

# RAYNE IN FOCUS



December 2023



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



*Come and join in with the village Christmas events. (See pg 3)*

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Christmas from the Rayne in Focus team**



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## The Three Churches: Black Notley, Great Notley and Rayne

### Services at All Saints December 2023

Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9-30am Morning Prayer
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9-30am All Age Toy service amidst the Christ -mas Trees
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9-30am Modern Holy Communion 6-00pm Nine Lessons and Carols by Candle light followed by punch and pies
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	7-00pm Community Carols (refreshments 6-30pm)
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	9-30am Traditional Holy Communion 12 noon – 2-00pm Time to Remember 4-00pm Instant Nativity (dress up to help tell the story) 11-30pm for Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10-00am Holy Communion for Christmas.
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	11-00am Benefice Communion at The Church in Gt Notley

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

Home Communion visits by arrangement with Colin Miles.

### 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 arranged through contacting:- Lisa  
at [admin@thethreechurches.co.uk](mailto:admin@thethreechurches.co.uk) or phoning 01376 330988

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 de-  
tails.)

Or visit us on [www.thethreechurches.co.uk](http://www.thethreechurches.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRayne](https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRayne)

# A Christmas message from Rev Rachel.

November 2023

*Dear Friends,*

**By the time you read this, you may already be all Christmassed out.** From early November, Christmas music is all around us, Christmas planning is well underway, and Christmas adverts are everywhere.

This year, the Christmas advert from M&S has caused a bit of a stir. After various celebrities dismantle some popular Christmas traditions – writing cards, ‘Elf on the Shelf’ and family board games – the advert ends with the line, ‘this Christmas, do only what you love’. Similarly, John Lewis have also made their tag line ‘let your traditions grow’. Both retailers are encouraging people to reconsider their Christmas traditions – and, of course, to use their shops for your Christmas shopping!

I wonder if you have Christmas traditions that are important to you. Everyone has traditions, rhythms and routines, it’s part of being human. And as the nights draw longer and we are surrounded by more darkness, it’s good to have traditions that remind us that darkness does not have the final word; to gather with people and to celebrate light, love and joy.

One of my traditions is to go to church at Christmas – and well, of course, the rest of the year too.

At the Midnight Mass service, we hear a reading from John’s gospel that is always read at Christmas: **‘The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.’**

It’s a reading that reminds us why we celebrate Christmas. Because Christmas is a revelation where something very old, something in fact that is eternal, becomes new. God born as a baby. Christ comes into the darkness of the world, to enlighten us, so that we might know that each one of us is born to be part of a wider family, something much bigger than ourselves. And we are invited to receive him, and become new ourselves. As O Little Town of Bethlehem goes, **‘be born in us today’**.

It’s good news, it’s old news, but it’s also new news, because for each one of us, we are offered a fresh start.

All traditions were new once. All new things can become traditions. Perhaps, this year you might want to make an old tradition your new tradition and come along to a church service. There are plenty to choose from and you are so welcome. Come and see.

May Christ’s love and light illuminate and bless you and your household this Christmas.

*With love*

*Rachel*

## Come and Celebrate Christmas at All Saints

We are looking forward to welcoming you all during December to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with us at All Saints.

**All Age Toy Service and lighting of the Christmas tree** - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. At 9-30am. please bring a gift in new condition either wrapped and marked "boy" or "girl" or unwrapped, gift paper and sticky tape is also welcome.

**Christmas Tree Festival** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 6-30pm. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11-00am till 4-00pm. La-Las singing Friday and Braintree Male Voice Choir on Saturday. Come and vote for your favourite Tree!

**Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. 6-00pm followed by punch and pies in the Old School room.

**Community Carols** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 6-30pm for a 7-00pm start free glass of wine or hot punch (soft drinks available). come and choose and sing your favourite carols. (Very informal family event).

**Time to Remember** – Christmas Eve from 12midday till 2-00pm a quiet time to remember loved ones lost, light a candle in their memory. Prayers will be said at 12-45pm and 1-45pm

**Instant Nativity** – Christmas Eve 4-00pm. Come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story help re-enact the nativity. Bring all the Family

**"Midnight Communion"** Christmas Eve at 11-30pm come and partake in the first communion of Christmas.

**Christmas Family Communion** – Christmas Day at 10-00am.

Some of these services may be live streamed on All Saints Facebook page.



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.





**Thank you to everyone who helped us to celebrate the first birthday of Picnic In The Park.**

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones too.



Altogether we gifted over forty four lunch bags as well as a lot of cake, bubbles and balloons. Well done to everyone who found a golden ticket in their bag!, we hope you enjoyed your surprise.



Thanks go to EALC for their grant towards the costs of Picnic In the Park.

Our next Picnic in the Park event is on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December when we will be showing a popular children's Christmas film together with free drinks and snacks.

**We hope to see you there.**



The cakes got a thumbs up from this young lad.

## What a wonderful Harvest weekend we had at All Saints'!



On Saturday, our Harvest Lunch began with the cutting of a ribbon by Yvonne Gowers and Annie Black to mark the official opening of our new servery. Thanks go to Yvonne who donated money to buy a serving trolley and to Annie, who funded a new oven. A plaque was also attached to the servery listing all those organisations who gave grants, so that the servery project could come to fruition. Following this, over sixty people sat down to a delicious Harvest lunch, provided as usual by Kate, Celia and their hard working team of helpers.

On Sunday, our Harvest Festival service was led by Reverend Roman. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our congregation, sixteen carrier bags of food were donated and taken to the Food Bank.

**Thank you so much for your support.**





*Demand for the food bank is still increasing with so many families finding that using foodbanks is the only way to survive and with many facing an uncertain future, and struggling to make ends meet, your donations are more important than ever. Many of you have supported the foodbank generously for several years now and this generosity is very much appreciated. Please continue supporting the foodbank by dropping your donations off at **6 Brunwin Road**. (in the box on the doorstep) or **inside the church any day of the week between 8-am and 4-00pm**. Updates on requirements can be found regularly on All Saints Facebook page! **Thank you.***

December's shopping list includes:-

Tinned Cold Meat (Spam etc)	Jam
Tinned Hot Meat (Stew, curry etc)	Coffee
Tinned Hot Snacks (Beans & Sausages etc)	Squash
Packet Custard	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice Pudding	Sugar
Long Life Milk	Cereals
Chocolate	Biscuits
Tinned Veg	Tinned Fish
Tinned Tomatoes	
Pasta Sauce	

### **Non Food items**

Washing Up Liquid	Toilet Rolls
Deodorant	Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene Products	



All Saints Church Rayne

# *Christmas*

## Tree Festival



### **Friday 8th December**

From 6.30 Come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and snacks among the trees to launch our Christmas Tree Festival

### **Saturday 9th December**

Open for viewing from 11am. Singalong led by Braintree Male Voice Choir at 4pm

### **Sunday 10th December**

Open for viewing from 11am Father Christmas and Rayne School Choir in the afternoon.

Refreshments , Raffle and Voting for your favourite tree all weekend

## **Parish Council News – November**

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At the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, eleven councillors were present.

District Councillor Ann Hooks was also in attendance.

### **PLANNING**

23/02539/FUL - Flitch House, 21 Warner Close, Rayne

Change of use of annexe from C3 to C1 for short term holiday let accommodation

The Parish Council had no planning objection to this application

### **PLANNING RESULTS**

23/02145/TPO – 17 Warner Close, Rayne CM77 6GX Notice of intend to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TP)-15/01 TG1 Oak – remove.

Application Refused

22/02470/FUL – Fentons Farm, Fentons Road, Rayne CM77 6SL

Conversion of barns into 1 x 4 bedroom dwelling house with single storey extension and single storey link extension.

Application Refused

22/02442/LBC – Fentons Farm, Fentons Road, Rayne CM77 6SL

Conversion of barns into 1 x 4 bedroom dwelling house, with single storey extension and single storey link extension.

Application Refused

23/02319/TPOCON – 7A The Street, Rayne CM77 6RH Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – Yew Tree – fell tree.

Objections Raised – a new application is to be submitted.

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **PARKING**

With the weather turning wetter (and colder) now, we want to try and preserve the open spaces in the village so would ask people to avoid parking on the grassed areas around Rayne where at all possible please.

#### **WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES**

The full calendar has been added to the Rayne Parish Council Facebook page

but here are the dates for December and the first week of January 2024:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Green bin, clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Clear sacks and food bin only

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Grey bin and food bin**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Clear sacks and food bin only**

### **NEW WEBSITE**

You will have noticed hopefully that the Rayne Parish Council website has had a facelift. Please take a look and let us know what you think using the 'Contact Us' form on the home page. Also, if there is anything you think we should include, please let us know.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If anyone is interested in helping our community by getting involved, please email:

speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk <community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

### **COUNCILLOR SURGERIES**

Remember, these are now held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at The Booking Hall Café from 10-12. Please pop along and say hello, have a chat, ask questions, and find out more about the workings of the Parish Council.

### **.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 provide guidance on the most appropriate authority that can assist, please call 01376 552489 or email [rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk](mailto: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.

#### DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 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.

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and good wishes for the New Year!**

*Hazel*

Clerk to Rayne Parish Council

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.

You may have noticed (especially if you are one of our wonderful Focus delivery team) that the magazines have been a bit late for the past 2 months. This is because Teresa, our Distributor, has had surgery and is still recovering. A huge thank you to her husband Derek who has kept the deliveries going. If anyone would like to help out please contact Teresa. (Contact details inside the back cover)

Linda Taylor - Editor



### **District Councillor Ann Hooks**

Firstly, at this festive time I would like to wish all parishioners a wonderful, happy and peaceful Christmas.

Personally, this year has been an amazing one. Starting the year as Chair of the Parish Council and overseeing the smooth transition of a new Clerk and a new Chair. The Parish Council is definitely in great hands. Both Mike, Hazel and the rest of the

Council are doing fantastic work for the village and I am proud to be still involved. I thank everyone for their time and effort and this extends to the Groundsmen that do a fabulous job around the parish and the army of volunteers that also spend their time making our village special.

I end the year as your District Councillor and I am so grateful to you, for putting your overwhelming trust in me, when you voted for me earlier in May and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you.

The first few months have been a steep learning curve and continue to be, whilst I get used to and learn the way of a District Council. During these first months I have been contacted by parishioners and businesses on a range of items. In most cases I have facilitated some help, solved an issue or passed on to a higher authority.

My work at the Council is varied and interesting. I am on the Planning Committee and the Governance & Audit Committee and I have attended all the member training sessions, to ensure I am knowledgeable and up to date as possible. I, of course support both Parish Councils in the ward.

Happily, I have been able to provide the Rayne Village Hall Committee with a Councillor Grant to help buy new carpets. I still have funds available so if you are a constituted group and need some financial help for a project I do have funds available still, so please do get in contact.

Also, don't forget about the Rural Prosperity Fund, again for groups and businesses, that would like funds for certain projects as part of the Governments Levelling up scheme.

If you do require my assistance or would like to reach out to me, my email address is [cllr.ahooks@braintree.gov.uk](mailto: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!

***Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year to you all!***

*Ann*



2023/2024

## Recycling does not end at your kerbside collection

Reduce your waste even further by using recycling bring banks to recycle your:

- glass bottles and jars
- textiles and shoes
- food and drink cartons, eg Tetra Pak



To find out where to recycle these and lots of other items, go to [www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator](http://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator)

Did you know

Disposable nappies are not accepted in your clear sacks - please put these in your grey bin, or try reusable nappies.

### RECYCLING SACKS



## My Recycling

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 2023

3 10 17 24 31

NOVEMBER

7 14 21

JANUARY 2024

3 9 16 23 30  
WED

FEBRUARY

6 13 20

APRIL 2024

3 9 16 23 30  
WED

MAY 2024

8 14 21  
WED

JULY 2024

2 9 16 23 30

AUGUST

6 13 20

Grey bin and food bin

Different collection day

Clear sacks and food bin only

Different collection day

### MY COLLECTION CHECKLIST

- ☒ Out for collection on the right day by 7am
- ☒ All waste is in the bin with the lid shut
- ☒ Clear recycling sacks are securely tied
- ☒ All cardboard kept dry in clear recycling sacks
- ☒ For furniture or bulky items use our collection service [www.braintree.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/bulkywaste)

# ing Calendar

**Braintree**  
District Council

## ROUTE 2

BER 2023

28

Y 2024

27

4

29  
WED

2024

28  
WED

DECEMBER 2023

5 12 19 27  
WED

MARCH 2024

5 12 19 26

JUNE 2024

4 11 18 25

SEPTEMBER 2024

3 10 17 24

- Green bin, clear sacks and food bin
- Different collection day

- Green bin (SUBSCRIBERS ONLY), clear sacks and food bin
- Different collection day

Did you know

Food that cannot be eaten should go into your weekly food waste collection. It becomes biofuel and soil improver. A single recycled banana peel can generate enough electricity to charge your phone twice!

BY 7AM

ing sacks  
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GREY BIN



GREEN BIN

### GARDEN WASTE

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FOOD BIN

Correct at time of publication 16.8.2023.  
Please check [www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk) for any changes.

## Bell Ringing in Rayne Church.

Our small band of bell-ringers is slowly expanding!!

We were delighted to be able to ring out the bells for the recent Remembrance Day Service and even more pleased that Ian was able to toll a semi muffled bell at eleven o'clock, just before the minute's silence.

If you have ever fancied having a go at bell ringing, do get in touch with either [max-ford@hotmail.com](mailto:max-ford@hotmail.com) or:-

[bernadettesusanmorgan579@gmail.com](mailto:bernadettesusanmorgan579@gmail.com) It's a lot a fun and don't forget, if you are a young person taking part in the D of E scheme, bell ringing can now be done as party of the community section.



# KNEAD



## Rayne Church's Bread making Group

There were 30 budding and experienced bread makers getting their hands into some gooey dough to make wholemeal bread rolls in the November session.

Knead next meets 10am to 12 noon in Rayne church on:-

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas baking , cinnamon buns

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 24 - Epiphany theme – crown.

Contact Kate to book a space on 01376 321479



## Remembrance Day at All Saints Church

It was wonderful to see the church packed with both adults and young people at our Remembrance Day Service. Reverend Rachel led the service, ably assisted by a group of uniformed young people. Beryl White-side took us into the history of a young man from Rayne, Private Thomas Hammond who, together with two friends, enlisted and were killed in action on the same day in the First World War.

After this, we were all given a link to a paper chain on which we wrote a prayer and the links were joined together to form a chain of hope. This has been hung in the church.

To conclude, our local choir, the La-La's, sung a very beautiful and moving rendition of Bridge over Troubled Water.

Just before eleven o'clock we made our way to the War Memorial where Colin Miles read out the names of the fallen who were killed in action in both world wars. Claire Scales played the First Post and we all observed a minute's silence.

To finish, we were all treated to a very welcome tea or coffee and a warm up in the Old School Room!!



## Wildlife Reports, till November 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Andy Goodey** The Street 14/10 heard a Cetti's warbler singing from the pondside vegetation at Rayne churchyard. At the same time a Red Kite was flying overhead. Andy made the comment that when he moved to Rayne in 1998 they are two species that one would never have expected to see. Unless you are an experienced birder like Andy the Cetti's is not a bird that many would recognise.

**Phil Monk** Smithsfield 16/10 watched a herd of 19 Fallow deer resting under the trees by the Rayne quarry. A male had a splendid set of antlers. During October and November, the bucks create rutting areas called leks to which the females are attracted to mate. These areas are often used every year. The level of pregnancy in the does is very high, often over 90%. Some doe fawns may also become pregnant. In an area with good cover and food supply, numbers of deer can very rapidly expand. The does can have fawns for about 10 years. Phil has regular visits from a fox at night and his feeders attract a mixed



flock of birds including Blue, Great and Long Tailed tits and Black Caps while a Sparrow hawk makes weekly visits. On 5/11 Phil saw a Grey Wagtail at the sewerage works and the Little Owl sat in his usual spot enjoying the sun. It was probably making sure that no other owl will take over its annual nesting site.

**Helen Coney** Shalford Road 7/11 noticed a night visitor to their garden, a **Hedgehog**. Helen is putting out food and water for it and is about to put in a hog house. Helen's picture shows a contented hog. The Hummingbird Hawk moth that Helen reported last month was still visiting her Salvias in October.

**At Goulds** last month I reported a Badger who had dug out a wasp's nest in the garden. Badgers always use a latrine for their toilet droppings. Normally the Badger latrines have only one set of droppings in a shallow scrape, sometimes a few more. This resourceful Badger has at least 14 and perhaps many more droppings in the hole it dug to extract the wasp's nest. It also indicates that our garden is on a major badger highway, the picture only shows the surface droppings not the deeper infill. Latrines are common near badger setts and on their main highways. It is said that the position of latrines are used to mark the territorial boundaries of the sett. I am not convinced as I have found latrines when walking down tramlines in the middle of a 100 acre field, perhaps they were caught short. The droppings are often very wet especially when eating their main delicacy, earthworms. They often contain bones, feathers, fur and other unidentifiable bits that suggest they often scavenge for food especially if their sett is near human habitation.





A neighbour at Duckend has a small pear tree that had an excellent crop hanging on the tree. There was a ditch with four Badger latrines in the bottom that gave the Badgers a highway to the tree. The Badger was not used to such a large supply of fruit as its droppings were very 'loose'. When it first started eating the pears, they were hard, but it ate all those it could reach. Then it had to wait until the rest dropped off in an over ripe condition. The latrines reflected this as the droppings became very moist.

I know it's not Rayne, but I found it amusing. A friend I know well lives in Braintree in a row of terraced houses. Like many of the houses of that age the ground floors consisted of timber floorboards on timber joists supported well above the original soil surface. Like many terraces this void is continuous between all the houses in the terrace. My friend has been a keen shooting person most of his life and lives with his wife. I will not mention his name which will become clear why when I finish the rest of this tale. In their front living room, they have small low coffee table which had a bowl of pears on it. One morning a pear was found near the skirting board and had been partly eaten. By the pear was a chewed hole in the timber floor boards which was not big enough for the pear thief to get the pear through. My friend decided the miscreant was a rat, this was partly confirmed when talking to his neighbour who confirmed he had seen rats foraging in his garden.

My friend did not want to use poison which could have resulted in several smelly bodies under his floor so he decided that he would sit in a chair with his four-ten shotgun in the evening and wait for the suspected rat to return. At this stage he had not told his wife or neighbours of the proposed execution that could happen in the middle of the night. He has now decided to change the plan and a pest control company is putting down poison. A pity as I was hoping to have a picture of a dead rat laying beside a second hole in the floorboards caused by the shotgun. The neighbour has now found that a metal air vent to the void below his ground floor had rotted and this was probably the route being used by the rat to gain access.

Rats, mice and voles have had a very successful breeding season in the countryside this year but in the autumn, they need to find shelter for the coming winter, preferably with a food supply. The obvious places are to be found where us humans live and work and feed birds, pets and other wildlife. At Goulds if a tenant claims to have seen signs of a rodent I will always ask if they keep any food in their unit. Mice are very appreciative of chocolate biscuits as one tenant found when his biscuits had pieces missing. Surprisingly he was still eating from the packet.

The local Muntjac also feasted on fallen fruit in our orchard. (Photo shown in last month's report) The Kestrel regularly occupies its nest box to ensure no interloper takes it over and the Blue Tit with the nest box camera occupies the box every night for the same reason.

**Roger Jiggins Tel 01376 324 311, email [r.jiggins@btconnect.com](mailto:r.jiggins@btconnect.com)**

I have a hedgehog that comes into my garden and I get blue tits, great tits, robins and black birds too. I also get butterflies.

**PLEASE HELP LOOK AFTER OUR WILDLIFE.** They need us and we need them.

Thank you to David Chandler for sending this report of what he sees in his garden in Gore Lane. Ed.



*Paul J King*

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**MONDAY** 14.00-16.00 Sequence dancing with Tom 01376 328033  
 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](http://www.rayneyouthfc.org)  
 Cricket use the field from May - Sept [www.raynecc.co.uk](http://www.raynecc.co.uk)

Table Tennis use a dedicated room [www.tabletennis365.com/rayne](http://www.tabletennis365.com/rayne)

Rainbows/Brownies/Guides : For details contact 01376 570464 or  
[office@girlguidingsexne.org.uk](mailto:office@girlguidingsexne.org.uk).

### REGULAR EVENTS IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM

1st MONDAY of Month	19:30	<b>Rayne Parish Council</b> 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	<b>Social Table Tennis</b>
01376 321908 <a href="mailto:whitesidedi@btinternet.com">whitesidedi@btinternet.com</a>		

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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**Join us for the annual New Year's Day walk around Rayne on a route of 4-5 miles.**

**Setting off from the Village Hall at 2:00pm.**

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