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Parish
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NEWS

June 2016

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*Quendon &
Rickling
Photographic
Competition
April 2016*

*First prize in
Patterns Class
and overall
winner*

Fish Crates

by

Jane Davis

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.

The Rev'd. Neil McLeod, The Vicarage, 5, Meadowford, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 3QL

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From the Vicarage Study

Rev. Neil McLeod,

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

There have been many celebrations already marking the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and these will continue through the month of June. I wonder whether you knew that as well as being the Sovereign over the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, the Queen also holds a particular role within the Church of England. Namely she is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Whilst the role is largely ceremonial, it is the Queen who formally appoints archbishops, bishops and deans of cathedrals on the advice of the Prime Minister. She also has a unique and special relationship with the Church of Scotland, which is a Free Church.

I found this historical information on Wikipedia. The origin of both the title and the position can be traced back to when Henry VIII had broken with Rome, seizing the Church's assets in England and subsequently declaring that the Church of England was the established church in the land. He placed himself as the head of the new church. The Act of Supremacy 1534 confirmed the King's status as having supremacy over the church and required the nobility to swear an oath recognising Henry's supremacy. The act was repealed when Queen Mary I attempted to restore the English Church's allegiance to the Pope, but it was then subsequently restored by Queen Elizabeth I. However at that point in time it was changed such that the monarch now took on the title of Supreme Governor rather than Supreme Head of the church. The Bible recognises Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church in Ephesians 5:23, and as such the reigning monarch could not take on that role.

In her role as Supreme Governor over the Church I, along with others about to be ordained, had to take an oath in which we swore allegiance to the Queen, and Archbishop. As this was a legal requirement the oath was sworn in the presence of the Diocesan Registrar. In the ordination service these words would have been said, "They have duly taken the oath of allegiance to the Sovereign and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. They have affirmed and declared their belief in 'the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness'".

When I was licensed in Newport Church as Priest-in-Charge of Newport and Widdington I would have said these words, "I, Neil Raymond McLeod, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and successors according to law; so help me God.

It may be a largely ceremonial role, but I consider the Queen's role within the Church of England to be extremely important.

Neil

Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 5th June

9.30am	Widdington	Family Service
11.00am	Newport	Family Communion

Sunday 13th June

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

Sunday 20th June

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

Sunday 27th June

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

In addition to these services, prayer meetings are held as follow:

Quendon, Mondays 4 30 pm
Rickling, Thursdays 9 00am
Widdington, Tuesday 9 00am
Newport, Wednesday 4 30 pm.

Parochial Church Council News



Quendon Church Altar Frontal

The Altar frontals are changed throughout the year according to the Church festivals, i.e. Lent, Easter, Christmas etc. The Gold frontal at Quendon Church had become very thin and tattered. Thanks to a small group of women who meet occasionally to sew, new fabric was bought and with careful work a replacement was made. With the small amount of fabric left, they went on to make a new frontal for the small altar at Rickling Church, replacing the original, sad and worn out one, which has needed attention for years.

This was achieved by the sewing skills of Sandy and Christine. Warm thanks go to them both.

In the early hours of Friday 6 May, thieves attempted to steal the copper from the roof at Rickling church. Although the attempt was abandoned, two bays of copper were destroyed with guttering, masonry and roof tiles damaged. The roof has subsequently been made good and water-tight, and we are now in the process of obtaining quotes to have it repaired.

Grass cutting will begin after the late spring Bank Holiday so please excuse the meadow like appearance until then.



Rickling Church Altar Frontal

In Memoriam

Patricia Wawn 1924 – 2016

Her funeral took place at Quendon Church on 6th May. The service was conducted by Rev. Paul Schwier. Our sympathy to Pat's family.

Daphne Rose Vealey (nee Warwick) 1926 – 2016

Her funeral took place at Rickling Church on 28th April. A member of a very old village family. Our sympathy to her relatives.

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

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Churchwardens - **Quendon:** Mrs Maureen Hawkins 01799 543201 and Mrs Christine Osbourn 01799 543367

Rickling: Lisa Huxtable 01799 542995

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

COFFEE MORNING

Quendon & Rickling Village Hall

Saturday 4th June – 10am – 12 noon.

Including SALE of Cakes, Plants, Cards, Handicrafts, Preserves and Bric-a-brac.

There will also be a raffle

Everyone welcome to join us for coffee, cake and the sale.

Proceeds towards EXTEND, outing to Bressingham and Great Yarmouth on 22nd June.

The trip is also open to villagers who can book seats or obtain details from Pat Turner: 543314

DAY TRIP

to Bressingham and Great Yarmouth on Wednesday 22nd June 2016

Picking up from Village Hall Car Park at 9am returning approx. 6.30pm

Phon Pat Turner for details and to book coach seat 543314



Contact details for local Police

Essex Police operate through Local Policing Hubs, and it is not possible to contact individual members of that team for day-to-day activities.

The recommended procedure is to contact the police using the 101 service (if 999 is not appropriate, i.e. for non-emergency situations). Calls to the 101 Centre will determine how to respond and, where appropriate, this will be passed to either Response Officers or members of the Local Policing Hub.



The Village Plan Action Group - Keeping in Touch

A recurring theme throughout the Village Action Plan has been to explore interest in setting up an online forum for sharing ideas, news and events. Now the VAP working groups are actioning recommendations from residents, it's the ideal time to set up a Facebook page.

So the Parish Council has launched a page which will share ideas, news and events for both the Council and VAPG.

The Link continues to be a great way to keep in touch offering news and information from around the community each month to every household in Quendon and Rickling.

Parish Council updates appear on the three notice boards set around the village. These are sited at the Village Hall, Thistley Crescent and Coney Acre and are maintained by the Parish Clerk. You can also elect to receive regular bulletins from the Parish Council via email. To register, please contact the Parish Clerk at quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com

It's hoped the new Facebook page will give more immediate access to bulletins and earlier notice of events so more people will be able to join in with community activities. It will also give residents the opportunity to 'have their say'. So do become a 'Friend' by going to <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011970814112&fref=pymk>

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 22nd June 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:

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

Any changes will be advertised.

Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2016

This is a Notice of Public Rights, which gives any person the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and related documentation.

Those records will be available for inspection by any person interested.

For the year ended 31st March 2016 these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to

Sue Joannou – Clerk & RFO to Quendon & Rickling Parish Council

4 The Green, Rickling Green, Essex, CB11 3YG
01799 541984

Quendonandrickling.clerk@hotmail.com

Commencing on Monday **6th June 2016**

And ending on Friday **15th July 2016**

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

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

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 Is no longer visiting 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 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 and Rickling Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report

May 2016

It seems a very long time since I was able to start an annual report without a reference to planning. And so it continues. I wrote in my report last year that CALA Homes had submitted a new application for the Foxley House site. Despite our objections the application was approved in full and as we all know work is now ongoing. Most of you will be aware that following the sad death of Pat Wawn, CALA have now made an application for 12 houses on the site of Ventnor Lodge. Our response to this is still under consideration.

We continue to press ECC Highways for road safety work, and with some success. Plans have been made to improve the junction of Belcham's Lane and the reduced speed limit in Green Road is approved in principle. Problems remain on this issue regarding the siting of speed limit signs but I am hopeful that these will be overcome.

Financially the Parish Council remains well managed and in a good position. We still hold a contingency of around £20,000 which I believe is appropriate for a council representing our population. We continue to make modest donations to charities, including our churches and will as always consider requests from projects within the villages. We continue to meet our expenditure without the need to request any increase in precept.

I wrote last year that three councillors had been replaced. Unfortunately one of those replacements has since left us, and has in turn been replaced by Paul Wilsher. I am very happy to report that Paul and the remaining two ladies, Lindy and Sally, are proving to be exactly as we would hope, which is to say, keen and hard working.

We also said goodbye this year to Sue Phillips, the Parish Clerk. Sue took on the role, it seems like forever ago, at the same time that I was first elected Chairman. She was the proverbial 'duck to water' and was a tremendous help to me personally. She was replaced by another Sue, Sue Joannou, who I am very happy to say seems equally adept and suited for the job. There must be something in the name.

The Village Plan was completed and published last year and sent to the District Council for approval and adoption. Congratulations to the Village Plan Committee on a job very well done. But work continues. Actions identified by the village plan need to be put in place and while I know that some have volunteered to assist the Committee, I am sure more are needed.

On this subject, we have affiliated ourselves with Newport Parish Council which has begun the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a far more powerful document in terms of planning once adopted by the District Council.

Once again my thanks to our long serving County Councillor Ray Gooding who I know is working for us at Essex, and to Joanne Parry and Neil Hargreaves, our District Councillors.

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Finally, as ever, my thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors who work hard for our villages throughout the year and of course to Sue, the only professional among us, who has made a great start in the role and who I hope will be with us for the foreseeable future.

Alan Price
Chair, Quendon and Rickling Parish Council.



QUENDON & RICKLING 1K 5K 10K FUNRUN 2016
SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2016
START RICKLING C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL RICKLING GREEN, ESSEX, CB11 3YG

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

ENTRIES
WWW.RICKLING.ESSEX.SCH.UK
 ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO RICKLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RICKLING CARERS' CLUB

Invite you to an

AFTERNOON TEA TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Wednesday June 15th

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Quendon Village Hall,
 Quendon CB11 3XQ

Admission Free

Donations to the Carer Club will
 be welcome

Please Book your place by 7th June by Phoning
 Marion on 01799 542573 or Carole on 01799
 543807 for more information

QUENDON & RICKLING 100 CLUB

APPLICATION FORM 2017/18

I would like to join the Quendon & Rickling 100 Club. I am over 16 years of age. I would like to buy number(s) which will cost me £2 per month for each number. I understand that I will receive a membership card, with my draw numbers, which will be my receipt.

PLEASE COMPLETE PART A or B below and return to by Clare Willoughby, Bury Farm Cottage, Maces Farm, Rickling Green, Saffron Walden, Essex. CB11 3YG 20 APRIL 2017

PART A

I would like to pay by standing order and have completed this instruction to my bank.

TO.....Bank
.....Address
.....

Sort code..... Account number.....

Account name.....

I instruct you until further notice to debit the above account with the sum of £..... on the first day of May 2017 and at monthly intervals thereafter to the credit of QUENDON & RICKLING VILLAGE HALL at

Lloyds Bank, King Street, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1HF

Sort code: 30-97-24 Account number: 46326060

Dated.....day of.....2017

SignedName

Address.....

Telephone number.....

PART B

I would like to pay by cheque or cash for the year May 2017 to April 2018 and enclose £..... (£24 per number)

Cheques should be made payable to QUENDON & RICKLING VILLAGE HALL

Signed..... Name.....

Address.....

Telephone number..... Date.....

Quendon & Rickling 100 Club

Many congratulations to our lucky winners this month.

1st prize.....49. £35.....Rita Lockwood

2nd prize..... 98. £25.....Sarah Gemmill

3rd prize.....92. £15.....Lisa Huxtable

Last year the 100 club was able to donate £350 to the churches and £350 to the village hall. This was a wonderful achievement, considering we all pay a small amount each month and some of us are lucky enough to get our money back and more!!

We have a good number of people that have renewed their numbers, but, unfortunately some people have moved, so our numbers are down this year. This can be seen in the prize money now. It is not too late to join our 100 club. I have included the form for 'new members' to fill & return to me, if you would like to join us at all. Remember, as the saying goes.....'you gotta be in it to win it'!

Many thanks,

Clare.

Bury Farm Cottage, Maces farm.

cgtwilloughby@hotmail.com 01799 543637



Saturday 11th June
12pm to 3pm

- Face Painting • Hair and Nails bar • BBQ •
- Traditional Stalls • Pimms and Beer tent •
- Coffee and Cake • Human Hungry Hippos •
- Raffle • Bouncy Castle • and much more...



The Hundred Parishes Society

Our area offers no end of opportunities for those who enjoy lovely countryside, attractive villages and places of interest. It is exceptionally rich in heritage and footpaths and well served by welcoming pubs and tea rooms.

We encourage you to explore somewhere local that you have not visited for a while, perhaps never even heard of. There is a list of all the hundred parishes on our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. They appear on a diagrammatic map and each has a short introduction.

Most parishes have at least one ancient church. Although a third are usually locked, the majority are open to view and have leaflets explaining key features. If you enjoy looking round, please record your visit in their visitor book and drop some coins in the donation box. Most of the area's attractions are now open for the summer – a wonderful and varied choice of museums, gardens, galleries, windmills, stately home, zoo, etc. Most are listed on our website's Attractions pages with a link to their own website for opening times, etc. There are also a number of nature reserves, most of which can be visited at any time.

Our website What's On page lists specific events and opportunities. It is regularly updated and currently includes more than a hundred activities that are consistent with our aims to increase knowledge, enjoyment and conservation.

We rely on funding from membership subscriptions to keep our website live and to be able to expand the services we provide. Membership costs only £10 a year for a household, a council or any other organisation. If you are not already a member, please consider joining – the easiest way is to go to our website and select the Membership option.

Ken McDonald,
Secretary



QUENDON & RICKLING 100 CLUB

We are pleased to invite you to join the Quendon & Rickling 100 Club which is run by Quendon & Rickling Village Hall Committee and Quendon & Rickling Parochial Church Council. This is your chance to win a monthly cash prize and help support the upkeep of the Village Hall and our two churches. A Club application form is on the reverse of this page. Please complete it and return to Clare Willoughby at the address shown below.

This is how the Club works.

1. You are invited to purchase a number or numbers to be entered in the cash prize draw each month. The cost per number is £2 a month or £24 a year. We plan to offer three cash prizes £50, £30 and £20 assuming that at least 100 numbers are purchased. There is also the prospect of having a Super-draw once or twice a year where a higher value prize could be offered if more numbers are purchased. We will confirm what the cash prizes will be with your membership card and in **THE LINK**.
2. Half the Club's income will be allocated to the cash prizes and the other half, less expenses, to the Village Hall and the local churches.
3. Numbers are drawn around the middle of each month. Each draw will be made in the presence of an independent witness. Winners are notified individually and their names published in **THE LINK**.

We hope that we will have your support for this village activity. It is possible that we could be contacting YOU soon with the good news that you are a lucky winner! If you have any questions please speak to Clare 01799 543637

Sonia Michaelides for Quendon & Rickling Village Hall
Clare Willoughby, for Quendon & Rickling Church

Essex continues to say “No” to Rogue Traders in 2016

Essex Police and Trading Standards continued to build on their success of last year in raising community awareness of rogue traders during National Rogue Trader week in April.

Rogue traders are people who call at your door pretending to be qualified tradespeople and offering to do work on your home. Some rogue traders try to sell poor quality goods at your door for highly inflated prices.

They may seem friendly and persuasive but too often they target vulnerable elderly people and recommend work is done that is not required, not actually carried out or carried out to such a poor standard it requires further work and expense to correct it.

They may claim to know your neighbours and have done work for them.

Take a look at their advice and make sure you don't fall victim to a rogue trader.

Trading Standards advice is:

- Never hire tradesmen who knock for business at your door – you decide whether you want repairs on your home.
- Find a reputable worker from the ‘Buy with Confidence’ website managed by Trading Standards.

A genuine trader won't:

- Call without an appointment
- Ask you to go to the bank to withdraw cash or make a money transfer
- Offer to take you to the bank to withdraw cash for payment
- Ask you to pay in full before the work is complete
- Insist that you make a decision about the work offered on the spot
- Bully or scare you into doing the work

If you do think you need some work doing:

- Contact a Buy with Confidence accredited trader 0345 4040506 www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk
- Get a number of quotes
- Get a written estimate detailing exactly what work will be carried out, how much it will cost and what the terms of payment are
- Take your time to make sure you're happy with what you're undertaking – ask a trusted friend/relative for advice

Report any crimes or suspicious incidents to the police on 101, or in an emergency dial 999. If you need to contact Trading Standards please call the Trading Standards helpline (run by Citizens Advice) on 03454 040506.

Golf Society at Brickendon Grange Golf Club

On Wednesday April 21st, the Queen's birthday, the Golf Society had its first event of the year which was a visit to Brickendon Grange Golf Club not far from Hertford. It's not an easy journey early in the morning amongst the daily commuters but 17 of us arrived ready for the day at around 9.30a.m. and chatted over coffee and pastries before embarking on our round of golf.

This is our first visit to the course and it proved a good choice. A draw for playing partners saw us teamed up into threes and the format of the day was very much dependent on good play as well as luck as to how the team dovetailed together to maximise the total score. The course had its challenges with water and ditches and other hazards which seem to attract the balls away from all that open fairway space which supposedly should lead us from tee to green with relative ease! It's an unpredictable game but we keep trying and certainly enjoy giving it our best, especially in such good company. We had chosen a dry day when temperatures were not too bad at all so that was a bit of a result in this winter and early spring of such poor weather.

The Brickendon Grange Club were very welcoming to us and put on a great late lunch in a private room for us and we had good fun catching up on news with friends and neighbours as well as mulling over our game on the day. 17 does not readily make up 6 teams of three so we employed the use of a 'phantom' to even things up for the scores to be worked out. As usual we had a prize for Nearest the Pin on one of the short holes and that was won by Mervyn Waite. The Longest Drive for the men was won by Anthony Gold and for the ladies by Jaine Fieldhouse. The overall winning team was Paul Fieldhouse, Tony Knight and Jane Waite. All in all a good day and good start to our golfing year.

We shall meet up again in May when those who can will go up to Thetford and if you would like to join us please contact janewaite@hotmail.com and we'll add you to the list.

Rickling CofE Primary School

It has been a busy start to the Summer Term with many exciting activities for the children. There have been sporting events, class trips, SATs revision as well as all the usual lessons and Enrichment activities.

You may be aware now that Mrs Napier will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term and Mr Gardiner will be taking up the role of Acting Headteacher. We wish Mrs Napier well in her new role and are delighted that Mr Gardiner will be leading our schools. Congratulations to you both!

May has now arrived and has brought with it lots of lovely sunshine. Sports Relief activities took place across the Federation. Thank you for your generous contributions to this great cause and the total amount we raised was £167.01. The Friends quiz night was yet another great success! A massive thank you to the PTA for putting on a well organised Quiz!

All the KS1 children (Reception to year 2) took part in the dance festival (5 local primary schools joined us). It was a fantastic event. The children enjoyed performing and celebrating the different range of dances. They had lots of fun playing together during the break time and getting to know new friends.

As you may be aware, we have had the very sad news that Thelma, our cleaner, has now retired after 36 years of hard work at Rickling!! We held a retirement assembly for her. Thank you to Stevie Green for collecting contributions for her leaving gift.

We would like to say a big well done to our Year 6 children who have been working so hard on their SATS (End of KS2 tests).

Maple Class News... For their topic on Rivers the children have been learning about dams, why we have them and what their advantages and disadvantages are to the local area. Aside from revising for the Year 6s for SATS, the children have been learning about Ancient Greeks and finding out about Hercules. They have also been taking part in cricket and rounders ahead of the tournaments.

Beech Class News... A very busy couple of weeks for Beech with the wonderful Easter play and their visit to Walton-on-the-Naze. The children learned a great deal about coasts and were able to see it all on their visit! Beech class have been having fun reading the story of James and the Giant Peach. They have been doing some exciting writing about taking an original animal and creating an extra-ordinary character.

Oak Class News... Oak class visited the library in Saffron Walden this week. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and in English have written a recount of their trip. They have also been writing some fantastic book reviews of their favourite book.

Acorn Class News... The children have been busy learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood, with a trip to the woods where they found a basket and a red cape!! They have learnt to retell the story using actions and sequenced the story using pictures, next week they will be using their writing skills to retell the story in their own words.

Netball... The children took part in the finals of the High 5 Netball just before Easter. "The first tournament was very challenging! But we got through to the third tournament and won!" *Alice Gascoyne*. Out of the 29 teams this season the children came 13th - a huge well done to them all! Thank you to Mr Lee and Miss Bassett for training and supporting the children so well!

Kind regards

Mr. A. Gardiner

Assistant Headteacher

FUN RUN - UPDATE SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

The Friends of Rickling School are eagerly looking forward to our 2nd Fun Run on 26th June.

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

The Village will be extremely busy. We anticipate we will have over 300 runners and their supporters in the Village. We will also have over 50 Marshals and ancillary staff present. This will unfortunately lead to some disruption for the Village, however we will attempt to keep this to a minimum.

Car Parking for the Run will all be contained on the football pitches. Roads leading to and from that area will be busy

from 9am - 1pm.

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

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

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

There will not be any other road closures, however, runners will be using Green Road and Brick Kiln Lane for short periods. Please use extreme caution if you are driving through the Village and help us ensure all our runners are safe. Green Road will be busy from about 11 - 11.30 am. Brick Kiln Road will be busy from 11.30 - 1.00 pm. If you are able to use an alternative route, then this would be most obliged.

If you have any queries or concerns about the day, then please email the Race Team;

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This Event raises thousands of pounds for our Village School and is our biggest fundraising activity of the year. Please come along and join in with our day, either as a Runner, Marshal, Cake Baker or general cheering on supporter.

We are hugely grateful to all of our Residents for their support and co operation with this day, and we look forward to seeing you all on the 26th.

Many thanks

Stephanie Bridgewater

Photographic competition 2016

The photographs were displayed at the exhibition on the 24th of April. "Well done" to everyone.

You will see some of the winners photographs over the coming months here in **THE LINK** - the overall winner in this issue.

Thanks to our judge – James Cowell. The winners are shown in the box here.

I have been asked by several people about next years and can they have the classes soon. These will be released shortly, but meanwhile keep your camera with you and take interesting pictures. The classes may be surprising!

Sandra Arnold

Class	Place	Picture	Maker
Overall	Winner	Fish Crates	Jane Davis
Architecture	1	Eden Project	Jane Davis
	2	St Pauls	Jane Davis
	3	Airport Terminal	Horst Bienemann
Patterns	Joint 1	Fish Crates	Jane Davis
	Joint 1	Titanic	Sandra Arnold
	3	Symmetry	Lorraine Chandler
Street Life	1	Park entertainer	Horst Bienemann
	2	Street Scene	Jane Davis
	3	Under mothers watchful eye	Horst Bieneman
Travel	Joint 1	solar sunset /sunrise	Graham Willoughby
	Joint 1	Paradise is calling	Karen Crow
	Joint 3	Cart in Italy	Robert Arnold
	Joint 3	Done walking	Tony Jones
Winter	1	A cold and frosty morning	Lara Windsor
	2	This way to winter wonderland	Karen Crow
	3	Twisted Willow at sunset	Tony Jones
Under 16	1	Colossal colosseum	Jasmine Young
	2	China	Daniel Joannou
	3	Quendon Porch	Jasmine Young

Report from District Councillors Neil Hargreaves and Joanna Parry

Following the departures from the council of the Chief Executive, and the Head of Planning last month, there was a further announcement at the full Council meeting on 18th May that the Legal Officer will be retiring in

August. The new planning head will be Gordon Glenday, currently working his notice as Head of Planning and Development at Brentwood Borough Council, and for now there is an interim head of planning

called Derek McKenzie, whose responsibilities will include the Local Plan. The new chief executive Dawn French, in position since the end of February, has asked councillors to show her round their wards and wants to know what issues residents have, so Jo and I are taking her up on that. Unsurprisingly getting a date in her diary is not proving easy, although I think we now have a slot in August

Our concerns over the process and progress of the Local Plan remain. Jo is on the Plan Working Group and our party, Residents for Uttlesford, and the LibDems continue to ask for improvements to the process. In particular, despite requests going back over three months, officers still have not issued a complete chart containing all the required activities, with their interdependencies, deadlines, and who is responsible for delivery of each. This was scheduled for a meeting last month, put on the agenda, and then not provided to the meeting. The new Plan has been in progress for over a year without this essential project management tool in place, considered standard practice elsewhere, and we fear that there may be further delays on top of the 9 months recently added to the end date. The Call for Sites process seems particularly shambolic. The initial call had a deadline of June 2015, and after removing a significant number on an initial assessment, UDC now have vastly more sites than needed for the Plan. Despite this a whole new tranche of sites has recently been accepted for assessment, including for example redeveloping a very large area in the centre of Walden including the Boots and Saffron Building Society car parks, Rose & Crown Walk and Emson Close and its car park. It seems a waste of time and resource to go on accepting sites for review from developers when it is not necessary and the deadline expired almost a year ago. No more sites have been put forward for Quendon.

Another example of the poor process is that the Kier site on the East of Walden, strongly opposed by residents, rejected by the Planning Committee, rejected at appeal by the Planning Inspector, and rejected a third time by the inspector of the failed Plan, has gone straight back into the call for sites and been given an approval by UDC in the initial assessment. We now have a Members workshop (all councillors) scheduled for the 28th June, and it is understood that the Plan Working Group will take the vital single settlement vs dispersed decision on 12th July. At present the evidence to support such a decision has not been brought forward to the Working Group.

All the concerns that we have about housing development and in particular the lack of supporting road infrastructure, school places, doctors capacity and our sewerage system remain, and with the exception of a new classroom under construction at Newport primary school, have got worse.

Development in Newport will impact these capacity issues for Quendon & Rickling. So you may be interested

that the Call for Sites figure for Newport is 400 houses passing UDC's initial assessment. These are in addition to the 395 houses either under construction, given permission, or with applications in progress, up from 160 last year. Newport currently has about 972 houses. The London Road application for 94 houses and a commercial unit opposite the petrol station remains undecided, and it is now sometime after the deadline date for its determination. The officer tells me there is continuing negotiation over various matters including affordable housing and access.

Returning to Quendon, the Cala Homes Ventnor application for 12 houses is under consideration and is open for comment until 1st June. I've put in submissions on a number of matters, including not allowing occupation until local school places are confirmed as available, a request for UDC to enforce its own policy on financial contribution for sports provision and drawing attention to ribbon development (Stansted about to extend north, Ugley has just done so, and Newport expanding at both ends, as well as the Quendon developments)

People's individual submissions are not shown to the Planning Committee. Instead the officer summarises them for the committee (who can look at the original letters if they wish but I believe rarely do). The officer makes their recommendation based mostly on UDC and national policies and the facts, most of which are provided by the applicant. Residents raising objections have most impact if they tie them into specific breaches of policies and errors of fact or omissions (eg 'no place shown for wheelie bins'). More subjective matters such as 'out of scale with surrounding properties' or inappropriate design in or near the Conservation Area can also be effective. Long letters tend to be summarised down to a few words or lumped together with other comments.

I think in general the planning system both nationally and locally is poorly structured and mismanaged, and the consequence is irreparable damage.

For example CPRE say that in England there are half a million housing permissions given but not built. You would think that the most effective way for the government to deal with the housing shortage would be to bear down on developers with every stick and carrot to get them built. But they aren't, instead they are continuing the pressure on councils to add yet more permissions and allocate yet more sites. House builders restrict the speed of building to restrict supply and keep prices high. And building at a slow rate also reduces competition for labour and materials which keeps builders costs down. So it's no good the government expecting builders to step up voluntarily.

Something the village may want to consider is what it may gain from having a larger population. There is a comment on Facebook about the same people

volunteering, and similar sentiment expressed at the parish council about not having enough people to do various things. Shops have gone and I think there is a lack of youth groups? Just a thought!

Finally although we hear about turmoil in local government finance, UDC currently has lots of cash and has even created new categories of reserves to put it away into including something called a Special Purpose Vehicle. This I understand is a scheme to allow UDC to run profit making operations separate from normal activities and we are waiting to see what these may be.

UDC made a surplus in the financial year ended 31 March 2016 of about £4m (subject to audit) and this was placed in this new reserve. The New Homes Bonus from the government, which is £8k for each completed house, is the reason for UDC's wealth but the government is scrapping the scheme. It does however continue for this year. And the good news in that, funded from this, Jo and I will have another £3000 each to give to good causes in the Ward.

Neil Hargreaves

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Despite the Falling Snow (12A)

Zootropolis (PG)

Sing Street (12A)

Ratchet and Clank (U)

Miles Ahead (15)

Dheepan (15)

Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (15)

Robinson Crusoe (PG)

A Royal Night Out (12A) **Pop-Up Langley Upper Green**

Hamlet – **RSC**

The Brand New Testament (15)

Florence Foster Jenkins (PG)

The Angry Birds Movie (U tbc)

The Grand Budapest Hotel (15)

Our Little Sister (PG)

I Saw the Light (15)

Captain America: Civil War (12A)

Atonement (15)

Up (U) **Cinema for Tinies**

Son of Saul (15)

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Sun 5th 8pm

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Sat 11th 7.30pm

Sun 12th 6.50pm

Mon 13th 8pm

Fri 17th & Sat 18th 8pm, Sun 19th 5pm

Sat 18th 3pm & Sun 19th 2pm

Sun 19th 8pm

Mon 20th 8pm

Fri 24th 8pm

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Sat 25th 8pm

Sun 26th 11am

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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	-
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
Upholstery Class	<i>Thursdays</i>	13.00-16.00	Q&R Village Hall	Adult Education Harlow 03330 132158
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
Golf Society	25th May	12.00 for 13.00	Thetford GC	Brandon Chapman 01799 543518
Coffee Morning	4th June	10.00	Q&R Village Hall	See p3
Summer Fete	11th June	12.00	Rickling Primary School	See p7
BCP communion	13th June	09.30	Quendon Church	
Afternoon tea	15th June	15.00	Q&R Village Hall	See p6
Evening prayer	20th June	18.00	Quendon church	
Day Trip	22nd June	09.00	Q&R Village Hall	See p3
Parish Council	22nd June	19.30	Q&R Village Hall	
FunRun	26th June	See ps 6 & 10		
Holy Communion	27th June	09.30	Rickling Church	

Emergency Life-saving

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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Sue Phillips	01799 542351	Middle - Cambridge Road
Nigel Ackerman	01799 540678	Middle - Cambridge Road
Anne Howes	01799 543545	Southern end – Cambridge Road
Sandy Turner	01799 540557	Rickling Green
Pat Turner	01799 543314	Rickling Green
Janice Hart	01799 541196	Rickling Green/Brick Kiln Lane/Rickling
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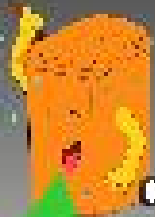
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