

RAYNE IN FOCUS



November 2023



**MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH
& NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**



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Check out page 8 for more news of the fun they had.



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Sunday, 5 th November	9-30pm Morning Prayer
Sunday, 12 th November	10-00am All Age service for Remembrance Day
	11-00am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

Sunday, 19th November	9-30am Modern Holy Communion
Sunday, 26 th November	9-30am Traditional Holy Communion

Every Wednesday at 9-00am Morning Prayer is said in Church

Services at Black Notley Church

1st Sunday	9-30am All Age Eucharist
2nd Sunday	11-00am Eucharist
3rd Sunday	9-30am Eucharist
4th Sunday	9-30am Eucharist

Services at The Church in Great Notley

11-00am every Sunday

Baptisms Weddings and Funerals by arrangement with Rev'd Rachel

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For further details of the work of All Saints Rayne please contact Rev Rachel Prior or Rev'd Roman Kukiewicz or the Churchwardens. (See inside back cover for contact details.)

Or visit us on www.thethreechurches.co.uk or www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRayne

A message from Rev Rachel.

October 2023

Dear Friends,

What are the tools you need in your job?

At the moment I am going around looking at different primary schools as our daughter starts Reception in September 2024. It's been interesting looking at different schools, and as the teachers present them, it has made me think not just about what the children need to flourish, but what the teachers do too. Because in order for the pupils to reach their potential, the teachers need to enjoy their work, and have the financial, emotional, and academic support that they need too. There are so many pressures put on teachers – as there are in so many sectors, like NHS employees too, where many are at risk of burn out. I'm reminded that the carers need to have their needs met in order that they can care to the best of their ability and do their jobs well.

A shepherd in ancient times had two tools for their task of looking after the sheep. They had a rod, and they had a staff.

The rod was a thicker stick that was used to fight off predators. The staff was a thinner stick with a curved hook, used to rescue sheep that had become stuck somewhere. And if you've ever met a Bishop, a Bishop still carries a staff with them as a symbol of their authority to care for the flock – God's people.

The rod and the staff are how the shepherd both protects and guides the sheep. The two sticks had two different purposes. The staff would not be dainty enough to hoick the sheep out of danger. The rod would not be strong enough to wield against a predator

Now I'm guessing an actual rod and an actual staff isn't going to help you very much in your day to day work, fighting off wolves and rescuing lost sheep. But how might we need a spiritual staff and a spiritual rod today? A rod to protect us from the onslaughts of negativity, depression, anxiety and fear, the things that attack us and leave us gasping for breath. A staff to lift us back onto the right path when we're lost, to bring us back into the fold, back into community when we've lost sight of where we're going and tempted to wander off alone.

Psalm 23 says that the rod and the staff, 'they comfort me'. God offers to lead us, with a rod and a staff, so that we might flourish under the divine gaze of love and care, and this is a great comfort.

With love

Rachel



**Rayne Church is open every day
from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

**Do come and visit if you would like
to pray or to look around.**

You will be very welcome.



Your Street is in our prayers!!

Rayne Church will be praying for the people and situations in our village, at our All Age Service.

This month we will be praying for those people in Philips Close. If you live here and have something you would like us to pray for, however

large or small, then please get in touch with us on :-

rayneprayers@outlook.com or telephone either Reverend Roman or Reverend Rachel.

Their numbers are in the back of this magazine. Your requests can, of course, be anonymous if you would like them to be.

Best Wishes and Blessing to you



Thank you for everyone who supported our teddy bear jump last month.

Forty-three brave teddy bears parachuted from the top of the tower and, thankfully, they all landed safely.

Prizes were given for the longest Teddy Flight and the most imaginative teddy parachute!!

It was really great to see so many families taking part and having fun.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event, it wouldn't have been possible without you and we were really thrilled to find we had raised in excess of £500 for church funds!





You may have noticed the church bells being rung in Rayne recently and thought to yourself, I would like to give that a try!

Bell ringing is an enjoyable and sociable hobby and new ringers will be made very welcome. The team of ringers are based at St Peter and St Pauls Church in Black Notley but we ring once a month at All Saints' in Rayne and also for special occasions.

We are looking for new ringers who could ring more regularly at All Saints'. If you would like to find out more please contact either Rever-

end Rachel on revrachelprior@outlook.com, Reverend Roman on Revroman@btinternet.com or Max Ford (bell captain) on max-ford@hotmail.com.

Don't forget that bell ringing is now part of the community section for the Duke of Edinburgh award, if there are any young people out there who would be interested!

SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS IN RAYNE

Would you like to try table tennis? Perhaps playing for the first time? Perhaps not played for many years? Maybe just played when on holiday? Rayne Table Tennis Club are continuing these informal sessions on the last Sunday of each month (except December) in the Old School Room from 3.00 to 5.00 pm.

The emphasis is on a bit of fun, exercise and for those who want to, maybe a drink afterwards.

If you have a bat, then bring it but if not, then we will have some bats that can be used. The sessions are open to all ages but we ask that those under 16 are accompanied by an adult please.

The cost of the session will be £3 per person. It isn't essential to let us know you are coming but it will help us plan if those interested can make contact on 01376 321908 whitesidedi@btinternet.com



What a fabulous afternoon we had at Wild Messy. The sun shone and the churchyard was packed with children having fun. We counted rings on a tree trunk, created a hedgehog collage, built a den, planted seedling, toasted marshmallows and identified the various trees growing in the churchyard. Afterwards we had a scrummy picnic with hedgehog rolls, fruit, and cake. **Thankyou to everyone who supported us and thank you to everyone who helped out.**



EXCITING NEWS

THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE
OLD SCHOOL ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2023
COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM
IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM
SHALFORD ROAD, RAYNE
YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND TO HEAR THE
ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE



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**Farleigh
Hospice**

£500 was made this year from the sale of plants for the Farleigh Hospice. Thanks to all who bought and contributed by donating plants.

Shirley Myers Capel Road

30th September saw the launch of



Rayne Church's Breadmaking Group



KNEAD next meets 10am to 12 noon here in Rayne church on
Saturday 11th November - Brown rolls

Saturday 2nd December - Christmas baking , Stollen or Cinnamon Buns

Saturday 13th January 24 - Advent theme – crown

Contact Kate to book a space 01376 321479



November Shopping List

Jam
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Tinned Fish
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Tinned Tomatoes
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District Councillor Ann Hooks—writes:

This month I have been dealing with residents concerns, issues and enquiries. It was also fantastic to meet and chat to residents at the Parish Councils Surgery in October, where I was in attendance with my District Hat on!

I have been happy to attend a few of the Old School Room Working Group meetings. The inaugural committee meeting is being held on 16th November and they are always on the lookout for extra help. So please pop along if you are interested. The building needs some love and attention and the working group have some fantastic ideas on how to improve the building, to make it a viable concern for the whole community going forward.

BDC are no longer printing and delivering bin collection calendars. But you can find it here <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/download-collection-calendar> if you wish to print it yourself or have it saved on your electronic devices. You will also find reminders in the Parish Council section of the Rayne In Focus.

It is now getting to the time of year when the green bin collection will cease being collected (late November / early December) and if you are interested in having your green bin collected from March 2024, you have until the 30th November 2023 to sign up for the early bird offer, to get the service at 50% reduced rate. Visit www.braintree.gov.uk/gardenwastesubscription to take up the offer.

Calling all businesses & community groups.... The Rural Prosperity Fund is now 'live' at BDC.

The Rural Prosperity Fund supports the aims of the Government's Levelling Up White Paper and Future Farming Programme.

The fund supports capital projects for small businesses and community infrastructure which will improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.

The rural fund provides capital funding to:

- support new and existing rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy.

- support new and improved community infrastructure, providing essential community services and assets for local people and businesses to benefit the local economy.

Any organisation with legal status within rural areas can get funding. The list includes, but is not limited to:

- public sector organisations such as town and parish councils
- higher and further education institutions
- small and medium sized businesses
- voluntary organisations
- registered charities

Grants between £10,000 and £50,000 are available for the execution of capital projects in rural areas. If you are a business applying for the business grant you must show that you are contributing at least £10,000 to the project. Organisations such as: charities, voluntary organisations or councils will not be required to match funds. Projects must be finished and invoiced before 31 March 2025 and grants can only be paid once the project is complete. If you require more information, please visit the BDC website.

If you do require my assistance or would like to reach out to me, my email address is cllr.ahooks@braintree.gov.uk This is my preferred method of contact. Although, in an emergency I can be contacted on my mobile, 07852 552247. I also have active social media pages, Facebook (Cllr Ann Hooks) and Instagram page (cllr_ann_hooks), where you can keep up to date with what I am up to!

Ann

You can now access an on line **colour** version of Rayne in Focus on the Three churches website and also Rayne Parish Council website. (see page 27)

Www.thethreechurches.co.uk - click on the Rayne section and scroll down to Resources where you will find Rayne in Focus. Click where indicated to open.

Many thanks to Lisa, the new Administrator, for her sterling work.

Linda Taylor - Editor

Parish Council News – November

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At the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 2nd October, nine councillors were present.

County Councillor Graham Butland was also in attendance

PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received and are currently with the tree wardens for comment:

23/02319/TPOCON - 7A The Street, Rayne, Essex

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area:

Yew tree - Fell tree

23/02395/TPOCON Rayne House, 3 The Street, Rayne

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area:

T1 - Sycamore Tree (Conservation area) Remove to ground level

23/02370/TPO - Rayne House, 3 The Street, Rayne

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order
TPO - 11/81

T7 - Sycamore Tree (TPO) Reduce to previous pruning points

T9 - Yew Tree (TPO) Remove to ground level

PLANNING RESULTS

23/01680/FUL - 1 - 2 Gore Lane Rayne Essex CM77 6TU

Subdivision of existing dwelling into 2no. dwellings, including associated alterations (Part Retrospective)

Application Granted

GROUND

New lighting has been installed at the Village Hall and work continues on improving the car park.

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Remember, these are now held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at The Booking Hall Café from 10 til 12. Please pop along and have a chat, ask questions and find out more about being a Parish Councillor.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT

The office will continue to be open for a limited time during Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, so please keep an eye on social media for CIP opening hours during this time or call 01376 552489 to check opening hours. The Clerk is

available to discuss any issues or provide¹⁵ guidance on the most appropriate authority that can assist, please call 01376 552489 or email rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk.

During the office opening times you can pick up your clear recycling sacks or collect from The Welsh Princess public house during their normal opening hours. (Clear sacks must only be used for clean sorted materials for recycling, please do not use them for other purposes such as general refuse or garden waste.) At the Parish Office there are also dog poo bags, supplied by the Dogs Trust, for just a small donation, plus we still have a small stock of energy efficient lightbulbs.

Rayne village New Resident Welcome Packs are available if you have a new neighbour moving in.

Outside of the office opening times emails and voicemails will be monitored.

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

Braintree District Council are no longer printing and distributing calendars so the dates will be shown here in future. The full calendar has been added to the Rayne Parish Council facebook page.

Tuesday 7th November – Green bin, clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 14th November – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 21st November – Green bin, clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 28th November – Grey bin and food bin

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be outside Rayne Primary School, Capel Road on Thursdays between 9:40 – 10:10am: The next visit date is 16th November 2023.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 6th November 2023** at the Old School Rooms, Shalford Road. Please see agendas for meetings posted in the notice boards and on the website. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak at the public forum at the beginning of the meeting on subjects on the agenda. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms associated with Covid or any other infectious disease.

DUTY COUNCILLOR

The Duty Councillor scheme continues to be available, if you need help you can speak to a councillor who will be able to organise assistance. Please phone 01376 552489 and choose option 2 to speak to the Duty Councillor. Our Councillors volunteer for this role so if they are not able to answer your call immediately, please be patient. If you need to speak to the Clerk, please choose option 1.

Wildlife Reports, till October 7th 2023

Phil Monk Smithsfield 9/9 the air temperature was about 33deg.C, Phil watched two Grass Snakes swimming in his pond. One was about 2.5 ft and the other was about 3ft in length. Phil was unsure of the species, but the size indicates it was probably a Grass Snake which has a yellowish coloured collar below its head. The other native snake in this country is the Adder which is generally smaller up to 2 ft and has a strong zig zag marking down its back. A reliable observer from Great Saling has in the past identified an Adder near the village but without a picture the experts will not accept the record for this part of Essex. If you meet a snake in the garden, you can identify the Adder by its poisonous bite which needs an urgent appointment at Broomfield hospital while the Grass Snake exudes a foul-smelling liquid from an anal gland which only requires a thorough soaking in a bath to remove. From experience it probably needs two soakings especially if you are visiting friends. The picture shows Sylvia (my wife) rescuing a **Grass Snake** from a house porch in Rayne. I must not let her proof read this part of the report having given her the snake to carry.



Chris Turner Medley Road, 12/9 watched a Hobby catching dragonflies for over 30 minutes near his house. Chris was amazed at the speed the bird reached soon after spotting a meal flying in the distance.

This reminds me of the Hobby we had in our garden several decades ago during the nesting period catching dragonflies over our water. It is a sighting you do not forget. Chris also had 12 Goldfinches on his feeders and was pleased as many of them were young birds. He also spotted a Grey Wagtail on a neighbouring house roof.

Tim Wignall 26/9 Pound Farm Cottage, Shalford Road, continues to see Common Buzzards and Red Kites from his cottage. In the stubble field by his cottage 9/9 a Red Leg Partridge with 9 small young about 2 to 3 weeks old. The young will need fine weather so that they can feed well and grow before the winter sets in.

On the same day in the evening two **Muntjac** and a Fallow deer also on a stubble field with a Fallow on the usual field by Pods Lane. The gravel pit digging nearby has not driven all the Fallow away. It is unlikely the numbers will return to



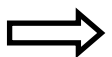
high counts of near 50 recorded before digging started. Tim has also recorded a Kestrel which is not surprising as the nest box at Goulds just down the road fledged 5 youngsters this year. Adult plumaged Kestrels are seen regularly returning to this nest during the day. Our experience is that the adults regularly visit the nest apparently to retain occupancy until the next breeding season. Tim has also recorded a Red Underwing moth.



Helen Coney Shalford Road 30/9 sent the picture of a **Hummingbird Hawk moth** on her Salvias. The picture shows why they carry their very long proboscis coiled up ready to be unfurled when they wish to gather nectar from flowers with a long corolla tube. When looking at Helens picture remember the moths proboscis reaches to the base of the flower where the flower's nectaries, producing nectar are. Its length is equivalent to the length of the moths body.

Debora Rawlings Baytree Close and **Phil Monk** 2/10 both sent me pictures of the Jersey Tiger Moth that they have seen. It was reported last month by several residents and I have had several residents comment that they have seen it,.

At Goulds the badgers have dug an area under a group of trees so thoroughly that if it was our vegetable garden, we could plant autumn seeds into the excellent tilth. They were probably looking for worms and other insects. They have dug out a wasp nest in another part of the garden to get to the wasp brood comb. This always surprises me as they must undergo a lot of wasp stings for a small meal. It is said that the Badgers predation of both wasp and bumble bee nests in the ground are most common at this time of the year when the nests are at their largest size and will be the most rewarding. Towards the end August and September, the wasps and hornet roosts will have produced next years queens and these will mate with males (drones) then find a suitable site to hibernate for the winter. All this year's workers will die, and the hibernating queens will find new nest sites in the following spring and make a small nest of honeycomb like cells which then eventually increases in size to several thousand insects. The picture shows a queen Hornet on the cells where she is laying her eggs. In my experience old nest sites are often reused. They often use sites such as holes in the ground, house loft



spaces, tree holes and crevice's, and sometimes hanging free in thick hedges. A thatched roof on a cottage in Rayne has provided a suitable site for wasps in the past but this year a European Hornet has used the thatch for a nest. The Asian Hornet is breeding in this country but has not yet been recorded in Essex. It has decimated bee hives elsewhere in Europe where it kills and eats the bees,



their comb, honey stores and larvae. Both Hornets and Wasps do not have barbs on their stings, so they can withdraw their stings and then sting their victim again until they run out of venom. The Honey Bee unfortunately has barbs on its sting so when it tries to withdraw its sting it also removes its abdomen contents as well which kills it. As bee colonies can contain more than 50,000 bees and like Wasps and Hornets are attracted by scent to any site which has been stung so they can add their venom to the sting site, so the victim cannot rely on a single sting from any of the species.

Roger Jiggins Tel 01376 324 311, email r.jiggins@btconnect.com

(GO TO the three churches website to see this article with all it's pictures in colour. Details on page 13)

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	16:45-19:30 YGD Karate Class with Kate	07981 362039
	19:45-20:45 Stretch Class with Carolyn	07789 811067
TUESDAY	19:15-22:00 W.I. (1st Tues in month) OR	
	18:30-22.00 Line Dancing (All other Tues)	01376 528600
	12.30-13.30 YGD class with Kate	

WEDNESDAY

16:00-21:30 Janet Foulsham Dance 07886 615874

THURSDAY 18.30-19.15 Jazzercise strength 45

20.30-22.00 A&M Dancing

FRIDAY 09:30-10:30 Jazzercise

17.00-18.45 YGD

WEEKENDS Junior football teams use the field www.rayneyouthfc.org

Cricket use the field from May - Sept www.raynecc.co.uk

Table Tennis use a dedicated room www.tabletennis365.com/rayne

Rainbows/Brownies/Guides : For details contact 01376 570464 or
office@girlguidingessexne.org.uk.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM

1st MONDAY of Month	19:30	Rayne Parish Council see details in the Parish report
1st Saturday of the month	08:30	Men's Breakfast Contact Graham Brine (Churchwarden)
Last SUNDAY of month	15.00—17.00	Social Table Tennis
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Every WEDNESDAY in term time 10.00—11.30 **Rayne Bambinos** Contact Face
book (Playgroup Rayne Bambinos) Or WhatsApp on 07702632021

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