

# The Link

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Parish  
and Church

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## NEWS

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*Sculpture at Burghley  
(Photograph by) Robert Arnold*

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.

**B**ack in 1964 Bob Dylan sung The Times They Are A-Changing. To be honest I've never even heard the song in its entirety, but it just so happens to be completely relevant to all of this month. Because the times are indeed changing. Service times that is.

From the 1st Sunday in May (6th) the service times across the whole of the benefice for which I am responsible change, and the full details of those service times can be found elsewhere within this edition of The Link. The result is that our main services in Quendon & Rickling churches that take place on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month – these services will now begin at 11.00am. Please do not turn up expecting a service at 9.30am, because I shall be in the Newport and it is unlikely that churchwardens will not be there that early either.

I know that when I first took on the parish of Quendon & Rickling back in 2013 the service times did start later, but at that time I took the decision to run them earlier. It may be that some people felt that they were not able to get to church that early. I am hoping that a later start time might make it easier for people to come to the services. Services should still be able to finish by 12 o'clock of just after, so that families' lunch is unaffected, although I'm aware that a lot of people have their main Sunday meal in the evening these days.

This is your church, and the change of service times is our way of making it easier for people to attend their church – their local church. I look forward to being able to welcome you into the church for the services at their new start time of 11.00am. God bless.

*Neil*

## Church Services in the Benefice

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

### Sunday 6th May

9.30am Newport Family Communion  
11.00am Widdington Family Service

### Thursday 10th May (Ascension Day)

**7.00pm Rickling Holy Communion**

### 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

### 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

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

## Quendon Churchyard

The churchyard at Quendon is a relaxing place to wander amongst our ancestors and other history and to enjoy a quiet space. Unlike that at Rickling, Quendon Churchyard is maintained by volunteers. We have a major clearance/hedge-trimming/general tidying-up session each year to which all will be invited (and please watch *The Link* for the next one) but of course the grass needs to be maintained more frequently. This is done by a group of us on a rota basis. Mowing machinery is supplied and the main part of the churchyard, including the parking area, takes a couple of hours to do, provided it's done regularly. The "New" Churchyard on the opposite side of the drive from the church gets less frequent attention since it is much more shaded, but as mentioned last year when a very kind volunteer gave it a specially good sorting-out, it can look most impressive.

The group of regular mowing volunteers has dwindled again. Please contact either our co-ordinator John Watkinson on 01799 543350 ([johnwatkinson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:johnwatkinson@tiscali.co.uk)) or the Editor Robert Arnold ([robert@arnold-q.uk](mailto:robert@arnold-q.uk)) to join us. It's not quite "the more the merrier" but certainly "the more the easier" - and what's more, you feel really good when you've done it!

## In Loving Memory

Our sympathy to three local families who have lost loved ones in the past weeks.

**Barry Cooper** – husband of Tina whose parents lived in Thistley Crescent. Barry died on 10th January and his funeral was at Rickling Church.

**Gladys Bevis** (nee Law) who grew up in Rickling, died 3rd March aged 71. Funeral at Rickling Church on 19th March.

**Eunice Warwick** aged 90, widow of Pip, died 18th March. Eunice also lived in Rickling all her life. Her funeral took place at Rickling Church.

## 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.



## Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

There's a phrase which trips off the tongue. What does it mean and why is it relevant to me, you may well ask? After all, data protection legislation has been around for years. Certainly since the 90's. In fact there is good reason for introducing new rules. First the technical bit. The legislation comes into force on 25th May this year, and all organisations which store personal data (and that includes parish councils) must have procedures in place to adhere to these new regulations. Your parish council has to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) whose job it will be to ensure that the parish council follows the new procedures correctly.

OK, so what has changed and why do we need new rules? Remember those innocent early days of the internet and the recently-created World Wide Web? What a fantastic resource for finding out just about anything and from the comfort of your own home. And as for "electronic mail". Wow, what an innovation that was. But the thought of buying anything "on line". Well, I

don't think so, thank you very much. A few brave souls may have risked it but for most of us sensible types, this was a step too far. Fast forward 20 years and everyone and their dog regularly buys products and services on line. And here's the rub. Every time you make an online purchase some very clever software is churning away in the background collecting your personal data and storing it on vast computer servers. Next thing you know you are inundated with offers for similar products or services. That data from your purchase is passed on, pretty well instantaneously, to marketing organisations around the world so they can target you with those offers. Data mining it's called, which is quite apt as "data" is apparently the new oil. We are talking billions of pounds here. 20- year old legislation just cannot cope with this explosion of online shopping. So, we arrive at the reason for GDPR. (Incidentally, although this is EU legislation, our leaving the EU will not nullify the regulations. The UK government is committed to introducing GDPR, Brexit or no Brexit).

From **24th May 2018** all organisations which have personal data will have to be sure that the data they hold is accurate and explain the lawful basis for processing that data. You will have the right to access any data being stored about you. If you ask for the data to be removed, it has to happen. No excuses. That website that you subscribed to, which is for ever sending you purchasing opportunities? They will have to make it as easy to unsubscribe as was to subscribe in the first place. And your data cannot be sold on without your permission. There are many other rights, too many to list here, but there is plenty of information available on line.

You have probably realised by now who this legislation is aimed at. Not really small village parish councils but social media, the big selling websites and similar. The bottom line is this. The new legislation will affect all of us who use the internet for buying, communicating or just plain browsing. I don't suppose for a moment that the barrage of marketing approaches will cease overnight but it has to be a move in the right direction. So GDPR is an acronym to be welcomed.

#### **Litter Pick**

What a caring village you have. I am reliably informed that about 20 villagers attended the recent litter picking, collecting a shed load of rubbish. Altogether a very successful operation.

#### **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 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](http://www.essex.police.uk/ecm)

#### **Contact the Parish Council**

The Clerk, Keith Williams can be contacted by e-mail [quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com) or by telephone **01279 814473**

## **Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves**

#### **Planning Applications**

For information, elsewhere in the Ward, Newport now has planning applications awaiting decision on a further 250 houses. These are 150 to the south of Wicken Rd, 74 to the north of Wicken Road, 24 by the Joyce Frankland Academy (JFA) cricket ground. There is also an application for 20 houses behind the Fleur pub in Widdington. Although this would have no direct impact on Quendon & Rickling it would add to the traffic. The air quality in Newport is monitored and the centre has the

NO2 level, which is traffic pollution, is already at illegal levels even before most of the many houses already permitted have been built. To give you an idea what the village is up against, the Traffic Assessment for the largest application says there are currently no peak time traffic queues in Newport, and Essex Highways, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, have agreed with them.

JFA has started a year group expansion this school year, so it is possible that the current catchment area will not

shrink, although as Essex have invented the fantasy that the County High and Newport are the same school for the purpose of claiming there are enough places, it is very likely that overspill from the new housing in Walden will come to JFA.

### Neighbourhood Plan

A draft of the Plan is with the parish councils for their comment, and we hope outline approval, which Newport PC has already given. It has been reviewed twice by a planning consultant and the Steering Group are working through various recommended changes. It is about 100 pages and contains quite a bit of planning speak. This is because every policy has to be evidenced, and it must show conformity with the draft Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework

The next stage is a consultation on the draft, referred to as 'regulation 14', so that residents, businesses, landowners, UDC and any other interested parties, can make comments. We intend to do this very shortly and the consultation will be open for 6 weeks. The Steering Group will then review all comments and make further adjustments as needed, after which it goes to 'regulation 15'. This includes a detailed inspection by the Planning Inspectorate. And following that it goes to a referendum of the voters in the villages

Of particular note for Quendon is the Foxley House site allocation for up to 19 houses which you may have seen in the consultation for the UDC Local Plan. We have been strongly advised that Neighbourhood Plans with site allocations carry more weight than negative ones which seek to stop all development. This site is in the draft Local Plan so we are not allowed to exclude it. But having it in our plan as a site allocation loses nothing, but gains more strength for the Plan to resist other sites which may be unsuitable. The draft Neighbourhood Plan does however add significant conditions as to how it might be developed, and also has other general policies requiring, for example, footways to be provided and speed limits to be extended where relevant. To be done and paid for out of developments, as should have been added by UDC as conditions on the other Cala site permissions.

### 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*

## **Alan's Last Message to the Universe!**

**I**t isn't so long ago that it hadn't occurred to me that I'd be writing what I have to say this month, well not so soon anyway, but circumstances change. So I'm going to leave my usual update on PC business to Keith, and restrict myself to what is essentially a goodbye.

After about 25 years in the village, yes we're still newcomers, we're moving on. We have loved our time here, and still do. The decision to leave wasn't taken lightly but as you will know, nothing lasts forever.

The Annual Meeting of the PC is on 9th May and at that meeting Chris and I will be stepping down as you probably know. In my case, this will be only a matter of weeks before Jane and I, and Jamie of course, leave the village for a new address in Saffron Walden. This will be the first part of our grand plan to also buy a property in Austria, where we will spend roughly half of each year.

During my time as a PC, most of which has been spent as chairman, I think I can say that, while it's never possible to please all of the people all of the time, there haven't been any tremendous faux pas. The odd mistake here and there but nothing to cause mass demands for my resignation. But that's not entirely because I've been so great at the job. I've been supported and advised all the way by some brilliant people who probably could have done a better job than I. They include such people as

Chris and Brandon, Lindsey and all the councillors who will remain beyond May, and a succession of truly excellent Clerks; Two Sue's, one Anne and now a Keith. All have been fantastically knowledgeable, efficient and supportive.

I have also relied heavily from time to time on the advice given by our District Councillors, and one of the few constants in my time, our County Councillor Ray Gooding.

My sincere thanks to all those above, and others who I could spend the day listing.

There are I believe at least two people waiting in the wings to replace Chris and myself. I won't name them now because there is the small matter of their being co-opted by the PC before they become official, but I wish them the very best and I know they will always have the best interests of the village at heart.

Thank you ALL for your support, and for now, goodbye.

*Alan.*

*OK – one last time:*

***The girl down the road was engaged to a boy with a wooden leg, but he broke it off.***

(Can you believe some people get paid for this!)

## Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congrats to our winners this month!

No 28.....Pauline Fuller.....£35. 00

No 86.....Ann Merritt.....£25.00

No 34.....Jackie Hutchin.....£15.00

Please may I politely remind those that have not renewed their subs yet, that they are due in April.

Thank you. x

## YOUNG FILM MAKERS

We have an exciting local project and would like to enlist any budding film makers from the village. For more details you can contact us through the village FB pages or call **07740 867252**

## SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are being offered Speedwatch training for Quendon and Rickling and need more volunteers to join the team. The village has the equipment and this could be our opportunity to address the serious speeding issues.

If you can give some time to join the team please contact the Parish Council with your details to [quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com), via the village Facebook pages or the PC's website page.



## Rickling /Quendon Coffee Morning Club

### Pub Quiz, Fun Bingo Table Sale

Wednesday 16th May 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

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

The Church Monuments Society, a registered charity founded in 1979, encourages the study, care and conservation of funerary monuments.

Many of our own local churches have elaborate memorials, usually to the rich and famous, erected over the centuries to honour and remember the deceased. I will mention just a few of my own personal favourites.



St Mary the Virgin in Arkesden has an elaborate and colourful Elizabethan monument to Richard Cutte who died in 1592 and his wife Marye.

At Little Easton, the church contains a great variety of interesting memorials including a charming 20th-century bust of the Countess of Warwick and two windows dedicated to the American air crews who flew from Little Easton and lost their lives during WWII.



Little Dunmow church has a memorial that is not named but is believed to depict Matilda, the daughter of Robert FitzWalter, one of the Magna Carta

barons. Legend has it that she inspired the character of Maid Marian in the stories of Robin Hood.

Great Waltham's Norman church houses a memorial to Sir Anthony Everard and his wife who died early in the 17th century. They are depicted in elaborate costumes with gold braid.



The parish church of Great St Mary in Sawbridgeworth is Grade I listed and the listing narrative states it has "an outstanding collection of memorials of the highest artistic quality". One such is the painted alabaster tomb of Sir John Leventhorpe and his wife Joan in black mourning dress.



If you can't get to these particular churches, photos of most of the monuments mentioned here will appear in the forthcoming book to be published by the Hundred Parishes Society. In the meantime, I encourage you to explore our many wonderful churches where more fascinating and varied monuments are waiting to be found.

**Ken McDonald, Secretary**

**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

**ENTRIES**  
**QuendonAndRicklingRunFest.co.uk**  
 ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO RICKLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Supported by Quendon Estate

**fitness focus** **Terrace & Garden** **P** **MARKLANDS** **BRAND STUDIO** **PRESTIGE** **Knigh Frank** **Creators Arms**  
**NisaLocal** **sworders** **Quendon**

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

Not long to go now for our fabulous RunFest. We hope everyone from our villages will help support the Event and get involved in some way.

If you are running on the day please do join the Rickling Runners every Thursday evening, as they will be on hand to show you round the course and help with training.

We remain in need of volunteers to marshal the course and to help our around the green area. If you are able to help support the day, then please contact Stevie Green as our marshal co-ordinator. Stevie can be contacted via our race email - [info@quendonandricklingrunfest.co.uk](mailto:info@quendonandricklingrunfest.co.uk)

We will continue to keep you all updated via *The Link* and the village and run FaceBook pages.

See you all soon and once again, thank you Q & R for all of your support.

*The RunFest Race Team.*

### Recycling News

#### It's a fact!

- Most of us see the sense in recycling as much of our waste as possible.
- A lot of us face some confusion over what we can and can't recycle
- Some of us are contaminating the system by putting soiled packaging and food wrappings in the recycling boxes

#### So, what can you do to help?

- **Visit** your local website - [www.uttlesford.gov.uk](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk) and follow the links to Recycling & Waste. Here you will find all the information that you need about local recycling from 'Household recycling' and 'Waste collection days' to 'Public Recycling Sites' and 'Can I recycle this?'

- **Visit** [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com) where you will find advice on how you can manage and reduce household waste. It also gives details of what can and can't be recycled and covers items as diverse as aerosol cans and coins to sideboards and watches.
- **Recycle Clean** - dirty recycling is such a waste of effort. Don't put soiled kitchen towels and tissues in the recycling box. Make sure that all empty food containers, trays, tins, bottles, jars, foil, paper and cardboard are clean.

#### And please keep recycling – you know it makes sense

*If you don't have access to the Internet you can call Uttlesford District Council on 01799 510510 and they will be able to advise you on local recycling matters.*

## *The Link's* series showcasing new works by young authors continues with:

### **Waiting**

**By Alice**

Loud speakers, colours flashing everywhere you looked. Two men strolled over to the side of the pool, the long grass and bushes swayed in the wind behind them. They laughed and talked, their breaths coming out in small sharp bursts. The men didn't know, but there was something crouching at waist level and was scuttling among the dead leaves. They turned and saw it, emotionless it slowly rised, they're panic became apparent as their hearts starting to beat like a drum and they froze as if stuck to the floor. Instinctively threw their drinks and cigarettes away. Within seconds that seemed like hours his unrecognizable knife was thrust through the youngest man's chest. A nice fun filled party turned into a death line, all the guests paced, then realizing the horror ran through the gates, jumping towards the approaching cabs arriving and leaving at full speed, the horror had just begun.

Newspapers, television and radio all covered this tragic event.....but time passed.....newspaper become rubbish, the television found new more current stories to report on.....the police closed the file as unsolved, but he was waiting....

The smooth fluffy batter flipped onto its cooked side, steam floated up into the air. Juice squeezed from the most fresh fruit. She roamed into the living room opened the window and in-hailed the warm breeze. The smoke alarm went off and she ran into the kitchen, a tea towel swinging and hovering over her head.

Rain started to trickle down her bedroom window, she silently watched in despair, and fell back onto her

unmade bed. A smash of glass and a rock came flying through and placed on her forehead. She crawled, blood slowly flowing out of her, and with both sweaty palms she peeked out into the open and saw a dark figure, a shaved beard and a scar running down from the corner of his hair line to the end of his nose, was all she noticed. She started to think, what happened? or why was he here? But instead of saying it she let out a blood curdling scream and ran off down the stairs and to the front door, she opened it an old woman saw her, dropped her shopping bags and ran towards her arms stretched wide open. The rain got heavier and heavier, her hair drenched.

She sat up and felt the homely atmosphere around her, what an odd dream she thought, and got up. Later that morning, to go and see her friend. When she got there, she noticed the door wasn't being answered, and so she went over to the window and peered into her bedroom.

A big bulky figure plodded over to her friend who was innocently folding clothes and putting them away, but what he didn't know was his clean laundry was going to be stained with his own blood, with a swing to the blade and the young man fell to his knees and blood sprayed onto the wall the killer turned and saw her watching over his shoulder.

She started to sprint, behind the trees across the meadow and heading rapidly towards the wood. She had a slight feeling that he was watching her, he dashed, trees slapped him as he passed, till they came to the middle of nowhere and her eyes met his. He started searching his belt and pulled out the blade her friends fresh blood dripping off the end she screamed, he ran towards her, she stood emotionless and steel went through her peachy skin.

*By Alice*

### **VILLAGE LITTER PICK - A BIG THANK YOU**

A little after the event, but once again a very Big Thank you to all of you who helped with the Litter Pick on Saturday 7th April. Good to have seen you, especially the very young volunteers.

I am afraid this is a task that should not be necessary, for if everyone 'took their litter home' we would not have a problem in keeping our lovely village clear of unwanted items. There is a feeling of 'why should we have to do this just because others can not be bothered'.

However, and on the positive side, it did give those that turned up a chance to say hello to each other and discuss the variety of objects which we found, some of which cannot be mentioned here!!

Enjoy a litter free Summer,

*Brandon Chapman*

### **COFFEE MORNING/SALE ON Saturday 2 June 2018**

**Quendon & Rickling Village Hall  
10.30am-12.30pm**

- Entrance free
- Coffee/tea & cake
- Cakes and preserves
- Plants
- Crafts
- Bric-a-brac
- Raffle

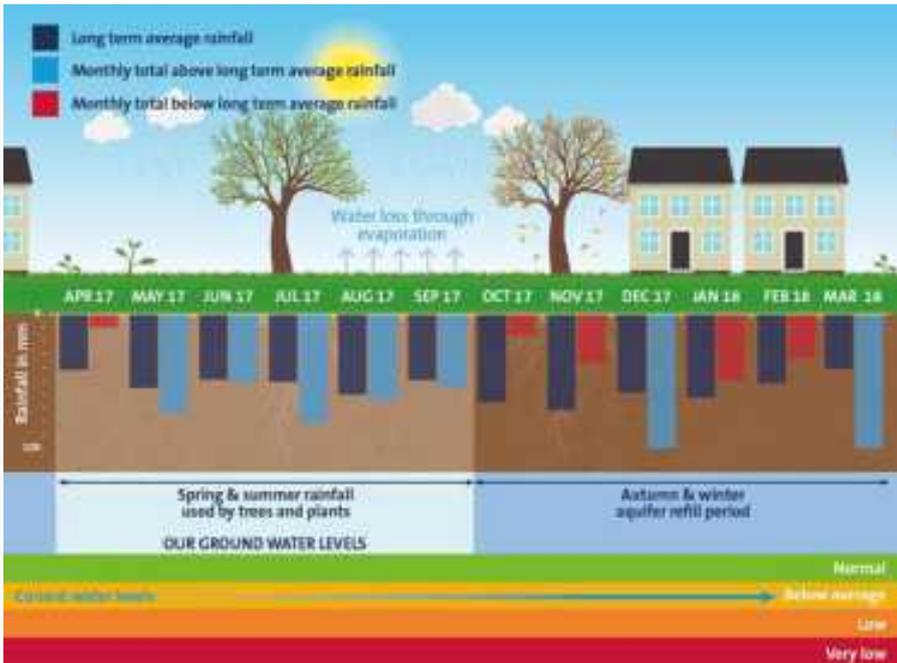
**Everyone welcome – donations of sale items and cake gratefully accepted – contact Pat Turner 543314**

# Affinity Water Report

## **Partial recovery of groundwater but risk of restrictions remain later this year**

We have welcomed the rain in March, which has been significantly above the long term average.

We have continued to see a partial recovery in our groundwater sources and restrictions will not need to be introduced this spring.



However, our groundwater sources are still slightly below average due to the overall below average rainfall of the last two autumn and winter recharge periods.

Groundwater is only replenished from rainfall during autumn and winter, when there is less plant growth and evaporation. October to March is the critical recharge period when rainfall is expected to reach the aquifers (porous rock where groundwater is stored), which are used for 60% of supplies.

The possibility of restrictions later on in the year remain in place and this will be dependent on the demand for water, particularly if demand is higher than usual over the spring and summer.

Even though the recent rainfall has been good for our groundwater sources, it's important that we all continue to use water wisely. If we all save a little, we all save a lot.

While we continue to undertake significant investment in infrastructure and drive down leakage in our network, we also need our customers to change how they view, and use water to help manage the situation, and as a key stakeholder you also have an important role to play.

## **Draft Water Resources Management Plan**

We have recently published our Draft Water Resources Management Plan, which describes how much water is going to be needed by our customers and how we will meet this need in the years ahead between 2020 and 2080.

Our plan considers both current and future customers' demand for water and looks at the amount of water that is available, whilst considering the impact of factors such as climate change and drought.

With a rising population and some of the highest water use in the country, we are addressing the challenges of serving customers in an area the Government has designated as being under serious water stress.

Our public consultation is open to customers and stakeholders until the 23 May 2018.

For more information and to have your say, please visit [www.affinitywater.co.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.affinitywater.co.uk/haveyoursay)

We need your support to help make the longer term changes that will have a big impact for the future of water supplies.

There are simple steps that every one of us can take – whether a householder, business, community or a council.

We need a public debate about how we all use water.

Every little step we can all make will collectively have a big impact on water usage.

- Turning off the tap off while we brush our teeth can save 6,500 litres of water a year.
- Avoid baths - take a short shower instead to save on average around 50 litres each time.

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## QUENDON BOWLING CLUB a History - continued

### Chapter III continued

For interest the list following is the Officers and Committee for that year of 1965.

<b>Chairman:</b>	Gordon Dickson
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Harold Clayden
<b>Treasurer:</b>	W Barham
<b>Secretary:</b>	Stuart Ennals
<b>Captain:</b>	S King
<b>Vice Captain:</b>	G Correll
<b>Committee:</b>	W J Bradford, A Jordan, G Saunders, G King, A King
<b>Wines Committee:</b>	S Ennals, W Barham, D Raymond
<b>Greens Committee:</b>	Col Simpson, G Saunders, W J Bradford, H Salmon
<b>Subscriptions:</b>	£2-2-0 for Gents, £1-0-0 for Ladies, 8/6 for pensioners

Improvements were being carried out by the members to the surrounds, an earth moving machine lent by H Clayden was kept busy on clearing the shrubs and levelling the ground. The road being made good with rejected material from the Highways Dept, with hoggin. It transpired however that the road now private the Council could give no further help. Meanwhile fencing on the roadside and the woodside is completed. The employment of a groundsman is solved by Hubby Salmon who took over the job for the fee of £5 per month.

In adopting the motion for the Pavilion to remain in its present position, plans were drawn up by Mr. Emerson to be submitted to the R.D.C. planning committee for approval. A new drainage system, plus work by Mr Bradford in new flooring and roofing, locker rooms was completed. The Ladies Section again were able to purchase tables, chairs, crockery, and other utensils for the further improvement of the Club. Extensions to the Pavilion, electric lights, new plumbing were all to be completed. A fruit machine was installed to help in the drive for finance.

Under the drive of Chairman Gordon Dickson, a new rink (now 6) was being dug out, drainage prepared on the best advice, clinker, top soil all supplied free by associates and friends of the Club. The work as always under the command of our Col. and carried out in great enthusiasm by our co-opted members.

With all this activity around, Quendon Bowling Club was breaking out from its slumber and its faltering steps, turned into a purposeful stride.

### CHAPTER IV.

#### Consolidation.

With the guidance of the Chairman Gordon D, and his strong committee, plans were formulated for projects to commence in the years 1965/67. This was an exciting

time for the members, with all the activity surrounding them. As was usual the plans for the extensions, and improvements needing R.D.C. approval were very slow. In the meantime grants from various bodies were being applied for. The Essex County Education Authority being one. By the years end, planning permission had been granted and an estimate by the builder of £423-10-0 was accepted.

Work meanwhile was progressing on the new rink, with working parties set up by the Col. Simpson with a schedule that was to be carried out over the winter months.

The newly installed fruit machine was like a new toy, and in its first month produced a large amount of £19-10-0, 60% being retained in the Club.

Of interest is the fact, that the Club was always represented on the Village Hall Committee, and visa-versa if someone of either village was a Club member, preserving the interest of Rickling and Quendon.

The new rink was beginning to take shape with the completion of drainage, clinker, topsoil and levelling. Seeding was to take place in Sept. This had been a tremendous achievement, and a back breaking task by those members involved, who were justly proud. It was known by all as the Gordon Dickson rink, a pointer to his fore-sightedness.

The grant was now in further delay due to the formulation of new plans, mainly sanitation requirements from the Authority, and a shock that a tax of £75 was imposed by the Inland Revenue on the fruit machine installation, which the said machine being promptly returned. However the Bar accounts now showed a healthy impressive surplus under the care of the Rayments.

With the death of Sir Arthur Ellis a new era was beginning with the election to the Presidency of the redoubtable Col Simpson, who by all accounts gave the Club his time and advice on many occasions, working principally on the green, and presenting any items when needed. It should be remembered that the original green was in the gift of Sir Arthur.

On the bowling side the Quendon club was not yet in the top flight, the latest seasons results being 10 won and 19 lost. The Captain's report of that year spoke of an increase in the standard of play, and hoped for more entries into County competitions to improve ones game, and the status of the Club.

The surrounds of the green were being improved with the introduction of two dozen rose bushes (Frensham floribundas) a gift from the membership, showing the spirit within the Club.

With alterations to the original plan, the cost had risen to

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some £300 above estimate, but hopefully with the expected grant, work should commence in March of '67. Some problems were being experienced with the Grant, and the local MP Mr Peter Kirk was approached to lobby the appropriate Dept. This was successfully achieved, for the grant of £343 was confirmed by D.O.E. The question of raising the £687 was overcome by the Bank making a loan of some £500, being given a forecast of the Clubs income for the year, and G Dickson, W Barham, and S Ennals acting as guarantors, with Col Simpson guarantor to a further £200 by the Playing Fields Assn, the finances for the extensions were assured. Building work by Mr Dix began in early April. Toilets were once again difficult with sharing by Ladies and Gents. A voice at a subsequent meeting was heard to declare the suitability of Quendon Wood.

Throughout the summer, work on the new extensions, and groundwork continued, with the pleasing thought by the men that the Bar was to be built adjacent to the Gents changing rooms. Mr Dix completing the work in early August.

During the building work, the beer, wines and spirits were stored in the establishment of Mr Ray Collard, he and others having to wheelbarrow the necessities on match days. It must have been great fun.

The indomitable Mrs Peasley again with the Ladies committee raised further funds to help with the heavy expenditure demanded by the building programme. Extra funding from various bodies was being asked for, with Col Simpson again acting as guarantor.

Bringing to a condition for play the new rink was being carefully tended by Hubby Salmon weeding by hand. Sadly, however, with all the traffic of building work, the green had been declared unfit for County matches. It was then decided to move the marks by 4'6", doing away with rink 4 for the time being. This was done and towards the end of the season the green had returned to its excellent condition, which warranted a remark from those experts Fisons, that the green was now one of the best in the Group.

With the completion of the Pavilion the A.G.M. took place after the cutting of the ribbon and presentations of bouquets to the wives of the E.B.A. officials who attended the ceremony. Many gifts were received to mark the event, including 40 dinner plates, electric cooker, shelf lights optics, by the Chairman, and other sundry items. So ended another major project by this fine committee.

The roadway into the green had suffered rather badly, and was in a state of mud and slush, despite the attention given it by the club. It was decided to write to the Farm Manager, Mr Mott, at Quendon Hall Estate, and to the owners of Woodmans Cottage, to share in the cost of work and material to improve the entrances. This was

forthcoming, and a donation of £5 and £2-10-0 was made respectively, with the remaining cost of 10/- being made by the club. Further problems arose in the shape of moles, and two were eventually caught by the greenkeeper. Expert advice from Mr Hyatt, a professional greenkeeper to improve the green was sought, and his eradication of the bare patches did much to make for better bowling. The playing side were now beginning to show their worth, entering for the Widdop Cup, and nominating members for Ashford Cup trials, our Chairman being selected for the Vice-presidents Assn game. Entries for the Mackeson and Gold Cups were also made. Mr G K King the Captain was selected for the County trials.

A minute of a meeting is worth recording, in that, the entrance to the green was "more in keeping with a hen run than to one of the most enterprising clubs in N.W. Essex". A wooden paled gate was immediately erected by the members.

The President Col Simpson, on a proposal by the Chairman Gordon Dickson, was to be honoured by a photograph of himself, being placed in a prominent position within the Club. The Colonel himself provided the photograph, which to this day adorns the Club wall.

Another interesting feature was the introduction of a club flag in the clubs colours. It was made by H.M. Transport cable ship "Monarch", the hand of Gordon D almost certainly behind this, with his contacts.

A new fruit machine made an appearance, and was showing some profit, with the Company-supplying the machine paying the tax.

Sadly this was the year, 1969, of the tragic death of the President Col Simpson, run down in thick fog whilst walking home from the club late in the evening. This history shows the tremendous amount of effort, monies, gifts, he gave the Club, which to-day owes much of its existence to him personally. A tribute to him was made at the next A.G.M. by the Chairman, who in deference, since that tragic day, and in accordance with the wishes of the committee, had not elected a new President.

The Club's finances were coming under the scrutiny of Bob How whose expert advice and professionalism was sought. Previously all monies were either in a current bank account, some cash, and a small balance in the Post Office. Surplus money was now to placed on deposit thereby gaining interest. We must bear in mind, however, that the drive forward was being propelled most vigorously by the Chairman and his committee, along with the Ladies Section prominent in drawing money into the club, thereby creating a substantial surplus. A healthy state that exists to this day. When you consider also that over £1000 was passing through the Bar account, the Club was intent for success.

*Continued next month*

## Winter's gone. Quendon & Rickling Golf Society is back!

What a great day to start our village golf season! Friday April 20th saw eighteen of us meeting in wonderful and welcome spring sunshine down at Toot Hill Golf Club. Our starter set the tone for the day and was sporting a straw trilby and the temperatures were up to 25 degrees. What luck - will it last?? Hope so.

There was much chat over coffee and late breakfast before our six teams of three players each got themselves organised and out to the course. We played a team game where two out of three scores counted on all but the short holes, where everyone had to score. It did, and didn't, work out well but there was much to enjoy and everyone certainly did that. We had a mini challenge on the 12th hole where the green is on a complete island and accuracy is key. Five people owned up later to having lost their ball in the water but of course that meant that the other 13 had more success but I'm sure everyone had a laugh. There was a frogman in the water (!) who was seen to come up with a large bag of balls which he hauled onto the side so obviously we are not alone.

On return to the clubhouse it was great to sit outside with

cold drinks and catch up on the stories of the day, golf never disappoints on this front with trees, hazards and deep rough waiting for those who cannot stay on the fairways.

We enjoyed a meal of meat pie and chips which was perhaps more suited to a cold, wet day but went down well nevertheless. Jane announced the winning team of the day to be Jaine Fieldhouse, Brandon Chapman and Chris Howarth who won on countback from Penny Ackerman, Jean Burnham and Mervyn Waite - both teams had equal points but Jaine's team scores better over the final holes. It was all very close and the other teams were not far behind at all. The nearest the pin on the island green prize was won by Paul Fieldhouse, and the other challenge to reach the final green in two shots and be closest to the pin was won by Jean Burnham.

All in all an excellent day and hopefully an inspiration for our days to come this year. We shall be at Essendon Old Course for our next meeting on Wednesday May 30th and look forward to that. Join us if you can. You can contact us via [janevaite@hotmail.com](mailto:janevaite@hotmail.com)



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Coffee Morning	17th May	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	See p6
Evening Prayer	20th May	18.00	Rickling Church	
Holy Communion	27th May	11.00	Rickling Church	
Coffee Morning	2nd June	10.30-12.30	Q&R Village Hall	See p8
BCP Communion	10th June	11.00	Quendon Church	
Evening Prayer	17th June	18.00	Rickling Church	
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