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May 2019

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*Peter Davis
View from D186 Mölders Ship Wilhelmshaven Germany*

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.

So March and April have both come and gone and, as at the time of writing, the UK has still not exited from the European Union. Parliament is still deadlocked as it has been since the beginning of the year. No one, no matter what side of the house they sit on or whether they were Leave or Remain, seems willing to compromise. It is all a bit of a mess. To a certain extent no one seems to know what the answer is, and for many it is not the plan that has currently been agreed by the government and the leaders of the European Union.

One thing that has been positive is that the nasty comments and personal attacks seem to have subsided, at least across Parliament. Although sometimes they continue outside of the House. A while back the MP Anna Soubry was accused of being a 'nazi' by someone shouting outside the House of Commons. The end of May marks Ascension Day, the day on which the church marks as the day when Jesus ascended into Heaven following his resurrection. I wonder if Jesus knew exactly what would happen when he left the world behind in his ascension. I wonder if he could see the divisions that would come about people across the centuries – our Brexit dilemma is just the latest in a very long line of divisions.

I think Jesus did know what humanity would do, but he hadn't done nothing. Before he left Jesus shared great teaching with us which is still relevant today. Jesus asks us to 'Love our Neighbour as Ourselves'. Just imagine! Loving our neighbour does not necessarily prevent disagreement because we still have the free will to make the choices we want to, but I believe that it would lead to us respecting the other side's choice as well. If we respect them, then we need to defend their right to not agree with us and respect the choices they may make. We don't have to agree with them, but we must allow it to happen. Respect, of course, goes far beyond just the current debate on Brexit but I will, I believe, lead to a much happier and much more tolerant society. And there can't be anything better than that!

Neil

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 5th May

9.30am Newport Contemporary Communion
11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 12th May

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

Sunday 19th May

9.30am Newport Holy Communion
11.00am Widdington Holy Communion
6.00pm Quendon BCP Communion (Said)

Sunday 26th May

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

Wednesday 30th May – Ascension Day

7.30am Rickling Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd June

9.30am Newport Contemporary Communion
11.00am Widdington Christingle Service

Sunday 9th June

8.30am Widdington BCP Communion
9.30am Newport All Age Worship
11.00am Quendon BCP Communion

Sunday 16th June

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

Sunday 23rd June

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

Sunday 30th June

10.00am Widdington 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.

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Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

Treasurer - Quendon and Rickling: Mrs Sandra Arnold 01799 543075

Police contact information

For crimes and suspicious activity NOW phone	999
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QUENDON BOWLING CLUB

INVITES YOU TO OUR OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 5TH MAY FROM 10AM

Everybody welcome, young and old, experienced bowlers and novices, come and try your hand at lawn bowls. Equipment and tuition will be on hand for a fun day. **REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE** (please bring flat shoes)



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Form family teams and bring everybody along to learn how to play a game of skill and tactics

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Newport Community Café

**Newport United Reformed Church
55 Wicken Road, Newport,
Saffron Walden, Essex. CB11 3QF
Tuesday 14th May**



2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

- and **10th September 2019**
- 11th June 2019** **8th October 2019**
- 9th July 2019** **12th November 2019**
- 13th August 2019** **10th December 2019**

Contact: Carole or Angela on 01799 543807/218061 for more info.
email : angiecallahan@aol.com

Quendon Churchyard

We still desperately need more volunteers to keep the churchyard tidy.

The larger section around the church building only takes around a couple of hours to mow. The smaller section, being more shaded, grows more slowly, but looks splendid when kindly tended!

So please join us in this undemanding but rewarding service to the community.

Contact John Watkinson, 01799 543350, johnwatkinson@tiscali.co.uk
or
Robert Arnold, 01799 543075, robert@arnold-q.uk

HELP REQUIRED URGENTLY

Quendon Church is in urgent need of volunteers to help dust/sweep or vacuum the church once or twice a year. **Do you have 2 hours to spare?**

Currently our church is cleaned monthly by two people. Please come and help our dwindling numbers of volunteers.

If you are able to help or would like more information please contact

Christine Osbourn 01799 543367

Rickling/Quendon Community Café

Quiz and Fun Bingo



Wednesday 22nd May 2019

and	Wed Sept 18th 2019
Wed June 19th 2019	Wed Oct 16th 2019
Wed July 17th 2019	Wed Nov 20th 2019
Wed August 21st 2019	Wed Dec 16th 2019

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Please contact: Angie and Carole
01799 543807/218061

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall,
Quendon, CB11 3XQ

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Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

Another one bites the dust

I am sure you have heard the sad news of the demise of the The Cricketers. What a shame. However it is hoped that the phoenix will arise as I understand there is some interest in taking over. May I introduce a personal note here? I had my 50th birthday party there, which was quite a few years ago now, and have fond memories of some of the evening (A lot of it's a blank – which shows it must have been a good evening). Let's hope that a new occupant is found quickly. Too many village pubs being lost.

Community Special Constables

The co-ordinator of this scheme has been invited to address the June parish council meeting, so if you want information from the horse's mouth it will be on the 12th June. Come along and see if this is something you think may benefit the village.

Parish Council elections

Quendon and Rickling has been designated as a non-contested election which means that the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies. The new parish council will take official office after the election date, and will be in attendance at the first parish council meeting after the election, on 8th May.

Other news from the parish council meeting

Apologies that the skip "skipped" the village. Our

chairman tried to move heaven and earth to get a replacement after the original contractor was unable to provide a skip on the chosen day, but to no avail.

There is no progress yet on filling in the potholes in the road leading up to the school. However our county councillor Ray Gooding is going to approach Essex County Council to see if the education maintenance budget can be raided to fund repairs. Watch this space (but at the same time keep expectations low).

The Speedwatch Team has a monitoring site approved. They are still looking for volunteers so if you are interested in getting involved please let me know and I will pass your name on to the relevant party.

Gigaclear is trying to find another contractor (which will be it's 5th) to finish the work. They are still hoping to have everything up and running by what they call "quarter 2" (April to June to you and me) but that is definitely a breath you do not want hold.

Football Field

Thanks to the tireless work by Ted Crow, this is proceeding along very nicely. Already there is interest from football teams and the pitch is to be inspected shortly to assess its suitability. The grass is due to be cut any day now and football posts will be renovated.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News (cont.)

information for new residents to the Village. 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.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be on 8th May at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will precede the council meeting and is scheduled to start at 7.15pm.

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**



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COFFEE MORNING/SALE

on Saturday 1 June 2019,

10am to 12.30

at Quendon & Rickling Village Hall

- Refreshments
- Cakes and preserves
- Crafts
- Plants
- Bric-a-brac
- Raffle

Free entry

Proceeds towards the cost of annual outing for villagers and keep fit class members on Wednesday 3 July. This year we are going to **Capel Manor Gardens**.

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A great way to begin this month of May could be to join Tony Wellings on one of his informative nature rambles. Hopefully the bluebells will be blooming.

Our AGM will be held on 16th May in St John's Hall, Stansted Mountfitchet. Doors open at 1.30pm as usual. All Members should have received a Notice of AGM and Nomination form. If not please request by emailing stanstedu3a@gmail.com or phone **07874 385541**. We have some vacancies on the committee and would love to see some new (or old) faces stepping forward or being nominated. Don't be shy – you will be welcomed with open arms!

The next Saturday Seminar is on May 25th. Dr Neil Faulkner FSA is coming along to talk to us about Lawrence of Arabia: Excavating a Legend. Neil is an archaeologist, historian and writer who lectures widely. Neil and his close colleague Professor Nick Saunders have run a ten year project of field research on the archaeological remains of the Arab Revolt of 1916 to 1918, so this promises to be a particularly interesting seminar. See the Events page for May for how to order your ticket. **If you missed the last Seminar on George and Robert Stephenson, brought alive by the incredible presentation skills of Dr Michael Bailey, please click on Stephenson Seminar Full Story on our website. You won't regret it!**

There are still some spaces left on the **September holiday to West Sussex and Brighton**. A private visit by coach to **Copped Hall, Epping** is coming up on Wednesday May 8th. There may be places left. For full details of both these events please see the Trips & Hols web page.

Please visit our website, see below, or pick up an activity leaflet, and you could soon be enjoying a class as much as our new French Group.

www.u3asites.org.uk/stansted/home



Stansted U3A French Group

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall

Hire Charges From 1 April 2019



Activity	Large Hall	Small Hall	Both Halls
Evening Classes, activities such as aerobics, yoga, fitness classes etc	Village Resident £8.50/hour Others £9.00/hour		
Meetings		Village Resident £7.50/hour Others £8.00/hour	
Jumble sales, charity events etc (includes kitchen)			£40.00
Children's parties up to age 11 (includes kitchen)			£40.00
Full evening for dances, socials etc (includes kitchen)	£60.00 *	£40.00*	£90.00*
Full day hire (includes kitchen)			£150.00**

*Plus £50 returnable deposit ** Plus £100 returnable deposit (refundable provided hall and furnishings are left undamaged, clean and all rubbish removed)
(non-refundable if booking cancelled with less than 2 weeks' notice)

Village Events only – Hire of tables £20.00 and hire of chairs £10.00 both with a £35.00 returnable deposit if returned undamaged.

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Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves

The Local Plan

The Inspectors in April issued the Matters, Issues and Questions for the stage 1 hearings about the Local Plan, which are scheduled for six days (2-4 July and 16-18 July) with an additional day reserved for 19 July.

They have asked UDC 101 questions across eight topic categories, and the hearings are to go through UDC's responses. If the Plan passes this stage there will be further questions and hearings. Some of the questions are on general topics, some are on matters of detail about the documentation, and some are fundamental to the legality or viability of the Plan.

An example of a general one is: "How have issues of equality been addressed in the Plan?". Not sure I would like to be tasked to answer that one! Of course, the Plan should accommodate the needs of everyone, but how does a document primarily about where to put houses do that?

Here is a sample of some of the other questions:

"Does the updated Sustainability Appraisal test the Plan against all reasonable alternatives?" I think this means "Has a full comparison been done between all possible areas where new settlements might be built?" This was sort of done for previous failed iterations of the Plan, although not with weightings, so all questions were weighted equally regardless of how important they were. I assume the question is being asked because the Inspectors couldn't see any record of this being done.

Two questions which may be of relevance to Quendon & Rickling are: "Is the growth in villages consistent with their position in the settlement hierarchy set out in policy SP2?" and "What has been the Council's approach to defining village envelopes? Is this approach justified and effective?"

SP2 says "New developments in the Type A and Type B Villages will be limited with the emphasis being on:

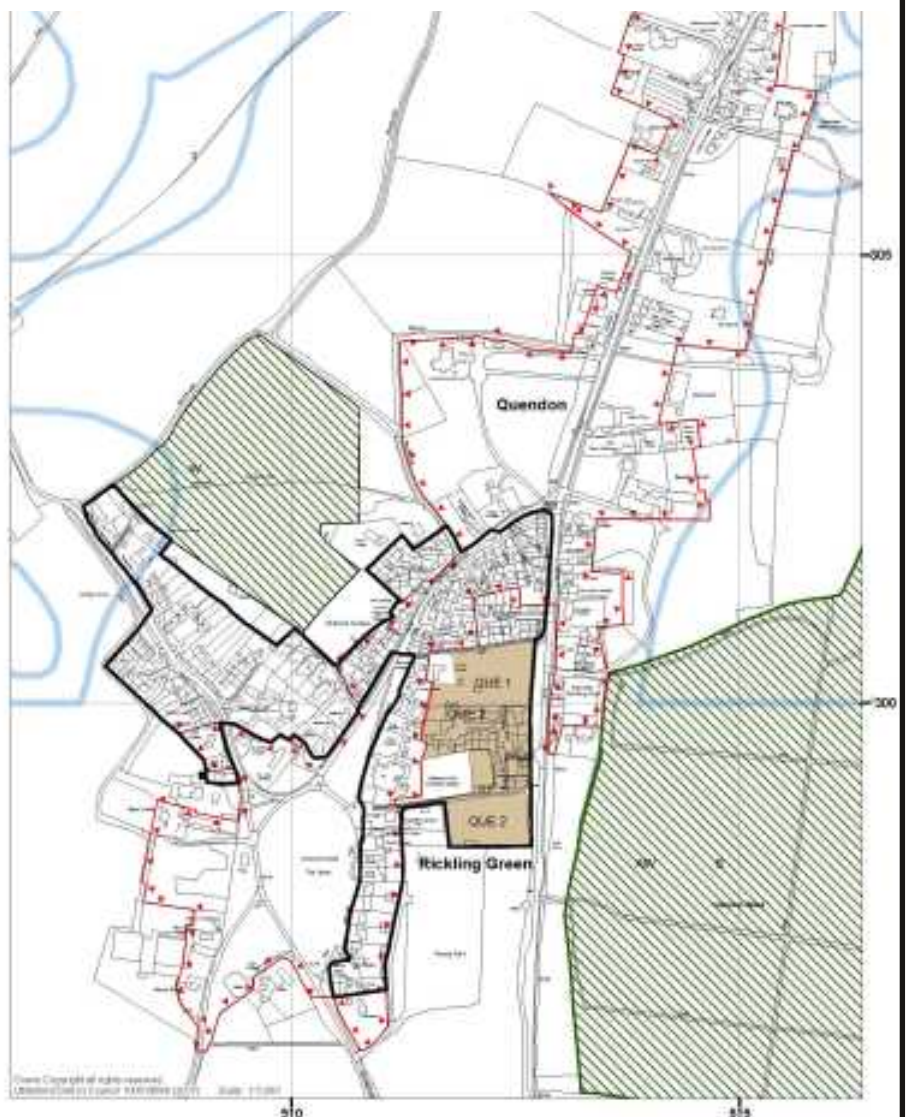
- a. Enhancing the maintaining the distinctive character and vitality of local rural communities;
- b. Shortening journeys and facilitating access to jobs and services;
- and c. Strengthening rural enterprise and linkages between settlements and their hinterlands."

This indicates that major development would not be encouraged in Quendon.

Quendon is categorised as a Type A village: "These villages have a primary school and some local services, e.g. village hall, public house or shop. They act as a local service centre and are suitable for a scale of development that reinforces their role as a local centre."

Our Neighbourhood Plan has to be consistent with the Local Plan, but nevertheless challenges the Type A category and says, "This is an out of date view and may have been correct before the businesses along the B1383 were replaced by housing, but it is not a local service centre." But let us hope that the Cricketers Arms reopens soon.

Here are the current development limits for Quendon; the limit is the black line and the Conservation Area is in red.



Combined with the question "Is the approach ... of providing a large proportion of new homes within garden communities realistic?", this implies the Inspectors may be wanting to alter the balance away from new communities back to putting more houses into the towns and villages.

On the other hand, the overall housing need numbers are

Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves (Cont)

also being questioned: "Does the OAN (housing need) figure ... take account of the most recent Dept for Communities and Local Government household projections...?" We know the answer to this is No. The government updates its population growth figures every year, and the figures have been coming down. Two years' worth of reductions have been ignored in the count of houses needed for the Local Plan. In my submission to the Local Plan consultation I showed the figures to be overstated even without this reduction in the government's projections. The overstatement was such that one of the three new settlements might not be necessary.

And finally, I thought the most bizarre question was whether the Council had thought about the needs of people in the district living in houseboats!

Surgeries

If we are re-elected on the 2nd May we will continue to be available every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 in Dorrington's in Newport and 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

News from our Member of Parliament

Greater Anglia Train Service

I have received many letters and emails from constituents regarding the service of Greater Anglia. Many have expressed frustration with various aspects of the company's service.

I am organising a meeting with representatives from GA to discuss issues such as punctuality, amongst other things. I also raised concerns over their service in Parliament.

You can read my contribution and the Minister's reply here: <http://bit.ly/2VqYg45>.

Mental Health Education

One of my proudest moments since being elected was becoming an ambassador for Mind in West Essex. Mental health is one of the biggest challenges we face and is an issue that affects young people more and more, particularly relating to social media.

The Government has taken an important step this month by announcing all children will be taught how to look after their mental wellbeing and recognise when classmates may be struggling. To ensure teachers are well-prepared ahead of the subjects becoming mandatory

in 2020, there will be a £6m budget in 2019/20 for a school support package to cover training and resources. Mental health education is a welcome step forward in preparing children for adulthood, improving their well-being and keeping them safe and healthy. I look forward to supporting schools across the constituency in this work.

I want to thank you to all those that came to my recent surgery in Boreham. Surgeries are an opportunity for you to meet with me, your Member of Parliament, and seek advice or assistance on confidential issues. For all other enquiries please send an email as it's often possible to meet sooner or speak over the phone. Should you wish to attend a surgery, please contact me at the earliest opportunity. Street surgeries do not require an appointment.

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Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many congratulations to this months 3 winners!

Ball number 82 Brandon Chapman £35.00

Ball number 30 Wendy Stannard £25.00

Ball number 46 Tessa Deriziotis £15.00

Please may I also remind you that subs for 100 club are now due in. If subs have not been received by 15th April I will assume that you no longer wish to be in the 100 club and your numbers will be removed.

If you too would like to join us helping raise money for the local church and Village Hall, whilst having a chance each month to win money for yourselves, please give me a shout!

Clare, 01799 543637.

Thank you.

Quendon & Rickling Golf Society

The Golf Society had its first meeting of the year at Newmarket Links Golf Club on Wednesday April 24th. The Easter weather has been unbelievable and it held on for our day out - result!

Our numbers were down this time for all sorts of different reasons, but the ten of us who were able to play met in good spirits and caught up on the chat over coffee and bacon rolls as usual.

Newmarket Links is a lovely old course which we always enjoy and this was no exception. We played a fun format team game called a Waltzer where one team member's score counts for the first hole, 2 for the second and all 3 for the third, with this repeated till all 18 are completed. Team

work and shared pressure to do our bit for a good score brought out the best in everyone.

Back in the clubhouse Jan and Penny worked their magic to check the scores and decide the winners. Everyone had their own stories of their round and chances missed

but that's golf. That it was a very good day was clear.

We had a lovely meal served to us from the Club kitchen and the winners were announced. The team of Justine Voss, David Lockwood and Ray Hart emerged victorious

and Ray also won the men's Nearest the Pin prize. Sadly none of the ladies got their ball on to the designated green in one so no prize there - more practice needed!

A great day, a great start to our year and fun as ever. Thanks go to Jan Rackham and Penny Ackerman for all their organisation and we look forward to



our next outing which is to Thorpeness on the Suffolk coast in early June.

Join our Society if you are a local golfer - you'll love it. Contact me for more info janewaite@hotmail.com



www.hundredparishes.org.uk

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

Fields across the Hundred Parishes are turning yellow as the oil-seed rape flowers; farmers will be hoping for a bountiful harvest. Fortunately for them, research by the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology found a positive but unexpected increase in key bee species responsible for pollinating flowering crops such as this. Between 1980 and 2013, the scientists had measured the presence of 353 wild bee and hoverfly species across the country. Overall, they noted that one-third of species had declined, one tenth increased, while evidence for the status of other species was inconclusive. Pollinating insects are vital for adequate seed production in crop plants as well as other species including rarer native plants which often support more specialist insects.

The UK hosts about 20,000 species of insects, many of which get eaten by other creatures. We enjoy seeing brightly coloured butterflies or dragonflies, but species like skylarks, swifts, blue tits, hedgehogs, shrews, bats

and many fish require a cornucopia of moths, flies and beetles in order to survive. Assorted flies, beetles and wasps are also predators or decomposers helping to control pests and recycle dead material.

The statistics in the 2016 State of Nature Report show an alarming decline in the abundance of many insect species. The causes of this decline are complex, but intensification of farming, loss of wildflower meadows, hedgerow removal and changes in climate play a part. Widespread use of herbicides and pesticides is also implicated. Herbicides have reduced the variety of wildflowers: with limited foraging opportunities many insects have become scarce or extinct. The impact of pesticides on all insect populations has far reaching consequences and is now subject to intense scrutiny to find answers.

Planting suitable flowers in our own gardens benefits insects and other forms of wildlife, especially if we garden organically!

Tricia Moxey Trustee

THE SCHARTZ-METTERKLUME METHOD

By "Saki" (H.H. Munro, 1870 – 1916)

Lady Carlotta stepped out on to the platform of the small wayside station and took a turn or two up and down its uninteresting length, to kill time till the train should be pleased to proceed on its way. Then, in the roadway beyond, she saw a horse struggling with a more than ample load, and a carter of the sort that seems to bear a sullen hatred against the animal that helps him to earn a living. Lady Carlotta promptly betook her to the roadway, and put rather a different complexion on the struggle. Certain of her acquaintances were wont to give her plentiful admonition as to the undesirability of interfering on behalf of a distressed animal, such interference being "none of her business." Only once had she put the doctrine of non-interference into practice, when one of its most eloquent exponents had been besieged for nearly three hours in a small and extremely uncomfortable may-tree by an angry boar-pig, while Lady Carlotta, on the other side of the fence, had proceeded with the water-colour sketch she was engaged on, and refused to interfere between the boar and his prisoner. It is to be feared that she lost the friendship of the ultimately rescued lady. On this occasion she merely lost the train, which gave way to the first sign of impatience it had shown throughout the journey, and steamed off without her. She bore the desertion with philosophical indifference; her friends and relations were thoroughly well used to the fact of her luggage arriving without her. She wired a vague non-committal message to her destination to say that she was coming on "by another train." Before she had time to think what her next move might be she was confronted by an imposingly attired lady, who seemed to be taking a prolonged mental inventory of her clothes and looks.

"You must be Miss Hope, the governess I've come to meet," said the apparition, in a tone that admitted of very little argument.

"Very well, if I must I must," said Lady Carlotta to herself with dangerous meekness.

"I am Mrs. Quabarl," continued the lady; "and where, pray, is your luggage?"

"It's gone astray," said the alleged governess, falling in with the excellent rule of life that the absent are always to blame; the luggage had, in point of fact, behaved with perfect correctitude. "I've just telegraphed about it," she added, with a nearer approach to truth.

"How provoking," said Mrs. Quabarl; "these railway companies are so careless. However, my maid can lend you things for the night," and she led the way to her car.

During the drive to the Quabarl mansion Lady Carlotta was impressively introduced to the nature of the charge that had been thrust upon her; she learned that Claude and Wilfrid were delicate, sensitive young people, that Irene

had the artistic temperament highly developed, and that Viola was something or other else of a mould equally commonplace among children of that class and type in the twentieth century.

"I wish them not only to be taught," said Mrs. Quabarl, "but interested in what they learn. In their history lessons, for instance, you must try to make them feel that they are being introduced to the life-stories of men and women who really lived, not merely committing a mass of names and dates to memory. French, of course, I shall expect you to talk at mealtimes several days in the week."

"I shall talk French four days of the week and Russian in the remaining three."

"Russian? My dear Miss Hope, no one in the house speaks or understands Russian."

"That will not embarrass me in the least," said Lady Carlotta coldly.

Mrs. Quabarl, to use a colloquial expression, was knocked off her perch. She was one of those imperfectly self-assured individuals who are magnificent and autocratic as long as they are not seriously opposed. The least show of unexpected resistance goes a long way towards rendering them cowed and apologetic.

When the new governess failed to express wondering admiration of the large newly-purchased and expensive car, and lightly alluded to the superior advantages of one or two makes which had just been put on the market, the discomfiture of her patroness became almost abject. Her feelings were those which might have animated a general of ancient war-faring days, on beholding his heaviest battle-elephant ignominiously driven off the field by slingers and javelin throwers. At dinner that evening, although reinforced by her husband, who usually duplicated her opinions and lent her moral support generally, Mrs. Quabarl regained none of her lost ground. The governess not only helped herself well and truly to wine, but held forth with considerable show of critical knowledge on various vintage matters, concerning which the Quabarls were in no wise able to pose as authorities. Previous governesses had limited their conversation on the wine topic to a respectful and doubtless sincere expression of a preference for water. When this one went as far as to recommend a wine firm in whose hands you could not go very far wrong, Mrs. Quabarl thought it time to turn the conversation into more usual channels.

"We got very satisfactory references about you from Canon Teep," she observed; "a very estimable man, I should think."

"Drinks like a fish and beats his wife, otherwise a very lovable character" said the governess imperturbably.

"My dear Miss Hope! I trust you are exaggerating,"

exclaimed the Quabarls in unison.

"One must in justice admit that there is some provocation," continued the romancer. "Mrs. Teep is quite the most irritating bridge-player that I have ever sat down with; her leads and declarations would condone a certain amount of brutality in her partner, but to souse her with the contents of the only soda-water syphon in the house on a Sunday afternoon, when one couldn't get another, argues an indifference to the comfort of others which I cannot altogether overlook. You may think me hasty in my judgments, but it was practically on account of the syphon incident that I left."

"We will talk of this some other time," said Mrs. Quabarl hastily.

"I shall never allude to it again," said the governess with decision.

Mr. Quabarl made a welcome diversion by asking what studies the new instructress proposed to inaugurate on the morrow.

"History to begin with," she informed him.

"Ah, history," he observed sagely; "now in teaching them history you must take care to interest them in what they learn. You must make them feel that they are being introduced to the life-stories of men and women who really lived..."

"I've told her all that," interposed Mrs. Quabarl.

"I teach history on the Schartz-Metterklume method," said the governess loftily.

"Ah, yes," said her listeners, thinking it expedient to assume an acquaintance at least with the name.

"What are you children doing out here?" demanded Mrs. Quabarl the next morning, on finding Irene sitting rather glumly at the head of the stairs, while her sister was perched in an attitude of depressed discomfort on the window-seat behind her, with a wolf-skin rug almost covering her.

"We are having a history lesson," came the unexpected reply. "I am supposed to be Rome, and Viola up there is the she-wolf; not a real wolf, but the figure of one that the Romans used to set store by - I forget why. Claude and Wilfrid have gone to fetch the shabby women."

"The shabby women?"

"Yes, they've got to carry them off. They didn't want to, but Miss Hope got one of father's fives-bats and said she'd give them a number nine spanking if they didn't, so they've gone to do it."

A loud, angry screaming from the direction of the lawn drew Mrs. Quabarl thither in hot haste, fearful lest the threatened castigation might even now be in process of infliction. The outcry, however, came principally from the two small daughters of the lodge-keeper, who were being hauled and pushed towards the house by the

panting and dishevelled Claude and Wilfrid, whose task was rendered even more arduous by the incessant, if not very effectual, attacks of the captured maidens' small brother. The governess, fives-bat in hand, sat negligently on the stone balustrade, presiding over the scene with the cold impartiality of a Goddess of Battles. A furious and repeated chorus of "I'll tell Muvver" rose from the lodge-children, but the lodge-mother, who was hard of hearing, was for the moment immersed in the preoccupation of her washtub. After an apprehensive glance in the direction of the lodge (the good woman was gifted with the highly militant temper which is sometimes the privilege of deafness), Mrs. Quabarl flew indignantly to the rescue of the struggling captives.

"Wilfrid! Claude! Let those children go at once. Miss Hope, what on earth is the meaning of this scene?"

"Early Roman history; the Sabine Women, don't you know? It's the Schartz-Metterklume method to make children understand history by acting it themselves; fixes it in their memory, you know. Of course, if, thanks to your interference, your boys go through life thinking that the Sabine women ultimately escaped, I really cannot be held responsible."

"You may be very clever and modern. Miss Hope," said Mrs. Quabarl firmly, "but I should like you to leave here by the next train. Your luggage will be sent after you as soon as it arrives."

"I'm not certain exactly where I shall be for the next few days," said the dismissed instructress of youth; "you might keep my luggage till I wire my address. There are only a couple of trunks and some golf-clubs and a leopard cub."

"A leopard cub!" gasped Mrs. Quabarl. Even in her departure this extraordinary person seemed destined to leave a trail of embarrassment behind her.

"Well, it's rather left off being a cub; it's more than half-grown, you know. A fowl every day and a rabbit on Sundays is what it usually gets. Raw beef makes it too excitable. Don't trouble about getting the car for me, I'm rather inclined for a walk."

And Lady Carlotta strode out of the Quabarl horizon.

The advent of the genuine Miss Hope, who had made a mistake as to the day on which she was due to arrive, caused a turmoil which that good lady was quite unused to inspiring. Obviously the Quabarl family had been woefully befooled, but a certain amount of relief came with the knowledge.

"How tiresome for you, dear Carlotta," said her hostess, when the overdue guest ultimately arrived; "how very tiresome losing your train and having to stop overnight in a strange place."

"Oh dear, no," said Lady Carlotta; "not at all tiresome - for me."

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