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*Horst Bienemann
Felled Sycamore*

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.

Were you one of the people caught up in the euphoria of the England football team's march to the semi-finals of the World Cup? I must admit that I was, and I'm not really a football fan. The number of football matches that I have watched in their entirety is still less than 10. Yet I was transfixed by either how well they played, or maybe by how lucky they were – remember even the pundits thought that the draw opened up for us going into the knockout stages. Yet it was great to see images on our TV's of, what seemed to be, the whole nation coming together to get together behind the team. To be honest at a time when Brexit seems to be tearing us apart it was good to have something positive to cheer about. Then even when we lost to Croatia in the semi-final there was no angry backlash from fans. We still celebrated what the team had achieved in the competition.

One of the pundits on TV said that previously we'd had high expectations of the team only to see those expectations dashed, and I remember us crashing out previously without winning a single game. However this time round, we had either no or low expectations of the team and we were rewarded by reaching the semi-final. When you don't expect much you can receive so much!

What are your expectations of the church? Like the England football team prior to the start of the World Cup have you written off the church as not being able to provide anything positive? Does the fact that you have no expectations of the church mean that you don't come to services? Imagine how different the World Cup might have been had no England fans not made the journey to Russia to support the team? It might have been a whole different ball game – literally!

I believe that coming to church, and getting to know Jesus Christ for yourself can be both positive and uplifting. There is fellowship within the church as you get to know people who are sat around you; people who may become friends. People who might be able to offer a listening ear when life isn't so good. Remember some games weren't so easy for the England team; I'm not even going to discuss the penalties, but they worked through the difficulties. That what church can do for you. That is what Jesus can do for you. He, and those in the church already, are here to help you and to celebrate successes with you.

The World cup is approximately one month, and for one month the nation was on a high. Yes, it might last a little bit longer but experience says that it will fade at some point. I believe, and know, that the good feeling of knowing Jesus Christ lasts a lifetime! Why not come along and find out for yourselves.

Neil

Ride & Stride Saturday 8th September 2018

Ride & Stride is an annual sponsored cycle ride and a chance to enjoy the local scenery, visit historic churches and raise money for your local church. The idea is to cycle, or walk, to as many churches as you can in one day. Here in Rickling and Quendon we've got 2 churches to get you started. If you'd like to learn more about how to get involved please see <http://www.foect.org> and panel on page 3.

This year our Archdeacon, Robin King has set himself the target of cycling around 150 miles and visiting 56 Essex Churches over the weekend. The ride is organised by the Friends of Essex Churches and all money raised provides much needed support for local churches.

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

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Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

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

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 5th August

9.30am Newport Family Communion
11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 12th August

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

Sunday 19th August

9.30am Newport Holy Communion
11.00am Widdington Holy Communion

Sunday 26th August

8.00am Newport BCP Communion
9.30am Newport Morning Worship
11.00am Rickling Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd September

9.30am Newport Family Service
11.00am Widdington Family Service

Sunday 9th September

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

Sunday 16th September

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

Sunday 23rd September

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

Sunday 30th September

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.

Police contact information

For crimes and suspicious activity **NOW** phone

999

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

101

Alternatively you can report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes on-line at
<https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-on-line/>

To give information **anonymously** phone CRIMESTOPPERS
or report it on-line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

0800 555 111



Rickling/Quendon Coffee Morning Club

**Wednesdays the 15th of August
and 19th of September 2018
10.00-12.00**

Sandwiches available at 12.00



**Please contact: Carole or Angela
on 01799 543807/218061
Quendon & Rickling Village Hall
Quendon, CB11 3XQ**

RISE+STRIDES for Churches

Saturday 8th September

Cycle or walk to raise money for your church

Half the money you raise will be spent on your church building. The other half will go towards repairing church buildings in Essex & East London.



Pick up a sponsorship form below or download a form at www.foect.org.uk

Friends of Essex Churches Trust - registered charity 236033

**Why not join
Archdeacon Robin
for part of his
ride around the
edge of the
Stansted
Archdeaconry?**



Want to sponsor Archdeacon Robin?

Go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-king3

**Make sure you mention the name of your church
when donating (type it after your name)**

**Half of your donation
will come back to your own church!**

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Congratulations to this month's winners!

Hilary Belton.....No 39.....£35

Patricia Sowter.....No 75.....£25

Tessa Derizoits.....No 75.....£15

Village Hall Update

We have now completed the first stage of the underpinning outside. 21 holes, dug, reinforced and filled. The second part is under way; the brickwork surrounding the cracks has been replaced and repointing. As I write the the ceiling in the small hall has been taken down ready for remedial work in the roof. When this is completed and the ceiling replaced it will be decorated. Thank you to all the classes who have changed rooms or days and been gracious about the dust!

Village Hall Committee

Newport Fete

Newport Village Fete will be held this year on Saturday 18th August from 12 noon on the Common, behind the Village Hall. This year the Fete features a Fun Dog Show with prizes and an overall first prize of a portrait of your pet by local artist Jo Cundall. There will also be a Car Boot Sale where pitches are available at £12.50 (or £10 if paid in advance - contact newport.fete.essex@gmail.com). Along with these attractions there will be a range of Fete Stalls including Tombola, Coconut Shy, Crockery Smash as well as Bouncy Castles and Pony Rides. Refreshments include Teas, Licensed Bar and BBQ. Admission is Free.

Further information can be found on the Fete Facebook page "newport village fete" where there also photographs etc. from previous years.

Quendon & Rickling Parish Council News

That football match

Obviously FIFA did not check in with Q&R PC when scheduling England's semi-final match for the same Wednesday as the July parish council meeting. However I am pleased to report that the council did meet on the 11th July although it's fair to say that it was a very efficient and speedy meeting so councillors at least saw most of the second half and extra time. Was it worth it? Discuss. Date of next meeting: 28th August.

Neighbourhood Plan

The steering committee is currently considering the responses from residents prior to submission of the draft plan.

Street lighting

Opinions are still being sought about whether lighting is appropriate in certain areas. The parish council is minded to purchase and install a sample light to see what people think. So at the moment the jury is still out.

Highway Ranger

No, not a cowboy dressed by Versacci with a Gucci saddle on his trusty steed (who could forgot the sheriff in Blazing Saddles?), who thinks a little mask will hide his identity. This is a group attached to Essex Highways who can be sent out on request to carry out smallish operations like clearing fly tipping and cutting back overgrown hedges. Stuff like that. Representatives from your parish council are planning to meet up with said Rangers to discuss what further tasks they can undertake specifically for the village.

Welcome Packs

The Parish Council provides a Welcome Pack of 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.

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**.

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**

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

I hope you are enjoying the summer and the events that have taken place around the village over the past few weeks. Good to see people out and about.

I am delighted to welcome Andrew Thomson to the PC and look forward to his contributions. I am glad to say that we did hold our last meeting on that 'night of football' for as a public meeting I felt we had to go ahead. However we only managed to miss about 20 minutes of the game in spite of a fairly long agenda.

Our Parish Clerk gives an excellent summary as to what is happening within the Parish Council and so I will not repeat the matters under consideration to any great length but just give an overview on a few topics.

You will have noticed a number of roadworks over the last few weeks, some of which we understand is partly due to Gigaclear laying their cable. The point I wish to raise is that the Parish Council is not informed in advance of any work being undertaken in the village. In future we are therefore going to ask for the relevant authority to let us know what they plan to do before they do it. If nothing else, it will save us the embarrassment of not knowing, when you ask what is happening.

The production of the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well as we now look through the comments made following the recent consultation. I am very grateful to

our District Councillors who have put in a great deal of effort and for their expertise on a whole range of subjects. We will be giving further updates later in the summer and explaining when and how we gain approval for the plan. This is important for the future of our village and so if you have any thoughts or comments please do get in touch.

There are of course many other ongoing activities in our parish. Trying to address the parking and speeding issues along the Cambridge Road, looking at how we can protect our Village Green, negotiating to take over the lease of the Football Ground are just a few examples. If you would like to make an input or become involved please do contact our Clerk, Keith, or myself. You do not have to be on the Parish Council but I am very keen that we enlist as much goodwill and talent as possible, it is all part of the community spirit.

Our next Parish Council is likely to be at the end of August which is different from that advertised but is due to individuals' availability and the need for us to keep in touch over the summer. Keep an eye and an ear out for that date where I hope to see as many of you as possible to hear what is happening in your village.

My very best regards,

Brandon Chapman

QUENDON AND RICKLING RUNFEST 2018

June saw our village host another fantastically enjoyable and successful Fun Run.

As two small villages, we should all feel very proud that we can put on such a great event.

The event has raised the fantastic sum of £5,700 for our school. Through our Community Programme we have also helped support other local schools, clubs and charitable causes. In particular we have helped support former Rickling pupil, Oscar Clark, who has raised nearly £1000 for The Maddi Foundation and Team Max who raised over £2,250 for The Addenbrookes Charitable Trust.

If any of our villagers are involved with a local charity or good cause and feel we would be able to assist in supporting that cause, then please do get in touch via email. info@quendonandricklingrunfest.co.uk

RunFest is an enormous event for us to organise and host, and we cannot do this without the support of our villagers, and we are tremendously grateful to all of you for your support.

Sincere thanks must also be paid to the numerous people who make this event happen. From our Course Organisers, Registration Team, Marshalls, Refreshment and BBQ Team, Cake Bakers, Race Commentator and all

Race Day helpers. We are grateful to our Head Teacher, Alan Gardiner, Staff, Governors, PTA, parents and pupils who all take an active role in the event and help us to raise significant funds to benefit our village school.

We remain indebted to the following supporters and sponsors, whose support enables us to host such an enjoyable and professional race;

Parklands, Quendon Hall

Prestige Vehicle Consultants

Fitness Focus

Sworders

Knight Frank

Quendon Osteopathy

Newport Village Stores

Terrace and Gardens

The Cricketers Arm

Evo Inflatables

The Quendon Estate

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you all again next year on **Sunday 23rd June 2019**

The RunFest Race Team and Rickling School PTA



Quendon & Rickling Soccer/Recreation Area

Quendon and Rickling Football Stadium has endured a period of disuse over the last season. To prevent us pulling a "Highbury" and building on its esteemed turf, we are seeking potential World Cup teams for Qatar 2022 to secure rights to the Q&R stadium. (... other sports and ideas welcome!)

Contact Chief Scout, Sally "Southgate" Kitcat (01799 542022) for details and help us bring football home again!

News from our Member of Parliament



Call for local business support from Kemi Badenoch MP

Saffron Walden MP Kemi Badenoch has issued a call for local businesses to support her apprenticeships fair later this year (October/November, details tba).

As a champion of options in education, Kemi has long been a supporter of apprenticeships and the positive impact they have on individuals, businesses, local communities and the wider economy. In the Saffron Walden constituency, there were 680 new apprenticeship starts in 2016/17. With greater investment planned, and new initiatives like degree apprenticeships introduced, this number looks set to rise in the coming years.

The fair, hosted and organised by Kemi, will be a chance for students to maximise their post-GCSE opportunities and enable local employers to tap into the wealth of young talent in the constituency.

However, support from business will be vital to the success of the fair.

"I cannot emphasise enough the value of apprenticeships", said Kemi Badenoch.

"My apprenticeship greatly improved my confidence and abilities. Now I want to help others do the same, but I need your help.

If your business offers apprenticeships and would be interested in exhibiting at the fair, please get in touch to find out more."

Government investment in apprenticeships and technical qualifications aims to give young people the best possible chance to choose the route that is right for them. With over 1.1 million apprenticeship starts between May 2015 and December 2017, take-up of higher level apprenticeships is increasing and more people are choosing them as a fast-track to a great career.

Anyone interested in exhibiting or attending should email Kemi on kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk and they will be added to the list of people we can contact with final details of the event.

Kemi presents award to another high-flying local business



Burtons Butchers of Saffron Walden have won official accreditation as a certified supplier after undergoing rigorous tests into their abilities to produce top-quality, safe and legal food.

"In a post-Brexit world we will need to ensure that our food production is of the highest quality. I was really pleased to see Burtons recognised by SALSA for the very high standards they now meet", said Kemi Badenoch MP, who presented the award to Andrew Burton (Managing Director) and the team last week.

"Knowing where our food comes from is vital, and it's so important that we do not have a race to the bottom on food quality as we look to trade globally."

Mrs. Badenoch has visited several local businesses recently, and is committed to supporting the high street: "Many businesses are going from strength to strength but others do face challenges. When we leave the European Union, our farmers and local businesses should have greater opportunities to trade with the rest of the world and operate in new markets. I will continue my work in parliament on this issue."

If you are a local business with concerns around Brexit or any other issue you would like to share with Mrs. Badenoch, please contact her on: kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

N.B. I've been trying hard to get news from Westminster, and I hope to make it a regular feature in *The Link*. I hope that you like it!

Robert Arnold, Editor

Local Plan – how to submit your views

The latest version of the Draft Local Plan is at the final stage before the plan is submitted to the government for independent examination.

Residents and other interested parties are invited to put forward their views on the plan.

Comments must be received by 5pm on 13 August 2018.

The quickest and easiest way to respond is via the online consultation portal at

http://uttlesford-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning_policy/local_plan_2018/udc_reg_19

E.E.T.S.A. GREEN ENERGY WARNING

The East of England Trading Standards Association (EETSA) has seen an increase in the number of reports of “Green Energy” companies fraudulently targeting individuals, attempting to sell devices for their property, as well as maintenance contracts.

This has resulted in substantial financial losses to many consumers who have fallen victim to this fraud.

Examples

A resident is targeted by a solar energy company. The company may use one of the following tactics to engage with the resident:

- Advising that they have details of the consumer’s solar panel system.
- Informing the resident that their solar panel supplier has ceased trading and the panels installed may be dangerous.
- Advising the resident that new legislation requires them to have a device installed, and failure to install it would mean the emergency services would not attend if the solar panels caused a fire.
- Implying that they have taken over from the original supplier and are offering a “free health check”.
- Advising that the systems warranty may be expiring soon, including that for additional products such as their PIV device, or Inverters.

A sales visit is undertaken, and the resident is sold a device and / or maintenance contract for their system.

EETSA has seen a new trend of consumers being sold “positive input ventilation”, or PIV device. This is a legitimate product, which extracts moisture from the loft space by pushing in dry air. These products are being sold at prices significantly above their list value, and may not be appropriate for all households.

Additionally, we have been alerted to potential mis-selling of Digital Solar Panel Inverters. Digital inverters are a legitimate product with the Solar Edge HD Wave being a leading brand. All solar panel installations need an inverter to transform DC energy from the solar panel into AC energy that can be used by the household.

It is believed the health check may be used as an attempt to mis-sell the consumer a digital inverter through false claims that their existing inverter is not functioning properly, is about to stop working, or that a new digital



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inverter will save money. This is often accompanied by exaggerated claims of savings being made.

Another new method of operating for these companies is to offer maintenance contracts, possibly for as long as 20 years. These contracts are not insurance-backed, so are potentially of little value, and have no protection if the company ceases trading. In some instances, the trader is taking payment up-front for these contracts, rather than regular payments, with no service immediately provided.

Consumers with concerns about their solar panel system should contact the original installer. If the original installer has ceased to trade the system may still be covered under warranty provided by an insurance backed scheme. Consumers should check

the paperwork they have in connection to the installation.

PREVENTION ADVICE

- Never sign on the spot and check the identity of the caller.
- Be wary of special offers, maintenance contracts, and warnings about your home.
- Contact your original installer to confirm any information supplied about their current trading status and warranties you already hold.
- Never pay up front, and don't pay by cash. Pay with a cheque (which can be traced if necessary) or if the service or goods cost more than £100 then use a credit card as this offers extra protection.
- You have 14 days to cancel the agreement. If you cancel, any monies that you have paid should be returned to you.
- The trader must give you a written notice of your cancellation rights when you agree the contract. If the trader doesn't provide you with this information, **they commit a criminal offence.**
- The trader can only carry out work within this cancellation period if you have given your agreement in writing. Do not feel pressured into signing a document allowing the installation to be undertaken immediately.
- If you have been contacted by a company that you have concerns about, contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on **03454 040506**.

QUENDON BOWLING CLUB a History - continued

Chapter VI - conclusion

Work on the interior of the pavilion was begun (1979), with battening for panelling, plastering of dressing rooms etc, and was to continue well into 1980. Water and power being the next essentials, the electrical work being done by a member's son, thereby saving a sum of money. The Club benefitted from the will of an ex member (Mr G Baltrop) of £100.

The furnishing of the interior was now a subject under discussion. Carpet through one of the members (G King) through his Company, Lancashire Carpets, was purchased for the sum of £350 to cover the lounge. Further offers of carpet from the Chairman's (S How) Company (Nat-West) were made to the Club, and accepted. When it was delivered and laid (a splendid one as can be imagined, coming from the Bank's Headquarters) some three sections were left over. There is a story concerning these. Going into the Coach and Horses, a committee member remarked on the state of the carpets, and mentioned the availability of some excellent floor covering. The publican was duly impressed and bought the aforesaid carpet for £300, which found its way back into the Club's funds. When the publican moved to another hostelry, he took the carpet with him. Today if you visit the Chequers Inn, you will see that self same carpet adorning that floor.

The National Coaching scheme was also introduced into the Club. Gordon Dickson, Doug Alcock, Derek Rayment, taking and passing the instruction course.

Trumans in making their offer of £750 linked it with the proviso that the Club was to sell at least 45 barrels of beer a year, a figure unlikely to have been reached. To their credit the Brewers did not enforce it, but until repayment was completed, as stated previously, a lien on the furniture was obtained.

With the completion of the Pavilion and car park, the old one was dismantled, moved to another site and part rebuilt for the tools and machinery. Conifers were planted around the Park. With new tables, chairs the Pavilion was at last becoming alive. An entertainments committee was formed to use the Club through the winter months, and to keep the spirit alive.

A new rink was also being thought of, to bring a full six rinker into play, to be laid down on the west side, where the old pavilion was situated. This was to begin later in the year of '80, and indeed '81 opened with working parties preparing the ground. Despite the weather, clinker ash, top soil, drainage and levelling had been complete early, grass seed applied, and before June of that year germinated.

A formal opening of the Pavilion WAS now planned to coincide with the 50 years of the Club's existence, during 1982. Dignitaries from the Bowling world were being asked to officiate, with the President of the English Bowling Assn. the principal guest.

With the Brewers Truman involved in the financial support for the Building, it was felt that a special day in the Club's calendar should be allocated for competition, and it was hoped a trophy would be presented by them. As Doug Alcock had been the principal negotiator with them, he was given the task of organiser. This he did successfully, and today this event figures large as a red letter, involving as it does, invited members from selected clubs competing for the trophy.

In June of the year repayments of the loans made by members began, and it is to the Club's credit that all the money was returned in a very short period.

The green committee at this period was headed by H Rider (a specialist on greens) ably assisted by Jesse Wooljard, and Brian Thorn carrying out the work requirements. New drains were being laid during the close season to afford quicker release of surface water, and to bring the square and surround up to a peak condition for what was to be a memorable season.

At the AGM it was disclosed that the EBA President was to officially open the Pavilion, with games arranged on the day, and further games with the Essex County Bowling Assn, also in celebration. The Ladies two-wood singles were also to be an attraction. Heady times indeed were coming, Jubilee pieces had been acquired for distribution. I record the composition of the Officers elected in that Golden Jubilee year of 1982.

President	G C Dickson
Chairman/Dep Pres	S G How
Vice Chairman/Comp Sec	J Millar
Secretary/Match Sec	H Norgett
Treasurer	L Weare
Ass Secretary	W Caton
Auditor	S G How
Captain	W Ratcliffe
Vice Captain	J Beech
NWE League Rep	C Dennison
ECBA Group II Del	D Alcock
General Committee	D Alcock, R Wright, J Tayler
Bar Committee	W Barber, L Weare, A Halker

The year 1982 opened rather quietly, with bad weather limiting activities. The bank on the east side was lowered and railway sleepers used for restraint. The final touches to the new pavilion were completed with insulation to part of roof space. The attendance at the Annual Dinner was disappointing, only 69 places taken. For the official opening a plaque commemorating the event was to be placed, within the Pavilion, and the local Observer asked to cover the big day.

Both days taken for the Opening Ceremony turned out well, the games played successfully and everyone in high spirits. To mark this very special occasion in the Clubs history, and to honour the President Gordon Dickson, his photograph was placed alongside the Golden Jubilee plaque adorning the inside wall of the Pavilion.

The remainder of that year must have been an anticlimax after many years of toil, but matches were played, greens looked after, events organised, and the business of the Quendon Bowling Club carried on by the elected officers.

Retiring from office at the year's end, Gordon Dickson, along with Stuart Ennals, and Harold Clayden, were made Honorary Life Members as a mark of respect for the devotion shown in the Club's interest over many years.

It should also be recorded the work of the small force of volunteers who gave three years of their lives in the

building of the Pavilion and attendant works, and sacrifices in their home lives. I refer to: Gordon Dickson, Harold Norgett, R Wright, Doug Alcock, Derek Rayment, W Ratcliffe, Len Weare, Grace Peasly, Gladys Weare, the last two names for the supply of sustenance daily.

In closing the History, it is the people gone before, that make a Club by their example and it is to those that follow that the Club must trust to emulate and if possible surpass in endeavour.

The End.

Q&R Village Apple Press



The apple blossom was really promising again this year

Quendon and Rickling village owns an apple press which you can borrow for a very small fee to press your own apples. Between us we have all the extra tools you might need and a heap of enthusiasm and experience plus a modicum of expertise to assist. Whether you just want to produce fantastic juice or go on to making your own cider we can help out.

We'll be running a village apple pressing day later in the year (in early October) but if you want to press some juice before that please get in touch.

Contact any VPAG member or Tom Duncan via Facebook / [tdd@debdenduncans.plus.com](https://www.facebook.com/tdd@debdenduncans.plus.com)



www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The Society is really pleased to confirm the publication of its first book - The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction. It was printed by Lavenham Press of Suffolk who have done a fine job in producing a quality hardback book with excellent reproduction of photos.



The book introduces the reader to the rich history of each village and town within the area and paints a picture of life in the Hundred Parishes up to the start of the 21st century. The book is A4 size with more than 400 pages.

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

It includes almost a thousand photos and an extensive index. It is priced at £25 per copy.

The publication marks a significant step in the Society's mission to raise awareness and appreciation of the Hundred Parishes, an area of 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is characterised by its rich and diverse heritage. It expands on the parish information already available on the Society's website, where visitors can also download walk routes and find sources of further information and activities associated with the area's culture, history, heritage, countryside, wildlife and conservation.

The Society's trustees hope the book will inspire residents and visitors to further explore and appreciate the Hundred Parishes. There is so much to see. We are confident that you will enjoy the book now; and then refer to it regularly over the coming years.

The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction can be purchased at the Tourist Information Centres in Saffron Walden, Thaxted and Bishop's Stortford, as well as Great Bardfield's independent bookshop, Between the Lines.

It is also available in Stansted Mountfitchet from me, Ken McDonald. I can be contacted on 01279 813226 or via the website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Quendon and Rickling Golf Society

Who would believe that this is the 11th year that this golf match against Manuden has been played? Who would believe that this is the 5th year in succession that Q&R Golf Society have won!?

16 players volunteered to put their reputations on the line for this annual match. In the photo are Ray Hart, Penny Ackerman, Jaine Fieldhouse, John Burnham, Jan Rackham, Fiona McKeating, Ike Hutchin, Tony Jones, Brandon Chapman, Sue Knight, Nigel Ackerman & Nick Reed. Shunning the limelight and avoiding the camera were Mervyn Waite, Jean Burnham, Mike Nuthall and Alan Price.

It was a glorious day on Monday 16th July at 1pm and it was 27 degrees as the first group stood on the tee and it was going to get hotter! The format for the day was four-ball-better-ball where the best scoring pair won each hole and whichever team won the most holes then won that mini match. The parched conditions at Saffron Walden Golf Club made for some interesting shots with balls bouncing further into trouble than usual.

It was a long hot afternoon and at the end of it we won by 5 1/2 to 2 1/2, every one said their games were played in the usual friendly manner and it was agreed that we

would defend the Trophy again next year. You can put your name down for the team now! The day was rounded off with a BBQ at the club with the Manuden players. Perfect!

Well done SuperTeam and thanks to Tony Jones for all the organisation of such a successful day.

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Report from District Councillors Anthony Gerard and Neil Hargreaves

New Homes Bonus

The best thing about being a district councillor is that we have cash to give away to good causes in the Ward, this year £2000 per councillor. Last financial year contributions were made to youth and sports groups and facilities throughout the ward, and to both primary schools. We helped fund repairs to Widdington children's playground, Quendon Village Hall, and to support the Winstanley Celebrations. (If you missed this one, Winstanley is credited with saving Christmas by keeping festivities going when Cromwell banned everything that might possibly be fun). We are now open to requests for this year's spend

Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation on the draft 'regulation 14' Plan finished in June. We had 11 responses from residents and local business owners, 15 responses from statutory bodies, and 9 responses from landowners and developers. The list of 'statutory bodies', and landowners known to have an interest in the plan area, was supplied largely from UDC and was about 75 contacts. It includes all local parish councils, utility providers, Historic England, Sport England, the Environment Agency and local organisations such as schools, youth groups, and churches. The two key consultees are UDC and Essex County Council.

The Steering group has been going through the responses and we are meeting first with UDC this month (July) to

go through with them our responses to their responses. On consultations, for example on the Local Plan, it is typically residents' comments being 'noted' by UDC. It is quite interesting to be in the opposite situation!

All the consultation responses received will be published, as will the steering group's consideration of them and resulting adjustments. The documentation will all be seen by the Inspector who will review the final version of the Plan

Not surprisingly a developer with a major application recently refused, but still within time for appeal, and another one with a large application awaiting determination (both Newport), are critical of any aspect which might make their applications less acceptable. These will nevertheless be fully responded to, and it is very useful to have the arguments presented as it allows us to fine tune policies to make them clearer. We have found from attending a Planning Appeal for a Newport site that wording which is obvious to those who wrote it, can be 'interpreted' by a barrister, who has only to create uncertainty to get an Inspector to put little weight on the policy.

Speed limits

Anthony put in a full application to Essex Highways at the end of last year to extend the speed limit south of Quendon (and also north of Newport where the new, and very successful, affordable houses are, opposite

Shortgrove). This has been chased at various times but it has been most useful to receive the recent emails from concerned residents of the Cala developments. Anthony has compiled these into a further chase to the Essex Highways projects officer. Extending the Quendon limit should have been a condition of the planning permissions and paid for by Cala. In order to make sure this doesn't happen again we included a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan:

'Policy TR1 Extension of speed limits and footways

Further ribbon development along the B1383, and outside into the Cam valley is not supported. However, should applications still be considered, the following requirements will apply for the safety and amenity of residents of, and visitors to, new developments:

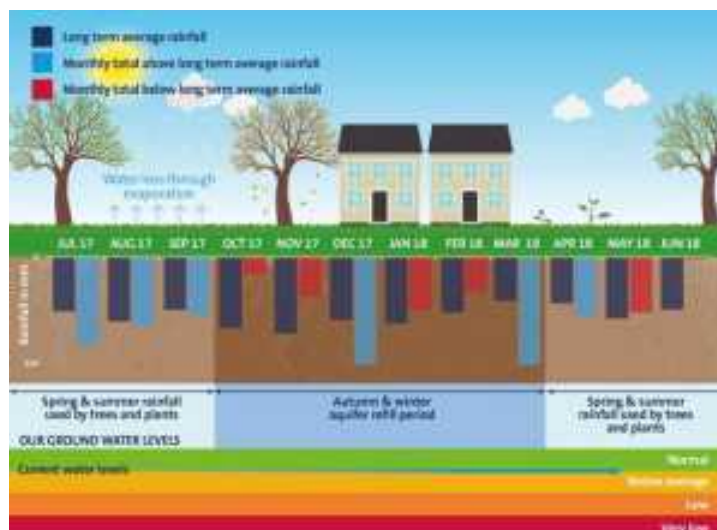
1. Developments are to provide, or fund, safe footways connecting into the settlements. These may be alongside roads, or preferably on the inside of developments, connecting to existing footways
2. Extensions of speed limits are to be funded by developments where their vehicle access is near to, or outside of, the 30 mph boundary, as agreed with Essex Highways. Footways along roads outside of the 30 mph limits will also be a reason for extending speed limits'

A recurring theme in the Neighbourhood Plan is policies seeking to fix weaknesses that residents have seen in how things are currently done, or in this case not done.

Water supplies

Maybe by the time this is published we will have some rain. But the good news is that although our aquifer water supplies are normally a matter of concern, as the aquifers are not filled during the summer the drought

doesn't make much difference to our supplies. For info here is the latest chart of rainfall from Affinity Water



June hasn't been missed out – there just wasn't any rain. What is of concern is that the Local Plan, just moved to the next stage, is 'supported' by a voluminous Water Cycle Study which says, without further explanation, that the extra 2.5m tonnes a year which will be needed may come from 'the West'! We are not informed as to whether The West has been consulted, or indeed may be building thousands of houses itself and not in any mood to pass on its precious resources.

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

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Advice from our Essex Watch Liaison Officer

Sources of Crime Prevention Advice on the Internet

For those of you wishing to source your own information and have access to the internet here are a few web links below for crime prevention advice, but of course there is still the **101** Police Non-Emergency number available:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> - a wealth of advice on different subjects, we have recently updated the Home Security section.

<https://www.police.uk/> - Crime maps of your local area, advice and more.

<https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/> - Very good nationwide independent webpage run by a retired "Met" Crime Prevention Officer. Frequent crime prevention articles by Essex CPTA are also published here under the "News" heading.

<https://www.independentage.org/information/housing-options/home-security> - One of many information sheets by this organisation.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/care/home-safety/crime-prevention/>

There are also a number of organisations that provide security advice relating to that specific subject area such as <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice> and in the search box typing in "Garden Security".

<http://www.securedbydesign.com/about-secured-by-design/> third party tested security products, the organisation is run by Police Crime Prevention Initiatives Ltd.

<http://www.locksmiths.co.uk/> - Master Locksmith Association accredited locksmiths

<http://www.soldsecure.com/> owned by the Master Locksmith Association a source of finding tested and approved locks etc. with the appropriate level of security for your requirements.

<https://www.nsi.org.uk/> National Security Inspectorate and <https://ssaib.org/> Security Systems and Alarms Inspectorate – Intruder alarm and CCTV accredited supplier and installers.

And a reliable trader?

We are quite often asked "where can I find crime prevention advice myself and how can I ensure that a trader is reliable".

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<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/> or 0345 4040506 - Traders checked out by Trading Standards.

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Should someone suffer a cardiac arrest or show symptoms of a heart attack e.g. pains in the chest, then your first action should always be to phone the ambulance service on 999. The service will refer you to our Automated External Defibrillator which is at the front entrance to Quendon & Rickling Village Hall. Anyone can save a life by using it until an ambulance arrives. In addition you can seek help from any of the volunteers listed below.

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For further information see www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/

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What's On

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	Hall Manager 01799 543367
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
Armadillos	<i>Tuesdays (term-time)</i>	09.00	Rickling School	Stevie Green 01799 542734
Coffee Group	<i>3rd 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	Hall Manager 01799 543367
Wednesday Club	<i>Wednesdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Christine Osbourn 01799 543367
Carpet Bowls	<i>Wednesdays</i>	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Prayer Meeting	<i>Thursdays</i>	09.00	Rickling Church	
Line Dancing	<i>Thursdays</i>	-	Q&R Village Hall	Dawn Bond 01787 460274
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	Hall Manager 01799 543367
Social Evening	<i>Fridays</i>	19.00	Quendon Bowls Club	David Edwards 07804 954095
Whist Drive	<i>1st & 3rd Sats</i>	19.30	Quendon Bowls Club	Tony Green 01799 218796
BCP Communion	<i>12th August</i>	11.00	Quendon Church	
Coffee Morning	<i>15th August</i>	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	see p3
Newport Fete	<i>18th August</i>	12.00	Newport Common	See p4
Holy Communion	<i>26th August</i>	11.00	Rickling Church	
Ride & Stride	<i>8th September</i>		see p3	
BCP Communion	<i>9th September</i>	11.00	Quendon Church	
Evening Prayer	<i>16th September</i>	18.00	Rickling Church	
Coffee Morning	<i>19th September</i>	10.00-12.00	Q&R Village Hall	see p3
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