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Sunday 18 th February	9-30am	Modern Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th February	9-30am	Traditional Holy Communion

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For further details of the work of All Saints Rayne please con-
tact 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
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A Christmas message from Rev Rachel.⁴

January 2024

Dear Friends,

St. Valentine, has become the patron saint of love and around his festival on the 14th February we are inundated with symbols of love everywhere – flowers, cards, chocolates, ornaments, cushions even food. Of course, once the 15th arrives all those symbols will have been eaten, recycled, discarded, or perhaps put away as keepsakes – and the remainder in the shops will be sold off at a discount.

Romantic love is a wonderful thing while it lasts, and can be the foundation for lasting, mutual care and relationships, but like the cards and gifts, chocolate and crumpets, it is often soon gone or sold cheap. But love is very important; the love of family, friends, neighbours, all humankind, as individuals, as groups, love for creation, for all life on our planet, for ourselves. Without love, which gives us a focus, a passion, a reason to act positively for others we would miss so much that is good in our lives. Real love is not cheap, easy, or disposable, it's not always shiny or fluffy or tasty; it can be difficult, unrewarding, costly, unrelenting – but as the song says, it's what makes the world go round.

The Bible has much to say about love – asking us to love one another, to love God and to love ourselves. It tells us to love because God loved us first and God's love is unconditional – that love doesn't care who we are, what we look like, what we have done, whether we are rich or poor or have a GSOH*, it's never-ending and we can never do anything to earn it, or anything that will stop it.

This year Valentine's day falls on Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent is a traditional time of preparation for Christians as they look forward to Easter and remember the depth of Christ's love on the cross; a love that is not cute and fluffy

and costs a few quid, but is sacrificial. **No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

The journey of faith is to grow into receiving that love, and sharing it with those around us. Sacrificial love is costly, not cheap, but it is transformative.

This Lent may you know just how much you are loved and share that love with everyone you meet.

With love

Rachel

**Good Sense of Humour*

Rayne Churchyard.

Christmas is a time for joy and celebration, it is also a time for remembering those no longer with us whom we love and miss, and it is lovely to see so many floral tributes and wreaths laid in our beautiful churchyard. However, to keep the churchyard fresh, seasonal, and looking its best, could we please ask that such seasonal tributes are removed by the second week of February. Thank you for your help in keeping our churchyard looking so lovely.

Colin and Graham (churchwardens)



The AGM of the
RAYNE CHURCH BUILDING TRUST
 will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2024
 at 7:30pm in the Old School Room,
 Shalford Road

All are welcome

Do you fancy a New Year's challenge or just having a go at something different? Why not try your hand at church bell ringing at All Saints Church.

Our practice times are Wednesday mornings 11am - 12.15am or Wednesday evenings 7pm – 8.15pm. It's a great social activity that helps to keep you fit and is open to anyone aged 10 + years. It's for all faiths and you don't need to be musical or strong. It's also a lot of fun!!

If you fancy trying us out email rayneringers@yahoo.com or just turn up to one of our practice sessions – we'd love to see you!!

Rejoice! Rayne Church is launching a new choir and music group.

Grow in your confidence and have fun singing and playing once a month at the Fourth Sunday service at 9.30am.

All welcome. Practice time to be agreed.



If you are interested please contact Gloria and Paul at gloria@arriveontime.com call 07518618157



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 living in Brunwin Road.

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.





The Old School Room Management Committee (OSRMC)

The Old School Room Management Committee is now running the Old School Room (OSR) with a small number of people representing the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Community. The inaugural meeting of the committee met for the first time in November with 8 members of the public.

Achievements so far: New ceiling and lighting, all completed free of charge by a local Electrician (EV Electrix). New Boiler - Completed in December 2023 with 90% grant from EALC ECC Emergency fund.

Unwanted items recycled.

Rubbish removed.

The Library room painted.

Stumps removed from garden area and general tidy up.

Work Agreed: Old Schoolroom floor to be sanded, treated and made ready for future use.

Funding needed: The OSRMC is looking to raise funds for the continuing refurbishment of the OSR. We will be going out to public appeal, looking for grants and holding fund raising events. If you can help, please contact the Chairman.

Next Event: Old School Room Quiz event on the 2nd March 2024. (See pg 11)

Tickets from Joy Darby or Andrew Goldsmith.

Raffle Prizes: Items wanted for the raffle. These may be taken to the Old School Room on a Wednesday morning or call Joy Darby for collection.

Committee Members: Mike Begley (community), Charlotte Brine (Treasurer and PCC), Joy Darby (Chair, Community), Andrew Goldsmith (Community), Chris Hutton (PCC), Colin Miles (PCC, Vice Chairman), Scott Wilsdon (Parish Council), Rev Rachel (Ex Officio) and Chris Coombes (Ex Officio) and Gina Buckley (Secretary and Funding Officer).

Contact: Joy Darby (Chair) 07702632021



As the country continues to struggle though the cost-of-living crisis many more people are being referred to foodbanks to enable them to put food on the table. This sadly is the reality of life as we move into the new year.

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Please, please continue supporting the foodbank by dropping your donations off at 6 Brunwin Road. (in the box on the doorstep). Or in the box just inside All Saints Rayne (open every day 8-00 till 4-00pm) The Need has not gone away! Let's help everybody have a Happy 2024!!

Updates on requirements can be found regularly on All Saints Facebook page!

Thank you.

Current shopping requirements are;

Deodorant – spray or roll on.

Shampoo

Conditioner

Shower Gel

Toilet Rolls

Feminine Hygiene products.

Nappies size 4, 5, 6.

Dog Food

Any Gluten Free alternative foods.

** Please note: We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home, we are also unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.*

We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible). Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

Sam Marriage

Many people in Rayne will have known Sam Marriage who sadly passed away on 26 October 2023 at the age of 97. They will undoubtedly have cherished memories of him.

Sam was the eldest of twins and his brother Peter predeceased him. Sam lived in Bartholomew Green for most of his life, apart from a spell in the army at the end of WW2.

He was very involved with Rayne Church. He joined the choir in 1937 and was elected to the Parochial Church Council in 1947.

He taught Sunday School in the village for 29 years in the Old Schoolroom and trained as a Licensed Reader.

After giving 40 years of faithful service to Rayne Church, Sam then served Great Leighs and Little Leighs churches and Crix Green Mission Hall, only stopping doing services in 2018.

After retiring from his job at County Hall, Chelmsford Sam spent his time visiting the elderly in Rayne and those in various care homes and hospitals. He conducted many funerals over the years and knew all the liturgy and prayers off by heart.

Sam was well known in Rayne where people would see him riding his bike around the village as he visited the Swan, Booking Hall Café, Coffee Spot and church lunches in the Old Schoolroom. He spent the last five years of his life in Kilkee Lodge in Braintree, still reading his Bible until the end.

As befits his life-story and achievements, his funeral was held in a packed Rayne Church and he was buried in our churchyard.





Thank you to everyone who turned out, in the awful weather, to support our Picnic in the Park film event. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and a number of new ones too! Altogether we gave out almost thirty lunch bags, lots of hot chocolate with marshmallows and not forgetting coffee and cake for the adults.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



If you want to join us look out for the next event !



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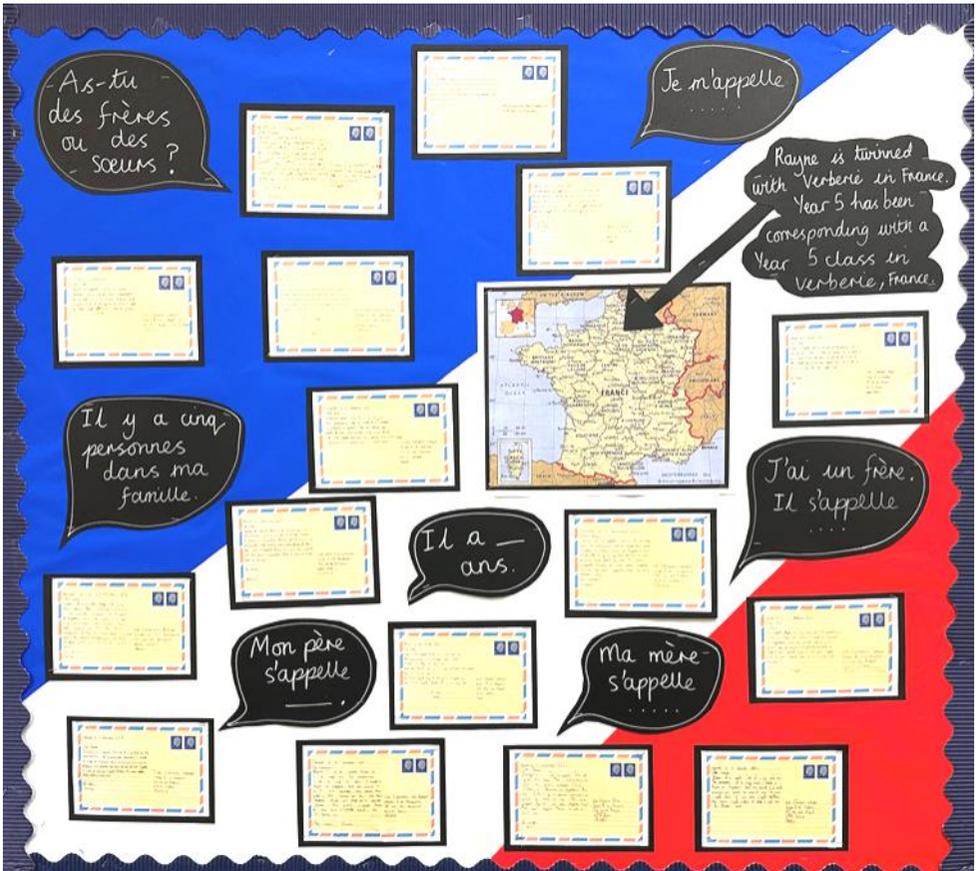
raising funds to assist the refurbishment of the Old School Room



: The Old School Room, Rayne

Bonjour!

The year 5 pupils in Shakespeare class at **Rayne Primary and Nursery school** strengthened links with the French town, Verberie, which has been twinned with Rayne since 1994. At the end of their French unit, 'La Famille', the pupils wrote postcards to children in Year 5 from Ecole Élémentaire Groupe B Les Remparts, introducing themselves and telling them all about their families. French subject leader, Ms Rosalind Anderson said of the pupils in Shakespeare class, "This is an exciting opportunity for our Year 5 pupils. It has given them a motivation for their French lessons and I would anticipate further correspondence opportunities during the academic year." The Rayne pupils are now looking forward to receiving responses from the pupils in Verberie.



Rayne Lunch Club

All Saints Church hold a weekly lunch club in Rayne in the Old Schoolroom.

On Thursdays from 12noon to 2pm we offer 2 choices of homemade soup and a sandwich made to order with a choice of 4 fillings, tea and coffee and often a piece of cake, all for £4. Expect a warm welcome and a chance to chat and meet friends. Make it a regular fixture. No need to book just turn up.

On the second Thursday of the month 12 for 12.30 pm we offer a two course lunch which is home cooked, with fresh seasonal veg and includes juice to start and tea and coffee costs £6

Below are the dates and menus up till May

February 8th	Steak pie, mashed potatoes and seasonal veg	Trifle
March 14th	Chicken casserole, new potatoes and seasonal veg	Apple crumble and cream
April 11th	Baked gammon, new potatoes and seasonal veg	Chocolate pudding with chocolate sauce
May 9th	Beef lasagne and salad, garlic bread	Lemon meringue roulade

This is open to anyone who would like to meet other people over a lunch, there are no age limits. If you are housebound and unable to attend we would be happy to deliver a lunch to you. Also we will gladly accommodate any special dietary requirements

To book a place please message Kate Kukiewicz on 07522443622 or email revromankuk@gmail.com

District Councillor Ann Hooks

Writing this in early January I am initially reflecting...

Rayne, as always has great community spirit and it was great to see so many elves around the village, with so many families walking the PSA Elf Trail to find them! Well done to all involved. It was also fantastic to see so many other village events so well attended, like the carol services, Christmas sing a longs in the Welsh and New Year's Day walks (even though I didn't manage to brave that

one!). The festive period is always special and Rayne with its community groups, church and businesses always seem to make it even more special for our village.

During December I attended a member's session on the cost of living. There are many initiatives around the District that support residents who are struggling or who are vulnerable. Please do contact BDC for more information or if you want to get in contact with myself, I am happy to help you to get in touch with the right people that will be able to assist you.

I will be attending the Parish Councils new Community Coffee mornings, with the first one being held on 27th January, at Rayne Village Hall. So, if you want to chat about anything village or District related, I will be there.

I am also excited to see the new carpet at the Village Hall and Community Information Point, where some of the funds from the Councillor Grant Scheme, that is allocated to me, has been used to help purchase and fit the new carpet.

After the relatively quiet period in local government over the festive period, work carries on with further scrutiny on the budget process. As with all councils there are hard decisions to be made, on how to keep the services that fall in the District Councils remit at level that the public expect, whilst suffering from the ever decline in funding. I, along with fellow I&G colleagues will be ensuring that we get the best result we can for our residents.

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! I also now have an X (formerly known as Twitter) account, you can follow me @CllrAnnHooks

Ann

An apology from the Editor.

In the District Councillor's report last month the following paragraph was cut short:-

"In November I attended the Local Government Association (LGA) Independent Conference, and it was great to meet other Councillors and attend seminars on a range of topical subjects. I have also been chosen out of 64 candidates, to be one of twenty Independent Councillors to attend the LGA Independent Next Generation Course. The course is intended to provide specific training, to be a better Councillor and a political leader of the future. I was honoured to be chosen and have attended the first weekend of training back in November. I will attend a further two weekends in January and March to complete the process.

Ann Hooks"

My apologies for this error to Ann and any mystified readers.

Linda Taylor (Editor).



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Their aim remains to help and support families in the Braintree area especially in these difficult times.

You can follow them on **Facebook**. Their page has up to date information on how you can put in a request for your clothing needs or provide donations.



Parish Council News – January

At the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 2nd January 2024, eight councillors were present.

District Councillor Ann Hooks and County Councillor Graham Butland were also in attendance.

There was one member of the public present.

It was noted that the road at Perkins Garage was, once again, flooded. By the time this edition is published, Essex Highways will have completed some work including carriage-way patching, kerb and gully repairs which, we hope, will help the situation.

PLANNING

23/02722/OUT – Land South of Springfields Braintree Essex

Outline application with all matters reserved except access, for the erection of 74 affordable residential dwellings.

The Councillors agreed to send the following objection comment:

Rayne Parish Council wishes to record their strong objection to the above planning application concerning the building of 74 affordable residential dwellings adjacent to the Springfield estate west of Braintree.

This second application for our development on the same site does not diminish or address previous objections. It should be noted that Rayne Parish Council have over the years continually objected to the developments planned and approved to the rear of Gilda Terrace, all of which have one vehicular access point on to Rayne Road.

The current traffic mayhem in Braintree at this time is something that needs to be addressed before any further building and subsequent increased traffic is considered or even approved. As a parish council, we have noted in recent times increased traffic using the roads through the village. The continuous congestion at the roundabout where the Springwood industrial estate adjoins Rayne Road is a hindrance to any motorist wishing to access any of the major roads signposted towards Dunmow, Chelmsford and the A120 east and west. Drivers will no doubt prefer to turn left out of the access point on Rayne Road and travel directly westward through The Street, others choosing to travel in the same direction, but turning left at the Swan junction into Gore Road and head out of Rayne, using either New Road or Queenborough Lane both of which are totally inappropriate for the volume of traffic already being seen without this being increased by the additional vehicles from the proposed Rayne Road developments.

As a Parish Council, we are encouraging our residents to use alternative methods of transport, but our efforts are being countered by the need for potential nearby residents to use their vehicles to access local schools, health facilities, employment or commuting options.

We find the submitted Travel Plan document in the application and the 4 stated objectives to be completely unachievable and an insult to our already frustrated residents who see this development as yet another plan to connect our beautiful rural environment to the already overcrowded town of Braintree. We would hope that we will have the opportunity to hear from the developers how they hope to implement and succeed with these impossible targets.

1. Foster a partnership approach with residents to influence travel behaviour.
2. Encourage travel to the site to take place by sustainable modes of transport.
3. Encourage safe and viable alternatives for accessing the site for residents
4. To reduce the environmental impact associated with development traffic by raising travel awareness among residents.

To build on this land would extend the urban feel of the Flitch way, as the development is right next to it. Rayne Parish Council has always fought to protect the Flitch way from being over developed, as has happened in Takeley. The Flitch is a linear country park and requires our protection. This was supported by a planning inspector on the Brook Green appeal, as development next to it would be detrimental to the landscape.

Rayne has always been concerned about coalescence and the building of this development would narrow the green wedge that is in the planning authority's local plan, which protects the space between Rayne and Braintree.

Whilst it is admirable that the development has 74 affordable houses, this should not be to the detriment of the local area.

23/02916/FUL – Creation of a footpath and cycle path link between the consented residential development (18/01065/OUT) and Flitch Way. Lane South of Gilda Terrace and North of Flitch Way Rayne Road Braintree Essex.

No planning objection to this application.

PLANNING RESULTS

23/02539/FUL – Flitch House, 21 Warner Close, Rayne CM77 6GC

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

Application Permitted.

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

The full calendar has been added to the Rayne Parish Council Facebook page and was included in the December Focus report but here are the dates for February:

Tuesday 6th February – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 13th February – Clear sacks and food bin only

Tuesday 20th February – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 27th February – Clear sacks and food bin only

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 24th February at the Village Hall between 10 and 12 so do come along for a cuppa and a chat. Our Councillor Surgery will be open if you have any questions.

If any local organisations would like to come along and set up an information stall then please contact the clerk (rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk) to arrange a booking.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be outside Rayne Primary School, Capel Road on Thursdays between 9:40 – 10:10. The next date is 8th February 2024.

CHANNEL SWEEPING

The sweep will take place on Friday 2nd February 2024 so please try to park vehicles away from the side of the road if at all possible on this date.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in helping our community by getting involved, please email: community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

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.

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



**WE'RE
OPEN**

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.

Many thanks to all the kind people who donated to the Ukraine collection before Christmas, and special thanks to Rayne Primary School for storing the collections. All that you collected found a good home and was very much appreciated.

The lorries will be going across again at the end of March and would be grateful for further donations before mid-March so that they can be collected in good time.

Tinned foods, especially fish but NOT baked beans

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Wildlife Reports, till January 8th 2024

At Christmas I usually get an increased number of wildlife reports. This year has been an exception as I have had very few. Most days there have been showers and high winds while underfoot the saturated ground has made walking hard work. This is a pity as the long holiday period would have allowed one to undertake walks to most parts of the Parish.

Phil Monk and his wife Judy 17/12 were walking along Pods Lane just as it was getting dark and surprised a Woodcock which flew off with the unique whirring sound from its wings. Most years I report a sighting in the village of this occasional visitor.

Jim Cardy in an email reported he had seen a Mink last year crossing the road by the Swan into Oak Meadow. We obviously do not have a problem from Mink in the village yet as we can usually have up to 6 Moorhens feeding in our garden. It is an often-quoted statement that if you have ponds or rivers without Moorhens then you have active Mink or Stoat predated them. Last month I reported Stephen Chaplin's picture of a Mink in Pods Lane this year. This is one imported predator we can do without.

Roger Martin 31/12 Duckend Green reported that he had in the past seen flocks of Goldfinches in his garden but none this year until this report when he had a pair on his feeder and commented on the beautiful sight they were in the sun. At the same time as Roger sent this report Sylvia and I watched our feeder which had eight feeding holes occupied by Goldfinches and a further 2 Goldfinches flying around the feeder of sunflower hearts in our garden. I agree with Roger they were a marvellous sight. Roger also reported a male Kestrel in his garden. This is interesting as we are close neighbours and as most readers know we have had a Kestrel nesting in a large Barn Owl nest box in one of our barns for at least 10 years (I will check my records). We often see the female throughout the winter but not the male who has probably gone to sunny climes for a winter holiday. Keith Rawlings and I watched this female go to roost in the barn one evening recently but not in the nest box area. Below where she entered to roost there were many regurgitated pellets on the ground showing she was a regular visitor. The sighting of a male indicates she has probably already got a male lined up for this coming season. The female Kestrel has been a regular visitor to our garden bird feeding area. She often makes a fast fly through visit to our bird feeding area but has not yet been seen catching a meal.

Tim Wignall, Pound Farm Cottage 24/12 watched a **Buzzard** down the track by his cottage. He has had a lot of Goldfinches, Long Tailed Tits and Green Finches in his garden. As we are near neighbours we rarely see the last two species in our garden but Tim is some distance away from the built housing area. Tim regularly sees Great Spotted Woodpeckers as we do in our garden. In recent weeks we have had daily visits from both male and female and when they leave our feeding site they fly towards Tim's area. In the past their nest site has been near Pods Brook but the Squirrels have opened up this nesting site hole in a tree so the peckers have hopefully found a new nesting site. Tim also saw a Fallow deer with a small baby. Fallow deer can have one or rarely two

fawns born in June or July after a gestation period of about 230 days. Perhaps the small fawn is one from a young mother. Unfortunately I have not recorded who took the picture of the Fallow with its fawn but if the photographer reminds me I will correct the record next month. *(It's so good that the Editor has used it for the front cover.)*



At Goulds early morning on 29/12, I went to top up the bird feeders and 15m away (I paced it) a Common Buzzard flew up from the ground and with slow wing beats flew away. I searched to see if it had been eating something on the ground but could find no reason for it visiting our garden. This is the closest I have been to a live Buzzard and I have no picture to record our meeting. The bird would not have seen us in the bedroom or kitchen from its position in the garden, but it does show Buzzards and Kites are becoming more tolerant of us humans. I accept that they have no choice, as their numbers increase, they will need to rely on our waste to provide their food. The picture of the buzzard was taken by **Jim Cardy**.

We also have rare visits from a **Wren**. I mention this so I can use **Helen Coneys** nice picture. Unfortunately I hear very few reports of their presence in the parish.

(The Editor has had a pair of breeding wrens in her garden in School Road for a number of years. They regularly feed in a pile of old rotting wood and sticks and around the compost heap and have nested in the garage and around the garden.)

I have just returned from the farmyard, late evening, sorting out an alarm and gate problem and met a Munjac deer cleaning up some bird food which I had previously put out for the early morning birds. One of my feeding areas is just above ground level and ideal for a hungry deer.



John Metson, who is responsible for controlling Rabbits on Goulds Farm, killed 105 rabbits in 2022, in 2023 he only killed 63 and most of these were in the first five months of the year. John has told me that he is unable to accept fresh orders for rabbit as he does not know of any on the farm. It is unlikely that John is responsible for this drop in numbers. Rabbits have for many years suffered from Myxomatosis disease which showed several unpleasant symptoms round the head. The rabbit eventually often died of this disease but while still able to move it passed the virus on to other rabbit colonies. In recent years they have suffered from a new disease Rabbit Haemorrhagic Dis-

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ease (RHD). This disease usually kills within 8 hours and rabbits rarely recover. This means that rabbits in a relatively small area are killed out completely, but the disease does not spread over large areas. This virus has now been replaced by a new virus RHD2. There is a vaccine now for both strains of virus, but this will only benefit domesticated rabbits. I must admit when I was first farming that I used to go lamping with a tractor and a gun and on one night shot over 100 rabbits. This was the only time I shot a high number as gutting that number is hard work and takes a lot of time. The damage Rabbits can cause to crops especially sugar beet is considerable. They eat out the growing point of sugar beet when young which eventually killed the plant. Once they started on a row of beet, they left long sections without surviving viable plants which caused problems when the beet was harvested. There was always a ready market for the Rabbit carcasses, but I doubt a rabbit carcasse, gutted but still with a skin on would be a major sales item in a modern supermarket.

I have just seen an email from Andy Goody 12/01 he has seen two Otters at the Phyllis Currie Nature Reserve at Great Leighs where Sylvia is the warden. They were swimming in the lake, this is a new sighting.

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Rayne Church's Bread making Group

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

Saturday 3rd February 24 -

Malted flour platted loaf or rolls.

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Contact Kate to book a space on 01376 321479



MEN'S BREAKFAST on the first Saturday of the month. (and who does not like a 'full English'!)

Come and enjoy with tea, coffee and toast and marmalade plus lively discussion on almost any topic and all for a donation.

Breakfast served at 8:30 am.

Please let Graham know if you would like to come with a couple of days notice by telephone 01376 324719 or email, brine19qbl@btinternet.com

RAYNE IN FOCUS

Thank you to Teresa & Derek Meson who have done a sterling job of distributing the village magazines to all the volunteers who carry out the house to house deliveries.

This role has now been taken on by Cheryl and Alan Harris (Details inside the back page.

Also a big thank you to Sandra who has delivered the magazines to 56 properties in The Street for a number of years but can no longer continue.

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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

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Rainbows/Brownies/Guides : For details contact 01376 570464 or
office@girlguidingsexne.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
01376 321908 whitesidedi@btinternet.com		

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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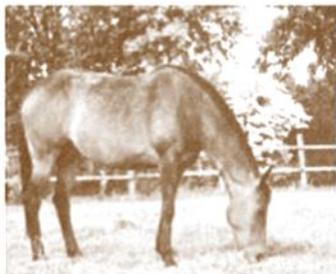
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