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*Spring Blossom
in Rickling Green*

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

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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Neil McLeod,

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

I'm writing this article on the morning of Saturday 19th July. For some that date may ring a bell because it was the FA Cup Final between Chelsea & Manchester United, however for many others it will be remembered as the royal wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Whilst I'm not in front of the television, as I write this article, I know that the BBC coverage has already started and will continue for some time to come. Probably up to the FA Cup Final coverage itself. I won't see the wedding because I have arranged an 11 o'clock meeting in Church House in Newport followed by a short meeting at 12 midday. In fact, someone else at the meeting jokingly told me off for arranging a meeting that clashed with the royal wedding. All I can say is my meeting was arranged first.

But I wonder how many of you will have sat down to watch the wedding, because undoubtedly it will be a great occasion. (I'm getting confused mixing my past and present tenses – please forgive me. It is odd writing knowing that the wedding will be gone by the time you read this but for me, as I write, it is yet to happen). I wonder how many of you were wrapped up in the whole love story between the bride and the groom. Because it is a love story, and if there is one thing we cannot resist it is a good love story.

Yet many people do miss the greatest love story of them all. It is not a story of romantic love but it is about love nonetheless, and it is told in the pages of the Bible principally in the four gospels. It is the story of love between God the Father, and his children on earth – that is us. It is the story of love between God the Son, Jesus, who sacrificed himself for each one of us so that we could be forgiven for the things we do wrong. It is the story of hope that speaks of a love that is to be shared between all of God's people. The Bible includes these words:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbour as yourself.”

To prepare for the royal wedding thousands of people have lined the streets of Windsor to catch a glimpse of the bride and groom. The picture of them standing alongside each other is a representation of 'love your neighbour'. A world where we stand alongside all people irrespective of our differences.

We celebrate love with the bride & groom. We celebrate the love we know or have known in our own lives. If we do that, then let us celebrate God's love for us too.

Neil

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Police contact information

For crimes and suspicious activity **NOW** phone

999

For non-urgent incidents and reporting a crime that has already happened

101

Alternatively you can report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes on-line at

<https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-on-line/>

To give information **anonymously** phone CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

or report it on-line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Church Services in the Benefice

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

Sunday 3rd June

9.30am Newport Family Communion
11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 10th June

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

Sunday 17th June

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

Sunday 24th June

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

Sunday 1st July

9.30am Newport Family Service
11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 8th July

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

Sunday 15th July

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

Sunday 29th July

9.30am Newport Benefice Holy Communion

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.

Doghouse Diaries

Dogs

<http://thedoghousediaries.com/>

JEALOUSY

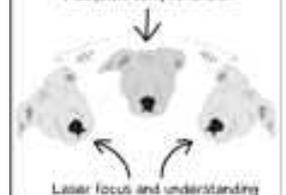
If you have two dogs, the fastest way to get one's attention is by calling the other dog's name.



DOGHOUSE DIARIES

COMPREHENSION

Adequate comprehension



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE QUENDON AND RICKLING RUNFEST SUNDAY 24TH JUNE.



Please note that during the hours of 9.30am - 12.30pm the village defibrillator will be located on the village Green in front of the school.

It will be stationed with Clare Willoughby, one of our villagers specifically trained in this equipment. Clare will be readily identifiable.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Stephanie Bridgewater. 07967981003

Thank you for your support

The Runfest Race Team.



Rickling /Quendon Coffee Morning Club

**Tea and Cakes on the lawn
at the Village Hall**

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Sandwiches available at 12.00



10.00 am – 12.00 pm

**Please contact: Carole or Angela
on 01799 543807/218061**

**Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon CB11 3XQ**

ESSEX OPEN GARDENS

Date	Name of House	Address
Sunday 3rd June CANCELLED	Horham Hall	Stanbrook, Thaxted, CM6 2NN CANCELLED
Sunday 3 rd June	Mill End	Southminster, CM0 7HL
Sunday 10th June	Pebmarsh Trail	Halstead, CO9 2HN
Sunday 17th June	Gaston House	Little Hallingbury, CM22 7QS
Sunday 17th June	8 Dene Court	Chignall Road, Chelmsford, CM12 2JQ
Sunday 1st July	Deers	Clavering, Saffron Walden, CB11 4PX
Sunday 12th August	Ingatestone Hall	Ingatestone, Brentwood, CM4 9NR
Sunday 19th August	Mapledean Farm	Latchingdon, CM3 6LG

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Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

All change at the helm

The eagle eyed will have noticed declarations of vacancies for the parish council displayed on the three village noticeboards. This follows Alan Price and Chris Phillips standing down from the council. They were Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively until 9th May.

Alan, as Chairman, has steered the council through calm and choppy waters for several years now and leaves the council in ship shape condition. (OK, enough of the nautical references). Although I have only known Alan and Chris for a relatively short time, it is clear to me that they have acted always with the village very much at heart. And I would say the same about all the councillors.

Alan is off to spend more time with the cow bells, whilst Chris will not be completely severing all connections with the council. He has kindly agreed to be co-opted by the council to deal with the street lighting issues. And as somebody who knows more about lights than Mr Osram, his input will be very illuminating. (Sorry, couldn't resist it). I am pleased to say that in Brandon Chapman (Chairman) and Sally Kitcat (Vice-Chair) the village has very capable replacements who will serve the village well.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan is now reaching its final stage. Draft documents

have been produced and there is a public meeting arranged (please see noticeboards and page 7 for details) for you to get further information. If you have comments I believe they need to be in writing but do check that as I might have dreamt it.

Annual Audit report

Right now the parish council is in the middle of the Annual Audit Report, a legal requirement for all parish councillors. As part of the transparency requirements all residents are entitled to see the council's financial and certain other documents. Please keep an eye on the website as details of viewing arrangements will be posted shortly.

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 still ongoing with a view to replacing the existing lights with more modern led alternatives.

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.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. The new pack is now ready for distribution. If any newcomers to the village have not received a copy of the 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 the 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

QUENDON AND RICKLING RUNFEST. SUNDAY 24TH JUNE IMPORTANT RACE DAY INFORMATION

The Friends of Rickling School are eagerly looking forward to our 4th Fun Run on Sunday 24th June.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the event for the entire village, we would like to advise you of the format of the day.

The village will be extremely busy. We anticipate we will have over 500 runners and their supporters in the village. We will also have over 50 marshals and ancillary staff present. This will unfortunately lead to some disruption for the village, however we will attempt to keep this to a minimum.

Car parking for the Run will all be contained on the football pitches off of Belchams Lane. This area will be well marshalled. Roads leading to and from that area will be busy from 9am - 1pm.

The children's 1K Fun Run will start at 10.30am and will be contained to the Village Green area. This area will also be extremely busy all of the Sunday morning. We will have the following activities on the Green, bouncy castles, ice cream van, BBQ, refreshments and our race timing headquarters.

To ensure the safety of our residents and visitors, we would advise that there will be NO PARKING along the approach road to the Pub and in front of the Pub from early Saturday evening until the Sunday afternoon.

Further, in order to keep everyone on the Green safe,

there will be NO vehicular access to and from the cottages next to the Pub from 9am - 1pm on the Sunday. For those residents affected you are welcome to use the pub car park, and if you need to access your car on the Sunday morning, then arrangements have been made for you to use the area by Terrace and Gardens from the Saturday evening. We are greatly obliged to all of these residents for their co operation and support with this.

Access along the pub/school car-park road will be for EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY.

As Villagers are aware, parking and vehicle speed along GREEN ROAD are a continuous problem. Last year unfortunately saw several incidents of aggressive and impatient driving behaviour along Green Road and Brick Kiln Lane. We anticipate this was due to non residents eager to use the village as a through route however, runners will be using Green Road and Brick Kiln Road for short periods.

The safety of our runners, village spectators and marshals is paramount to us. In order to ensure everyone's safety we will need to manage road access. GREEN ROAD will NOT be able to be used as a through road for short periods of time during the hours of 11am - 12.30pm. It will be ACCESS ONLY. There will also be NO RIGHT TURN INTO BRICK KILN LANE from GREEN ROAD, and there will be NO LEFT TURN into GREEN ROAD from BRICK KILN LANE, whilst runners are active

during these hours. If you need to travel along BRICK KILN LANE, then please access it from BELCHAMS LANE ONLY.

We hope you appreciate the need for these actions. Traffic will be able to continue to flow smoothly if this pattern is followed.

If you live along GREEN ROAD and BRICK KILN LANE, we do of course hope that you will come out and support the runners along this part of the route. All of our runners enjoy our community spirit and are very appreciative of all the support they receive along the route. If you live along these roads and require access during 11am - 12.30pm, then please exercise EXTREME CAUTION whilst driving and reversing out of any driveways. Adults and children will be running in the road. Please do use the VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK if you need to travel on the Sunday morning. If you have any queries or concerns about the day, then please email the Race Team: info@quendonandricklingrunfest.co.uk

This Event raises thousands of pounds for our Village School and is our biggest fundraising activity of the year.

Please come along and join in with our day, either as a runner, marshal, cake-baker or general cheering-on supporter.

We are hugely grateful to all of our residents for their support and co operation with this day, and we look forward to seeing you all on the 24th.

RACE DAY VOLUNTEERS

We would still be grateful to receive offers of help on Race Day. We remain in need of marshals. If you are able to help for a couple of hours then that would be greatly appreciated.

Likewise if you would be able to make any cakes for our refreshment stall that would be a super help. Please contact STEVIE GREEN either in person, or via the above email if you are able to help in any way.

See you all on the 24th for another fantastic day to showcase our terrific little village to the rest of the world.

Many thanks
Stephanie Bridgewater
Race Director.

Quendon and Rickling Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

May 2018

Happily the PC finances remain largely unchanged. We continue to maintain a contingency of around £20,000, which I feel is appropriate for a council of our size. However, to ensure this remains the case for the foreseeable future, we decided this year to make a modest increase in the precept. This is the first time we have done this since I joined the PC eight years ago and I would hope it will not be necessary to do so again for some time.

Last year I mentioned the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The plan is now in its first draft form and hopefully will soon be ready for consultation. My thanks to all those involved in this project.

Allegedly, high speed broadband is nearly with us. We understand that the infrastructure will be in place and ready to go live this year. My thanks again to Tom Duncan, our broadband champion who,

- a. knows what he's talking about and
- b. has been willing to represent the villages in negotiations.

We're not quite there yet, but well done Tom.

Anne Webb left us when she left the village last year for a life on The Broads. Luckily her replacement as Clerk, Keith Williams, has proved to be more than capable of continuing our good fortune in finding excellent people to take on the role. My thanks to Keith for his work with us so far.

When I, again, accepted election as Chairman last year, I announced that I would be stepping down from the PC this month. After eight years, almost all as Chairman, it's just the right time. The Prices will be leaving the village once our house is sold and moving to Saffron Walden with the intention of dividing our time between there and Austria.

My work as Chairman has been dominated by the subject of planning and there is little sign that this trend will change in the foreseeable future. Other issues, most notably highways have also featured heavily. In these and other matters there has been a constant source of advice and support. That is, our County Councillor Ray Gooding. More locally our District Councillors Neil Hargreaves and Anthony Gerrard have also shown a genuine interest in Quendon and Rickling and have also given their advice and support when needed. Many thanks to you all.

Finally, the other members of Q&RPC have shown themselves to be people who really care about life in our villages. They work hard and with enthusiasm and collectively show a surprising diversity of knowledge and skill when dealing with PC business. Chris Phillips also leaves the PC, by coincidence, this month. He will be missed even if I am not. It has been my great pleasure to work with them all, and a greater honour to serve as Chairman.

Alan Price

Chair (outgoing) Q&RPC.

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

From The Chair ...

As many of you will know Alan stepped down as Chair of the Parish Council at the last meeting. Once again, I would like to express, on behalf of the village, our sincere thanks for all the hard work and input he has made over a number of years. Also Chris Philips has stood down and once again our thanks go to him for his efforts, knowledge and expertise on a whole range of subjects. The loss of Alan and Chris just happen to be coincidental, both for personal reasons, and whilst it is a little unfortunate that they left at the same time, we move on. Therefore I write to you as your new Chairman for this coming year and hope that I can continue the good work of my predecessor.

I will leave much of the detailed information of village life to our clerk, Keith, but will bring out a couple of points as and when I think there is a need. I believe the Parish Council conducts its business in the best way possible and that is by spreading the load. Although a small village there is much for us to do and some things that we think we ought to do and it is a pleasure to volunteer with such good people. I deliberately used the word volunteer because that is what we do, even our clerk

(who we do pay a bit!!) does, I'm sure, spend more time for us than he should but we all go about it with the best intentions and, most of the time, with a spring in our step. With us losing two Parish Councillors we need to co-opt their replacements and it is encouraging to learn that there are some people who are considering joining us. If anyone would like to talk it through please contact myself, our clerk or indeed any other councillor.

Finally, can I bring to your attention our emerging Neighbourhood Plan. A great deal of work has gone into this and I am very grateful to our District Councillors, Neil Hargreaves and Anthony Gerard for leading us through this often, quite difficult, process. We are now in a consultation period and I would urge you to take a look and please submit any comments. When the Neighbourhood Plan is approved (at a later date) it is a legal document and will enable us to have some control on the future of our village. Details on where to find the document and how to make an input are on a poster included in this edition of *The Link*, just below.

Ever onwards,
Brandon Chapman

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to our winners this month.

No. 39.....Hilary Belton.....£35.

No. 100.....Sylvia Cundy.....£25

No. 3.....Kathleen Whiting.....£15

Many congratulations!!

Clare.



Newport, Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan

**Public Consultation on Draft Plan
Open until 15th June 2018**

www.nqrplan.org

Comments should be emailed to
steering.group@nqrplan.org
or posted to Newport Parish Council,
Waterloo House, High Street,
Newport, CB11 4ER

Public Consultation Displays:
Newport Church House 22nd May 3-8pm
Quendon Village Hall 29th May 3-8pm

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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



Within its towns, villages and countryside, the Hundred Parishes has an exceptional depth of ancient buildings. More than 6,000 are “listed”, meaning that they have been formally identified as an important part of our national heritage so that they can be protected by law. They appear on the National Heritage List for England.

6,000 listings represents more than 10% of all buildings within the Hundred Parishes, whilst nationally only about 2% are listed. Furthermore, half of our listed buildings date from the year 1700 AD or earlier. This exceptional depth of heritage is a key feature of the Hundred Parishes.

Over 100 buildings within the Hundred Parishes have the highest category of listing - Grade I - and of these more than half are parish churches, constructed and reconstructed over the last thousand years.

By way of explanation, of all listed buildings in England less than 3% have been classified as Grade I, while 92%

fall into the Grade II category and about 5% into the intermediate Grade II* (“two star”) category. Listings can relate to all manner of buildings, whilst there are separate listings of “registered parks and gardens” and “scheduled monuments”. Local listed buildings include garden walls, gravestones, war memorials, telephone boxes, milestones and other features of historic interest.

Details of all listed buildings can easily be found on www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk. All listings, including parks and gardens and scheduled monuments, can be found on the official website, <https://historicengland.org.uk/>, but it isn’t as easy to navigate.

The fact that a building is listed gives it some degree of protection so that it should survive to delight future generations. Owners of listed buildings are generally conscious that they are just today’s custodian within a long line of custodians.

Ken McDonald,
Secretary

Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves

Planning Applications

The 150 house application in Newport mentioned in the last report was recommended for approval by council officers, but refused by nine votes to one by the planning committee. It is significant that it was refused on damage to the countryside and on air pollution.

In the absence of a five year supply of housing permissions the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) tilts the balance towards building on the countryside, even if outside of development limits. This site is rolling greenfield, and the development would have severely damaged the Harcamlow Way footpath and swept away 2000 m2 of mature rich deciduous woodland. So it is helpful to know that our best



countryside can still be protected. The draft Neighbourhood Plan, although not carrying much weight

at this stage, was quoted at the planning committee. It supports development in Newport of the east side of the village and specifically rejects building into the very attractive countryside to the west.

However, of very great significance is that, despite it being known for years that various locations have illegal levels of traffic pollution, particularly Saffron Walden, I think this is the first time a planning application in Uttlesford has been refused on air quality grounds.

Developers can and do fudge traffic assessments. In this case they used a computer forecasting model which could not be validated against photographic evidence. This calculated that there are currently no traffic queues in Newport (!), which Essex Highways accepted. Countryside also fabricated complete train and bus services to get the traffic figures down further. The NPPF says that traffic must be ‘extremely bad’ before this becomes a reason for refusal. ‘Extremely’ is not defined, so in practice traffic can almost never be used to oppose an unsuitable application.



Pollution sensor

However, air quality is quite different. The monitoring is done by UDC, to national standards, and the annual average and peak levels of the main pollutant, nitrogen dioxide, have statutory legal limits. This is not something developers can get round by employing consultants who invariably conclude that everything will

be fine. Although Quendon is unlikely to have poor air quality, this does mean that any large development contributing to traffic on the B1383 feeding into poor air quality areas could have air quality quoted as an objection.

Developers are now going to extreme lengths to fight these decisions. In 2015 Swale Borough Council in Kent refused a planning application from Gladman Developments. In early 2017 the Planning Inspectorate upheld at appeal the council's decision and found that the proposals had the potential for 'moderate' or 'substantial' adverse impacts on air pollution. Gladman then took the case to the High Court in October 2017, who upheld the ruling. Despite having lost three times, when Newport parish councillor Judy Emanuel spoke with the Swale head of planning as part of her research for attending the UDC committee, concern was expressed that Gladman may attempt a referral to the Court of Appeal.

This is an example of a developer using their financial weight to try to bully their way through the system. The profits to be made from getting planning permission are vast. The new settlements proposed by UDC would take about 3,000 acres. At agricultural value at a generous value of £10k per acre that is a land cost of £30 million. The total number of houses is 18,500 and at average price of £400k that is £7.4 billion. The common formula is that land owners get a third, which is £2.5 billion.

The R4U policy is that we need to capture a significant part of the huge mark up to build the community infrastructure – schools, medical centres and transport improvements. At present developers and landowners contribute very little and the weak s106 planning legislation used by UDC is very restricted in what can be enforced. The founder of Bloor Homes, which is building the large estate at Stansted, is worth £1.85 billion.

Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation on the draft 'regulation 14' Plan runs till Friday 15th June. It can be downloaded from the Newport Quendon & Rickling Neighbourhood Plan website <http://www.nqrplan.org/>. There will be a display about it in the Village Hall on Tuesday 29th May from 3pm to 8pm. If you would like to see a paper copy there is one in the Cricketers Arms, and copies in the Newport parish office (next to Saggars garden centre), the White Horse and in Newport church.

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. We are also active on the two main village Facebook groups.

Neil Hargreaves

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))

CHIP TIMING OFFICIAL RESULTS

QUENDON & RICKLING 1K 5K 10K
RUNFEST 2018
SUNDAY 24 JUNE
START RICKLING C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL RICKLING GREEN, ESSEX, CB11 3YG

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO RICKLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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QUENDON BOWLING CLUB a History - continued

CHAPTER IV.

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The Club badge was designed by the members during 1970, and a decision to include the Quendon halfpenny was made. A navy blue base with gold motifs and outline, with also the elms, and fountain already included. The Quendon halfpenny originates from the days of the Great Plague, when restrictions of movement of the population were rigorously made. A local coinage was introduced, and this particular coin was discovered in an excavation, and is in one of the local museums.

An attempt was made during this season to eliminate all minor problems with the green. A firm of experts was called in to undertake the work during the close season. This was successfully completed during September at a cost of £82. A new mower was purchased for £109 with money lent by the new President Mr Watson and H Clayden which was interest free.

Of interest, is the cost that year of the annual dinner/dance held in Newport Village Hall.

Hire of Hall	£9-10-0.
Band <i>An ensemble to play during the meal, with full orchestra from 9.15 to 01.00</i>	£31-0-0
Menu of: <i>Soup, Sirloin of Beef with all veg, sweet, cheese and biscuits.</i>	£1 per head.

With 120 guests expected, the cost equates to 26/9 per head. Tickets at 30/- would give a profit of £16-5-0. A toastmaster was also engaged.

The Club became a victim of burglary, with a small amount of cash taken, the fruit machine vandalised, and the spirits with the optics taken. The stock which was stored in a cellar dug out by the members remained intact. The insurance company advised that the stock on display be removed to the cellar at the day's end.

On the playing side for this year, the Club's cup did indeed run over. Winning the Widdup Cup, Mackeson Trophy, Spalding Rose Bowl, and just losing by one shot the Gold Cup. The quarter finals was reached in the County Triples, the last 32 reached in the County pairs. A tremendous performance with the President being singled out as the man behind the success. With this milestone was the first appearance of the playing sides in whites. A further honour was achieved by Mr G K King in winning the individual competition for the St. James Hospital Cup. This was and still is the peak of Q.B.C. achievements, and a lesson in good management and co-operation. It should also be recorded the Club competition winners of that glorious season of 1970.

This year then brought to a climax the efforts of all concerned to bring the "Rickling and Quendon Bowling Club" to the attention of all bowlers. This indeed

Club Competition Winners 1970

Mens Singles	H Clayden.
Ladies Singles	Mrs J Childs.
Mixed Pairs	Mrs N Caton, D Rayment.
Fritch Cup	Mr & Mrs G Dickson.
Clayden Trophy	S Ennals, S G How, G K King.
British Legion Cup	H Clayden.

consolidated the Club into a solid base from which came further progress and honour.

CHAPTER V.

Honour and Vision.

The beginning of 1971 opened for the Club on a high note. The secretary at that time was Mr G King, and he had been approached at the County A.G.M. for him to name a Quendon member for possible selection to the Office of County President. Bearing in mind the obvious commitments, time and financial aspects, Gordon Dickson the Chairman was the perfect choice. His ability to speak and hand out the bull, his handling of meetings, and now his impending retirement from his profession, would certainly count in his favour. The honour that would come to Q.B.C, its recognition was obvious, and Gordon readily agreed, realising the support and esteem he had from his committee would serve him well. Group II would also support him, seeing no-one from the Group had served the County since 1945. A certain amount of lobbying had been carried out, and Gordon's acceptance started the ball rolling. With certain formalities having now to be made, Q.B.C. would now be in the limelight, and the challenge taken up.

With this fine committee volunteers for all the work required was no problem, with creosoting, cementing the breeze blocks around the ditch, and other sundry work was completed in fine style. The ends of the rinks had been renewed, and for them to become perfect, the bowlers who had entered for County competition would play all their matches away. Names for the Ashford Cup trials, a premier County event, were D Rayment, G King, G Dickson, A Walker and C Watson.

The Club's reputation for hosting important County matches was also noted, with congratulations coming from the Presidents and Captains who played their annual match on the Quendon Green.

County badges were awarded to D Rayment and G King, the first gained by the Club. These came also with the winning of the Gold Cup for the first time since its inception some 24 years earlier, the Club being a founder participant. This was also the year that Gordon Dickson vacated the Chairmanship of the Club, to carry the banner of Quendon to wider fields, as Junior President of the County, the chair being taken by the newly elected H

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Clayden, a long serving committee member. A set of pipes presented to Gordon was made by him on behalf of the Club.

A break with tradition after nearly 40 years came with the occupancy of Quendon Hall by Lord and Lady Inchcape, although an invitation was given them to attend the Clubs opening evening.

The ladies were also intent on making their mark, in their request for affiliation to the County, and advertising for new members to increase their strength.

The introduction of prizes for the Tuesday roll-up sessions was made the year of 72, by the organiser Jim Groom. It was at the end of the season that the Stan Childs Friendship Day was entered on the Clubs special days, along with the Emerson Trophy founded a few years before. The untimely death of Stan Childs, created problems, but stepping into the breach of Treasurer came Bob How, auditor and Vice-Chairman at this time.

Work on making the ground less open was proceeding with the erection down the east side of fencing, by of course the members.

Coaching lessons were being organised to encourage more people into the Club at an earlier age, and also to strengthen the competitive edge of the bowlers, with the future well in mind. Having a member who had been selected for the prestigious Middleton Cup squad (D Rayment) taking the lessons was very encouraging to all.

Another example of this committee's far-sightedness was the opportunity taken by the Secretary, when a local company requested permission to dig a trench on the Clubs property, to operate a thrust bore machine, to lay a pipe culvert across the road, to ask them at the same time to carry through a 1" water main for the club future use. This was readily agreed, and no payment was asked for. The connection by the Water Board however cost £30. From this a more dependable source of water was laid into the pavilion by the members.

The Club's strength was apparent at the winning of the Stavanger Cup, Spalding Rose Bowl, and the Woodly Cup, with the Ladies achieving their ambition of being in association and having their own matches.

On professional advice, and concerning the powers of the Trustees and Committees with land belonging to the Club, a rule was inserted that, "Any land belonging to the Club should be invested in the name of the Trustees who would hold it to the Order of the Club. It was further felt inadvisable to invest the Committee with any powers to direct the Trustees, and if any directions are to be given to the Trustees, e.g. to sell, lease or mortgage the land, that this direction should be under the authority of a resolution passed in a General Meeting. Further evidence of the wisdom of this committee.

At the Annual Dinner of the Essex County Bowling Association, Gordon Dickson was handed his Presidential Chain of Office thereby bringing to Quendon Bowling Club the outstanding honour of its 40 years existence. Gordon's year would begin in great style, and end in the Club's recognition throughout the County.

The Officers for the year 1974 deserve recognition.

President	G K King.
Dep. Pres.	S G How.
Vice. Chair	W Caton.
Treasurer	W Caton.
Auditor	S G How.
Secretary	G K King.
Ass. Secret.	S Bnnals.
Capt.	D Rayment.
Match Sec.	S King.
Gen Committee	W J Bradford, G Saunders, C Watson, H Clayden, H Salmon, A Walker.

You will have noticed the name of W J Bradford who will have served on every committee since the Club was founded 40 years ago. A truly remarkable record.

Two items that would have a great impact on the Club, were on the agenda of the month's meeting. An application to join the newly formed North West Essex League, and that consideration be given for a fund to purchase and erect a new Pavilion. A letter to be sent to Lord Inchcape outlining the Clubs requirements.

A new drive on the East side was laid by members D Alcock, S King and W Ratcliffe, which added greatly to the amenity of the Club.

During '75 moves were made to purchase land from the estate of Lord Inchcape. His agent Mr Clifton Brown, being most helpful in making an additional slice of land beyond the fence, and incorporating the ditch. This giving the Club scope to make an access along this boundary without having the problem of obtaining consent to make another entrance onto the A11. A mysterious donor had offered £100 towards the purchase. It was certainly co-incidental that the price asked for the land was £75 with £25 for solicitors fees. After all the legal formalities were complete, the land finally came into the Club's ownership during March '76.

The Chairman's report for the year ending October '75 makes interesting reading. Mentioning the ½ acre of land being negotiated, "for a new Car Park, a Pavilion possibly two tiered, with dressing rooms below with toilets, Bar and Dining Room above, also to stage County Matches"

Gifts to the Club were, new flag, flag-pole, clock, honours board.

The early closing of the green to repair the ravages of that season, had caused havoc with the finances, and with

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heavier commitments due in the shape of rates, running costs etc, it was felt that a rise in subscriptions was due. The point was raised that the Bar was financing basic costs, and that was not inductive to good housekeeping. Consequently the subs were raised to a full £5, £2-50 for ladies and £1-50 for O.A.P's and Social members. From this was also set a Building Fund, with monies from fund raising schemes etc to swell it.

The Clubs bowlers were having continuing success in reaching the National Championships at Worthing, where fantastic support from the neighbouring clubs in N.W. Essex gave them every encouragement. The Ladies were also performing wonders with Nan Caton and Ruth Rayment leading the way in the pairs, losing by only two shots in the semi's to two international players. Nan being successful in the County trials, and making the County team.

Hubby Salmon the groundsman retired, and for his long service to the Club, was given a much coveted Life Membership. Being a Quendon resident, it was an asset to the Club for him to join the Committee, and it was so proposed and carried.

Work being carried out by our members, was abruptly halted at the insistence of the 'Council Planning Dept, when the possibility arose that the ditch running down the East side of the property, might have been designated "ancient" in the past. Apparently a number of ditches, small streams, hedges were shown on ancient maps, and were of archaeological importance. However a planning application was made for the new car park, prior to the main building

application, helping it was advised, complications at a later stage.

This period of the History became rather notorious, when a Mr Sworn, now resident in Woodmans Cottage, claimed "squatters rights" over a small parcel of land on which stood an outside privy, which had no connection into the main sewer. The Club's deeds showed that this stood on land owned by them. All interested parties were

informed, and proceedings started by the solicitors Adams and Land to have the boundary restored. It was not till August '76 that this was settled amicably both sides compromising, when the privy was removed.

Plans for the new pavilion were now being formalised, and outline consent for car park and pavilion had been submitted, noticed for objections having been removed. The Building Fund was by now increasing at apace, and a committee was formed to handle administer the development. This consisted of the new Treasurer L Weare, G King, D Alcock, and the Chairman H Clayden.

The erection of the boundary fencing was being carried out hurriedly, when it was found out that the woods had been sold. Some consternation was felt when an anonymous call was made to the authorities accusing our club of felling trees. This was a hoax and was swiftly dealt with by the Secretary.

A rather sad day came with the sudden death of the Captain Stan King, a long serving member on the Committee in many offices. He had let it be known previously, that his wish was for his ashes to be scattered on the green. There is no record, however, of this being done.

The Club was now entering into a period of controversy concerning the plans drawn up and submitted to the Planning Authority. No costings had been done, and nothing had been drafted for discussion to the General Committee. The Chairman offered his resignation having felt slighted, but was asked to reconsider. However at £20,000 the project would be too costly. The Trustees were also advising that even between £10,000 and £12,000 major difficulties would occur, and a sum of £5,000 more realistic. The architect employed by the Chairman was asked to withdraw the application. New ones were submitted at the instigation of D Alcock that were more subdued, and within the Budget laid down by the Trustees.

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Rainbows	<i>Mondays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	(Pre-Brownies)
Prayer Meeting	<i>Mondays</i>	16.30	Quendon Church	
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Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Afternoon	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
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Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
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Social Evening	<i>Fridays</i>	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
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BCP Communion	10th June	11.00	Quendon Church	
Evening Prayer	17th June	18.00	Rickling Church	
Coffee Morning	20th June	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Holy Communion	24th June	11.00	Rickling Church	
Q&R RunFest	24th June		See throughout this issue	
BCP Communion	8th July	11.00	Quendon Church	
Evening Prayer	15th July	18.00	Rickling Church	

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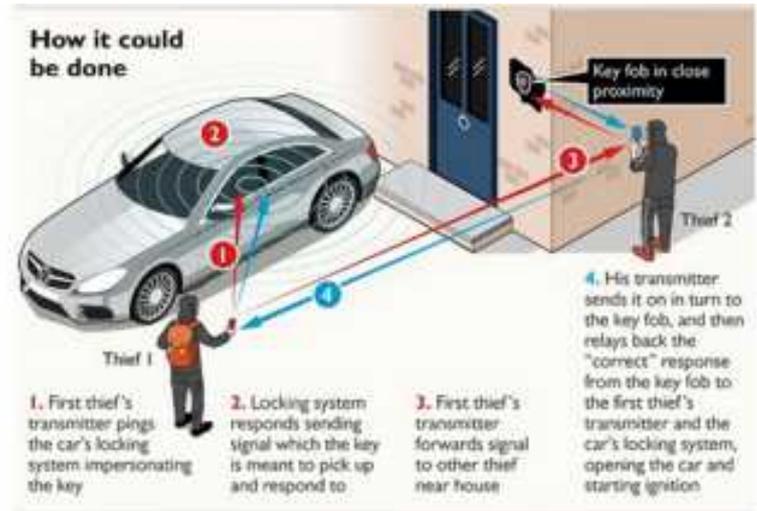


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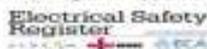
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