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Parish, District and County  
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**Also special Neighbourhood  
Watch Observer pull-out.**

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.

If I was the sort of person who has regrets, which I'm not, then one of the regrets that I might have is that I never married. I had two older brothers and one twin brother, and I still recall each of their wedding days – I was Best Man for my twin brother's wedding. I'm also certain that once my twin was married then people started to look at me and think, "Well he's next!" Well that day hasn't come yet, and my twin tells me that he's been working on his best man's speech for me for the past 30 years (that is how long he has been married). I can only look at my brothers' marriages, my friends' marriages and my Mum & Dad's marriage to see what is all about.

In Genesis 2:24 it states, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." I can see that coming together as one flesh in most of the marriages I have seen, and in the case of my Mum & Dad I saw how the one flesh suffered when my mum died. My Dad just was not the same after that. Marriages can be up & down, but I believe that it is still something worth celebrating.

Last month I wrote about the celebration of 'Wedding Dresses through the Ages' on Friday 20th May. I know that we have more than 40 dresses to be displayed so it promises to be a fantastic evening. Yet I want to focus on the service being held in Newport Church on Sunday 22nd May at 11.00am, for in that service there will be an opportunity for married couples to renew their wedding vows. The renewal vows can be a special time for couples as they celebrate their love for each other, and renew set their relationship for the years to come. I'm really excited about the opportunity to lead such a service, which will take place with the wedding dresses still being displayed around the church. It promises to be a fantastic occasion.

If you'd like to be a part of it, then please contact me on email ([mcleod444@btinternet.com](mailto:mcleod444@btinternet.com)) or via telephone (01799 540339). I would be happy to hear from you.

Neil

## Church Services in the Benefice

### Sunday 1st May

9.30am Priors Hall Barn Rogation Service at Priors Hall Barn, Widdington  
11.00am Newport Family Communion

### Sunday 8th May

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

### Sunday 15th May

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

### Sunday 22nd May

8.00am Newport BCP Communion  
**9.30am Rickling Holy Communion**  
11.00am Newport Morning Worship inc. Renewal of Wedding Vows  
3.30pm Newport Messy Church

### Sunday 29th May

9.30am 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

## COMMUNITY SKIP

There is little doubt that at various times of the year the Community Skip is of great benefit to those who are unable to take garden and household waste to the Recycling Centres. However, whilst the vast majority of people use this facility with care and consideration, others do not.

On the past few occasions that skips have been delivered to the village they have been filled fairly quickly and, despite notices 'politely' asking people neither to overfill the skip nor to leave items on the ground, these have been ignored, incurring an added cost and great inconvenience in disposing of these items in a legal manner. Another problem has been large quantities of building materials and a considerable amount of electrical waste being left: clearly commercial and not household waste.

The Parish Council has reviewed the situation and considers it necessary to change the arrangements for providing a Community Skip.

- In future, the skip will be available for a shorter period of time and not for a whole weekend as in the past.
- A reminder to residents that primarily, the skip is provided for those with a small amount of waste, but particularly for those people who are unable to get to the Recycling Centre.

***If you need to fill your vehicle to get to the skip, then please take your rubbish directly to the Recycling Centres.***

Thank you to the majority of the village who are not abusing this facility. To those who are not acting responsibly and expect others to clear up after them, then you are risking the withdrawal of this useful facility to the community.

*N.B. At the time of going to print a date for the next Community Skip is not available. It is hoped that one can be arranged for delivery to the Village Hall Car Park during the second week of May. Keep an eye on the Village Notice Boards, the Village Website and Parish Clerk's emails for precise details.*

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### Advertising in THE LINK

reaches every household in Quendon and Rickling at attractive rates.

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The Editor, preferably by e-mail with attachments as necessary at [robert@arnold-q.uk](mailto:robert@arnold-q.uk);  
otherwise telephone 01799 543075.

## Information from Essex Police

### 1. Community Policing Team (CPT)

Uttlesford's new CPT has been launched by Essex Police as part of a renewed commitment to local policing that puts partnerships with councils and other organisations at the heart of community safety.

The new teams will work in community safety hubs with partners like councils, other Emergency Services, Health providers, charities, Neighbourhood Watch and community groups. Their main focus will be on community safety priorities, solving local problems like high risk anti-social behaviour, local "hot spot" crimes, repeat victims or keeping the night time economy safe.

### 2. Launch of 'do it online' Service

Whatever you need Essex Police for, we want to make it easy for you to do it. For the first time you can report a non-emergency crime to us online.

Our 'do it online' Service lets you report non-emergency crime, road traffic collisions and access a range of information and advice easily and conveniently. Online reporting for lost or found property will be added during April.

Essex Police has also subscribed to the national 'knowledge bank' Ask The Police, also accessible at [www.essex.police.uk/doitonline](http://www.essex.police.uk/doitonline). Ask The Police contains answers to hundreds of often-asked questions about policing from abandoned vehicles to youth issues. Your burning question may already have an answer waiting for you!

Remember though, we still need you to dial **999** in an emergency and you can still call our non-emergency number 101



## Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

### **Parish Council Meetings**

It would be great to have more public participation at our Parish Council Meetings. The next meeting is on the 18th May at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, so if you can spare the time please do come along.

An Agenda will be published on the village website and on all notice boards on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Here are the proposed dates for rest of the meetings this year:

22nd June, 27th July, 7th September, 12th October, 16th November, 14th December

Any changes will be advertised.

### **Dog Fouling**

Uttlesford District Council has a clear message on Dog fouling:

***Please clean up after your dog – Bag it and Bin it.***

*Failure to clean up after your dog could result in a £1000 fine!*

To report incidents of dog fouling call the council's Customer Service Centre on **01799 510510**.

Alternatively, fill in an online form at

[www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport)

### **Welcome Packs**

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of information for new residents to the Village. It is quite difficult to keep track of, so if anyone knows of any newcomers to the village do please let me know on the contact details below and I will drop off a welcome pack to them.

### **Allotments**

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

We understand that there are still some plots available and it may be possible that some existing ones may be divided up.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate a Neighbourhood Watch team in the Parish. If anyone is interested in getting involved please contact me on the details below.

### **Local Plan**

Details of the Local Plan can be found on the UDC website. In the meantime it is noted that following the call for potential sites, landowners in the Parish have put forward 5 potential sites. Details of these can be found on the UDC website via the following link:

<https://cms.esriuk.com/uttlesford/Sites/cfs/>

### **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)

### **Children's Activities**

Armadillos, A Bumps, Babies, Toddlers and Parents group meets every Tuesday (**term time**) from 9am-11am at Rickling School Hall

### **Buffy Bus**

No longer visits the Parish, the Wednesday service has been rescheduled to stop at Cherry Garden Lane, Newport between 9.15am and 10.30am

### **Contact the Parish Council**

The Clerk, Sue Joannou can be contacted by e-mail [quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com) or by telephone 01799 541984.

Should anyone wish to receive e-mail updates/notices, please send me your e-mail address and I will add you to the village circulation list.

## **Quendon Bowling Club's Open Day**

A friendly bowls and social club, on your doorstep, is looking for new members.

Quendon Bowling Club welcomes new members and would like to invite you to our open day on 15 May 2016, from 10am, onwards.

The Open day will give you the chance to meet club members, who will be on hand to introduce you to the game we all love, giving some tips for novices and generally just letting you have a go, all we ask is you wear flat shoes.

Our clubhouse and licensed bar will also be open, so you can view the facilities and enjoy a drink and perhaps a game of pool or darts.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

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

It is with great sadness that I heard that Pat Wawn recently died. Many of you will have known Pat through the school, where she played an active role for so many years. She took a great interest in children from the school, including my own son Jamie while he was there, and after. I will miss seeing her green Rover around the village, seemingly without anyone at the wheel! She was an excellent orator with many stories of the village and its people and a font of knowledge of its history. Her passing is a great loss to us and my deepest sympathy is with her family.

I have written recently asking for volunteers to join and rejuvenate the Speedwatch team. This has met with a degree of success but we could still do with one or two more. There is very little involved in this. After an hour of training on the use of the equipment, I would simply ask for an hour of your time once or twice a month to help deter those who would pass through our village at dangerous speeds. If you might be interested, or would like more detail, please give me a call or send me a quick e-mail. We can't have too many volunteers, but we do need a minimum number to make it viable.

On that subject, we also still need somebody to take on the role of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. I can't do everything! This role is also less arduous than you might think so again, if you might be interested, just get in touch.

Many of you like to walk the footpaths around the village and that's great. But I'd ask that you bear in mind that it is important to keep to the designated paths. The PC maintains a constant dialogue with local land owners and farm managers in our efforts to keep the paths maintained to a reasonable standard. So I'd appreciate it if you would help by not providing them with reason to complain to us. Please don't go around the edge of fields where the path cuts across them, and of course, don't cut across them where the path goes around.

CALA have now submitted their application for Ventnor Lodge and we are considering our response, having regard to the results of our own consultation with you at the school, which were mixed. Once we make our response to UDC it will of course be public. This will of course be a matter for the agenda at our next meeting.

**Alan.**

*I went to the butcher the other day, and I bet him £50 he couldn't reach the meat on the top shelf without a stepladder. But he wasn't having any of it. He said the steaks were too high.*

**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

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## Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to our lucky winners this month.

No 10..... Michael Atlee

No 91..... Lorraine Chandler

No 18..... Janet Everet

If you would like to join, please give me a shout! 01799 543637

All monies are due by the end of March beginning of April for the new year's subscriptions. If you have been unable to get it to me please may you do so within the next week, so we can include you in the May draw. Why not set up a direct debit & the bank will pay each year, on your behalf to save you having to worry? Again, give me a call & I can advise how to do this.

Many thanks for everyone's continued support. Good luck to you all for next year too,

**Clare. 'Queen of the balls'!**

## Rickling CofE Primary School

It has been sometime since we sent a news article to The Link and we can only apologise for that – however on a positive note here is our news of late! Hope you all had a fantastic Easter Break!

I cannot believe that it is the Summer Term already. I do not know where the time has gone. It has been a very busy couple of terms with many great events.

The children are working very well in class and enjoying their topics. In the Spring Term the children took part in Science Week, this started with Maple and Beech listening to a talk from Dr Snelling on Forces, which they really enjoyed. Later in the week, they had a visit from a Planetarium - it was a fantastic opportunity for the children to 'look' into space and explore the planets and the stars!

### **Class News... Talk 4 Writing...**

We would like to celebrate what all the classes have been focusing on as a school. We have launched out new Talk 4 Writing initiative. This is an exciting concept for the children where they learn signs and actions for a story through role-play and drama before even putting pen to paper. The children have all been learning the story of 'Peter and the Wolf'. They have drawn story maps, learnt to tell the story orally and written their own versions of the story. It has been fantastic to hear them share their imaginative oral story telling before putting it into writing. Well done children!

### **Bird Watching**

The children celebrated National Bird Watching in support of the RSPBA. The children all went to the woods to carry out a bird survey. It was a lovely opportunity to explore our local environment and see just how many different species of birds live in the local area.

### **Maple Class (Year 5 and 6)**

The children are studying 'There's a boy in the girls bathroom' by Louis Sacker. They have hot seated (interviewed) the main character, role played parts of the first scene and are working on character descriptions in the style of the author. Maple class have also been learning all about the digestive system and labelling all of the parts.

### **Beech Class (Year 3 and 4)**

The children have been learning about fossilisation. They have written a story about the journey from dinosaur to a fossil. In Maths the children have had fun learning about measuring angles. The children in Beech have also been writing lots of stories about Iron Man. Just at the end of the Spring Term they performed a fantastic Easter play – well done!

### **Oak Class (Year 1 and 2)**

The children have been busy learning all about different materials and finding out about their different properties. They are learning all about the process wet clay goes from to something we can make from it, what processes the clay goes through - to get from wet clay to a finger pot. Oak class have also been learning to write about different feelings using connectives and exciting adjectives. At swimming week, the children were assessed and some have achieved 5m or more!! Mrs Hickey is extremely proud of them!

## Acorn Class (Reception)

The children have started their new topic 'Grow and Change'. They are learning about how they have changed since they were a baby. They have also learnt the life cycle of a butterfly. They have also been growing cress seeds and making Easter cards. A road safety talk was also given and they then practised crossing the local roads safely.

The children have worked so hard over the last few weeks and it was lovely to see them celebrate their work.

### A few sports reports...

#### Hockey Tournament

Just before the Easter break Mr Lee and the Rickling hockey teams travelled to JFAN for the USSP 7 a-side tournament. The squads were split into two groups, where they each played 4 group games. Both sides played superbly, only losing one group match apiece. One of the teams made it through to the semi-finals, where they were narrowly beaten 3-2 by eventual winners, Dame Bradbury's. It was a great afternoon and a fine way to show how much progress the teams have made since September. Well done!

#### Football and Netball!

Rickling football and Netball team have had many fixtures over the last few terms and have done very well – we say a big well done to them all the staff for training and supporting the teams!

Kind regards

Mr. A. Gardiner, Assistant Headteacher

*[This arrived too late for the April issue of THE LINK]*

On Monday 21st March 2016, Miss Harley took Sid Clark and Aiden Taylor to receive our Healthy Schools Foundation Award at The Central Baptist Church in Chelmsford. It was a fun morning and they got to meet Olympic athlete Brinn Bevan. They shared what they had learnt in a special assembly on Wednesday and talked about Brinn's life and the importance of 'bouncing back' when we have a fall in life. We would like to thank both boys for being such fantastic ambassadors for the school.



## The Police Pages

Uttlesford's new "Community Policing Team" has been launched by Essex Police as part of a renewed commitment to local policing that puts partnerships with councils and other organisations at the heart of community safety.

The new teams will work in community safety hubs with partners like councils, other Emergency Services, Health providers, charities, Neighbourhood Watch and community groups. Their main focus will be on community safety priorities, solving local problems like high risk anti-social behaviour, local "hot spot" crimes, repeat victims or keeping the night time economy safe.

Assistant Chief Constable Maurice Mason says: "Our renewed commitment to local policing means new teams will work as one with our partners to protect people from harm, talk and listen to communities about their concerns, gather information and help find answers to local problems. Our ambition is for a seamless link with Community Safety Partnership teams across Essex, working together to tackle locally-agreed priorities.

Working alongside those teams will be all the other parts of Essex Police which keeps people safe. That's three thousand officers working for a safer Essex, including specialist domestic abuse teams, emergency crews responding to 999 calls, detectives investigating serious crime, and our countywide roads policing teams, firearms and police dog teams and officers and staff dealing with cyber-crime and fraud."

Chief Inspector Craig Carrington, district commander of Uttlesford and Braintree, adds:

"My Community Policing Team will work across both local authority districts, targeting the crimes that pose the greatest threat to our communities.

"The importance of partnership working cannot be underestimated and we will continue to work closely with our partners.

"Reducing the re-offending rate will be one of the key priorities for my team."

More information about our team can be found on our community policing web pages.



## Important Message from Essex Police

As you will no doubt be aware there were bombings in Brussels whereby Zaventem Airport and Maelbeek Metro Station were targeted.

Although there have been no specific threats to any locations or people within Essex the National Security Level remains at Severe (an attack is highly likely). We are currently reviewing security within the Braintree and Uttlesford District (as you would expect) in response to these recent attacks.

Please could I ask that all Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators be requested to remain vigilant in their local areas in light of these attacks and encourage the community to report any suspicious activity to Police.

Chris Sharp, Police Sergeant 2306, Braintree/Uttlesford Neighbourhood Policing Team,  
Braintree Police Station, Blyths Meadow, Braintree, CM7 3DJ  
Tel. 101 ext 400341

## Volunteering for Victim Support in Essex

Victim Support is the charity for victims of crime in England and Wales. In Essex we need more volunteers to help us offer our service. You can change lives.

As a Victim Support Volunteer you can help support victims of crime by phone or face-to-face, listening to their concerns and helping them to move on with their lives. You will get a rewarding sense of having made a positive difference to people's lives. No experience is necessary, just the willingness to help and between 4-6 hours a week to spare. Training is given and expenses incurred when working for us are reimbursed.

If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved in becoming a Victim Support Volunteer, please visit <http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>, or email [essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk) or call 01277 357557.

## Spring has sprung – what crime does it bring?

Well spring has sprung and the migration into the garden has commenced with all the extra jobs that it brings. Unfortunately with the spring season also comes seasonal crimes too and we need give it a little consideration to prevent it and help others from becoming victims too.

**New tools and lawn mowers:** be mindful of how you dispose of the packaging to your new purchases; don't advertise it to the thieves and burglars with your empty boxes on display outside for roadside collection. Fold boxes inside out or break them up and put them in bag for collection.

**Property marking:** it's a good deterrent if your property is visibly security marked with your house number and post code such as [www.creproducts.co.uk](http://www.creproducts.co.uk) or labelled if a forensic property marking system is used such as [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) or [www.selectadna.co.uk](http://www.selectadna.co.uk). You can also record the serial numbers of any property free of charge at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). If your property does get stolen with property marking and/or recording on Immobilise there is a greater chance of you getting it back.

**Working in the garden:** it is easy to get engrossed in what you are doing when working in the garden, if the house is empty it is wise to close and lock the door (don't forget the key though!). Put tools away after use, "it add insult to injury" if your tools are used to break into your house.

**Shed security:** with sheds coach-bolt and plate the padlock hasp sections to the frame and door, use a good quality "Close Shackle" padlock or a key operated mortice lock; don't forget the hinges ensure they cannot be unscrewed. Protect windows with a wire mesh and fit a curtain or white wash the windows to prevent prying eyes. Products that are fit for purpose can found by looking for the "Secured by Design" or "Sold Secure" logos, or on their websites [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) or [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com).

**New plants:** larger plants etc. can be secured to land or rootball anchors or plant through chicken wire covering the area with soil. Cement or bolt down containers to the ground. Your local garden centre or DIY store should be able to help.

**Rogue Traders:** the rogue trader also takes advantage of the fine weather to con the unsuspecting. Although you may think you would never be taken in by them they can be very convincing especially to the elderly or vulnerable "I am laying some gravel up the road and see you need some....." "I notice your trees or shrubs need a prune..." so many stories. Look after the elderly or vulnerable near you and step in should you need to with a little advice, also another face sometime puts the rogue trader off. Need a trader and have no personal recommendations, look at [www.buywithconfidence](http://www.buywithconfidence) for traders checked out by Trading Standards.

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## County Council News

When parents who have this year made applications for their children to start school in reception classes read this article they will already know the outcome and whilst most will be happy and their children will be going to their preferred school (this year more than 87% received their first preference) inevitably some people will be disappointed. Distributing the places when some schools are very popular and hugely oversubscribed is no mean task and this year more than 16,500 children across the county are making their first steps into their school career. Choosing the right school for our children is one of the most important decisions we make on their behalf and for anyone who is dissatisfied with the school they have been offered they do have the opportunity to appeal but I urge them not to despair because, very often, places work through on the second pass when some people do not take the offer that has been made.

Notwithstanding the above, it is evident that we do have a growing population and at Essex County Council we are taking this very seriously. We have a school building programme that is greater than we have seen in very many years and in the 15/16 school year we provided more than 3000 new primary school places across Essex, 900 of which were in Uttlesford and we are doing the same this year with more than 2500 places coming on line in September. We cannot be complacent and we are assured that every child will have a school place.

I am particularly pleased that within the school building programme Essex County Council are making a huge effort to build new special school places across the county. In the past some of our most challenged children have either had to travel a long way to get the specialist education to meet their needs and in some extreme cases have needed to be placed out of the county. We are spending almost £50million pounds over the next few years to ensure that these children get the very best.

On other matters, the repair and maintenance of our highways is always uppermost in most people's minds. This year Essex is changing the emphasis from working on the priority routes and will be focussing its efforts on dealing with local roads and footpaths. To this end the budget for the Local Highway Panels was reduced to ensure that resources were available to carry out the maintenance work. However, I am pleased to say that Uttlesford District Council has agreed to match Essex Funding so we now have the same budget for the LHP as last year.

Everyone asks me when the B1383 by the Old Bell and Pines Hill in Stansted will be repaired and I can confirm that, subject to having no more applications from Utility Companies to dig holes, it is scheduled for this year. I just hope they don't come and dig it up again after it is resurfaced!

Councillor Ray Gooding  
Essex County Council Member for Stansted  
Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning  
[Ray.gooding@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Ray.gooding@essex.gov.uk)



### RICKLING CARERS' CLUB AFTERNOON TEA and FUN BINGO

Refreshments, Bric-a Brac, Raffle

Debbie Jack will chat about

**"Respite at The Saffron Club"**

Wednesday May 18th 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm  
Quendon Village Hall, Quendon CB11 3XQ

**"Everyone Welcome"**

Phone Angela on 01799 218061 or Carole on  
01799 543807 for more information

### Volunteers needed for the Quendon & Rickling FunRun

We are looking for volunteers for Quendon and Rickling's second FunRun on Sunday 26th June. This is one of our biggest village events that raises a huge amount of money for Rickling School, but is only possible with the support of the village! We are looking for volunteers to marshal the route and around the green, help out with refreshments, setting up etc. Please get in touch if you can help out in any way.

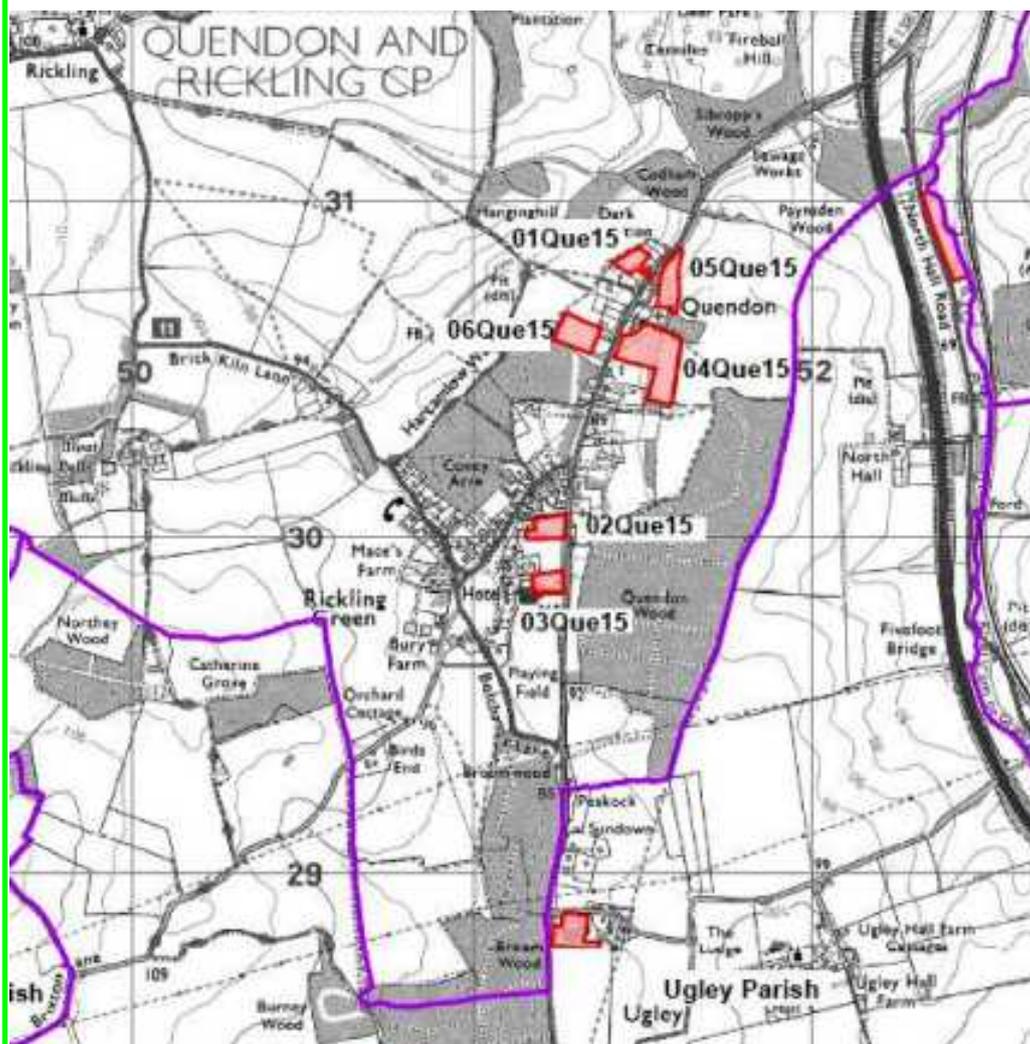
Thank You!

Stevie Green

[quendonandricklingfunrun@hotmail.com](mailto:quendonandricklingfunrun@hotmail.com)  
01799 542734

## District Council News

### District Councillors Neil Hargreaves and Joanna Parry



Here is the map from the Call for Sites for possible inclusion in the Local Plan. Sites for an approximate total of 96 houses were put forward. However, the initial review by UDC rejected all but sites 2 and 3. Site 2 is the one currently under construction and the other is the Venter House site, marked as suitable for 12 houses. Although supposedly only for the Local Plan, developers use such UDC assessments in support of planning applications.

At the recent consultation event for this site by Cala Homes criticism of the sewerage infrastructure in the village appeared to be directed at them. In defence of developers (!) the sewerage system is entirely the responsibility of the utility company. The developers just ask to be connected, for which they pay, and may be required to contribute more if the network needs an upgrade. But all upgrade cost at the sewerage

works is down to the utility company (mostly Anglian Water for this district) and our experience is that operators have been saying Yes to every new house, despite some of the district's system being identified in a water consultant's report for UDC in 2010 as overloaded (the euphemism is 'at capacity') or at the limits of river discharge consents, or not fit to take major developments. We intend to raise with UDC's new chief executive whether UDC should be asking Anglian Water to explain what they have been doing to deal with the existing issues and the new developments (apart from rebranding their sewerage works as Water Recycling Centres).

The Local Highways Panel has just agreed a substantial project involving replacing or altering diversion and warning signs at 17 locations relating to the railway bridge in Newport. It is hit about three times a year and there are many more near misses where trucks have to reverse out causing disruption and damage. As well as blocking the road, the strikes also stop the railway, and one cost 531 minutes of train delay and an £18,000 payment by Network Rail to train operators. The current signage is weak, and some is misleading, and inconsistent around the diversions, so in July 2015 I made an application to Essex Highways for improvements, which was supported by the Newport PC and the County Councillor. The signs will be reworded, changed from advisory triangles to compulsory round signs and the black lorry route symbol will be used. The current diversion signs say Alternative route...to Saffron Walden, when of course the drivers are not going to Walden, so they carry straight on thinking they have made the right decision. The project should be implemented this financial year so let's hope it works!

The Highways Panel also agreed to a feasibility study to address concerns about visibility at the Belchams Lane junction with the main road.

If you would like to raise council matters with us directly we attend the PC meetings in the Village Hall, on a rota basis so one of us is always there.

*Neil Hargreaves*

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Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
EXTEND Exercises	<i>Mondays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	Pat Turner 01799 543314
Saffron Searchers	<i>1st Monday in month</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	-
Dog Training	<i>Mondays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Pauline Everton
Rainbows	<i>Mondays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	(Pre-Brownies)
Prayer Meeting	<i>Mondays</i>	16.30	Quendon Church	
Pilates	<i>Tuesdays</i>	09.00-10.00	Q&R Village Hall	Jan Crawley 077421 82272
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Morning	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Dance Exercise	<i>Tuesdays</i>	Afternoon	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Alexander
Bowls Club Night	<i>Tuesdays</i>	18.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 01799 540167
Armadillos	<i>Tuesdays (term-time)</i>	09.00	Rickling School	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Rickling Carers	<i>1st Weds in month</i>	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	Angela 01799 218061/Carol 543807
U3A Choir	<i>Wednesdays</i>	10.30	Q&R Village Hall	
Wednesday Club	<i>Wednesdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Osbourn 01799 543367
Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
Line Dancing	<i>Thursdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
Upholstery Class	<i>Thursdays</i>	9.30-12.30	Q&R Village Hall	Adult Education Harlow 03330 132158
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Rickling Runners	<i>Thursdays</i>	19.30	The Green	Stevie Green 01799 542734
DiddiDance (2-4yrs)	<i>Fridays</i>	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	
Karate (4-adult)	<i>Fridays</i>	16.00-17.00	Q&R Village Hall	Sensei Claire Kemp 0781 648 8834
BCP communion	8th May	09.30	Quendon Church	
100 Parishes	9th May	19.30	Crafton Green Stansted	see p11
Golf Society	13th May	10.00	Thetford Golf Club	Brandon Chapman 01799543518 or Ray Hart ray-janice@hotmail.co.uk
Holy Communion	15th May	09.30	Rickling Church	
Bowls Club	15th May	10.00	Quendon Bowling Club	see p4
Metal Detection	15th May	10.00-18.00	Q&R Village Hall	see p11
Carers' Club	18th May	14.00	Q&R Village Hall	see p9
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Parish Council	22nd June	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
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FunRun	26th June		Rickling School	see p5

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