disposition and extensions to the green.

The Club's woods were beginning to show signs of age and wear, and were sent away for renovation, most members not being able to afford personal ones. This must have been a disadvantage to the teams representing the Club. However more gifts for the year were: 100 turves (Mr Baltrop), jacks (Mr Dickson), rink twine holders (Mr Collard), water into the clubhouse, courtesy Mr Skinner. All the committee were men of substance who continued to give the club items that were wanted.

During 1964 Mr and Mrs Mather moved from the "Kings

Head" tendering their resignations. As a token of all the good work and the service they gave to the Club, a collection was made with which was purchased a Barometer suitably inscribed. Their going marked another era in the Club's annals, as the hostelry was almost synonymous with the fortunes of Q.B.C.

With the granting of the licence the Club became of age, and all manner of suggestions and improvements were being made. Curtains over windows, lampshades (Grace P) were transforming the Pavilion (now called). A bar counter built by Mr Barham at his home, his car being relegated to the drive. On completion, a grand procession was formed to cart and carry bar counter to the Club. Wheels were borrowed from the lads of the village, and the whole parade marched through both Rickling and Quendon proudly presenting the bar counter to the populace. The bar duly anointed took its place the pavilion, with all the appurtenances supplied Gordon D. working sweetly.

The land to the East and South of the green was at last in the Clubs hands, costing including conveyancing some £21. Bushes between green and woods were left to grow.

Some consternation was felt at the refusal Group II inspectors to pass rinks I, 3, and 4 some heated correspondence was entered into by our Secretary and Chairman. Meanwhile the playing side of the Club were continuing their matches in the Gold Cup, Widdop Cup, and other County games, as well as all the friendlies, thereby spreading the gospel of Q.B.C.

All manner of schemes were afoot to raise money for ground improvements. The Club were in touch with the Essex Rural Community Association for advice as to the procedure for a claim. From this came a visit to the Club by a Mr Thompson who stated that, providing the Club could raise 50% and were spending at least £250, there would no difficulty in raising a grant. Other sources could be approached, but it was essential that the Club own the green. On this advice, Col Simpson wrote to Sir Arthur Ellis's solicitors putting all the facts before them, and in sequence Sir Arthur presented the ground to the Club on condition that all fees for conveyancing be accepted by the Club. The meeting called was elated at this dramatic gesture, and to round off an exciting evening Col Simpson offered to pay all the legal expenses that would occur. Adams and Land would carry out the work for us and retain the deeds of the Club land.

Much discussion was also being held on the removal of the clubhouse to the southern end, and two proposals were put to an Extraordinary General meeting that:

1. The Pavilion to remain in its present position and
2. And a motion to apply for a grant to move the Pavilion to the new site.

On a vote it was decided at this time to adopt the first proposal with 25 votes in favour, a majority.

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Church APCM	9th April	20.00	Quendon Church	see p3
BCP Communion	15th April	18.00	Quendon Church	
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Holy Communion	22nd April	09.30	Rickling Church	
BCP Communion	29th April	09.30	Quendon Church	
BCP Communion	13th May	11.00	Quendon Church	
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