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The Three Churches: Black Notley, Great Notley and Rayne

Services at All Saints March 2024

Sunday 3 rd March	9-30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 th March	9-30am	All Age Worship
Sunday 17 th March	9-30am	Modern Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th March	9-00am	Palm Sunday Donkey walk from Rayne Station
	9-30am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion
Wed. 27 th March	7-00pm	Compline (short service with Holy week reflection)
Thurs. 28 th March	7-30pm	Holy Communion, foot washing and stripping of Altar

Black Notley Church

Friday 29 th March	7-30pm	Stations of the Cross Good Friday meditation
Saturday 30 th March	7-30pm	Lighting the church and Easter Vigil
Sunday 31 st March	9-30pm	All Age Communion for Easter Day and Egg Hunt

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	11-00am	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 or phoning 01376 330988.

Home Communion visits by arrangement with Colin Miles

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.

February 2024

Dear Friends,

This month heralds the arrival of Spring. It's not quite BBQ weather and we'll still need our jumpers for a bit longer but, with the brighter days coming, things start to look up a bit.

As we watch the blossom flower and the leaves shoot and the bulbs burst into life, we're reminded that things go in cycles. No matter how desperate the winter is, it does not last forever. We might not see what is busy going on under the ground, but new life is pushing through the darkness of the soil, ready to burst into colour.

The church year goes in cycles too, and Easter Sunday this year falls in March.

One of my favourite Easter stories takes place around a BBQ.

After Jesus' resurrection, Jesus is cooking his disciples breakfast, some roasted fish and some bread, on the shore of Lake Galilee. (I wonder if Jesus made a good fishfinger sandwich? Surely God must be a pretty good cook!) But, for Peter, I imagine the meal might have left a funny taste in his mouth. After all, the last time they had seen each other, Peter had just denied ever knowing Jesus – three times. I wonder if he was getting ready to apologise, chewing over the words, or whether he just wanted to forget the whole thing.

Jesus' approach is a curious one. He doesn't make Peter relive the past and talk about how awful it was to be denied. Instead he asks him for his commitment in the present. Three times he asks Peter 'do you love me?', giving him three opportunities to say so, in the place of the three denials. And after each one, he gives an instruction: 'feed my sheep/take care of my sheep/feed my lambs'. Essentially, if you love me, show it in your actions. Peter's BBQ chat with Jesus is not a condemning, but a commissioning.

It's a reminder that with God every moment can be a new start.

The refreshing revitalising resurgence that comes in Spring can be experienced in our lives too.

It's easy to get caught in cycles – the humdrum of the every day – but Easter reminds us that our lives have more meaning than that. Each day is an opportunity for a new beginning, following the God who can make all things new.

May you be blessed this Easter with new hope.

With love

Rachel

Easter Church Services Explained

On Sunday 24th. Palm Sunday we recreate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, meeting at the Railway Station at 9-00am we will make our way through the village following the Donkey, stopping occasionally, for some bible reading and prayers, until we reach the Church where we will join the Morning Prayer service where Palm Crosses are also distributed.

Monday 25th sees the start of Holy Week, and the preparations for Easter take on the form of Prayers and Meditations, these will be held at 7-00pm on Monday at Black Notley, Tuesday at Gt Notley and Wednesday at Rayne.

On Maundy Thursday at 7-30pm At Black Notley Church there is a service of Holy Communion where we remember the Last Supper and the night that Jesus was betrayed and arrested. At the end the Church is stripped of all its hangings and decorations leaving it bare in readiness for the solemnness of Good Friday.

On Good Friday at 7-30pm at Rayne Church there will be a quiet service of mediation on the events surrounding Jesus' Crucifixion, this will last an hour.

Saturday, Easter Eve at 7-30pm. From the darkness of Good Friday, we move to the light of Easter, the New Candle of Easter is lit from a fire outside, and carried into church, slowly as the service progresses other candles are lit as the story unfolds until the whole Church is bathed in light, in readiness for the Easter Celebrations of Christ rising from the dead celebrated on

Easter Morning at 9-30am with a service of All Age Family Communion.

We hope this has helped to unwrap some of the mysteries surrounding Church Services at this time of year, we look forward to seeing you at some of them.

Easter Lilies



If you would like to contribute towards Easter Lilies to be displayed in Church at Easter, in memory of a loved one please let one of the Churchwardens, Colin or Graham, have your donation and the name(s) of those you would like remembered. Names will be displayed in church over Easter.

You can either phone or email, or drop your contribution through the door at 6 Brunwin Road. Please print the name on the envelope.

Colin Miles – 01376801884, crmiles@sky.com or

Graham Brine 01376 324719, brine19qbl@btinternet.com



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 living in Elm Walk.

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.



Our All Age Service in February was all about listening to God.

Those who were there will understand the phrase “the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy cat or was it a gate or was it a cow!!”



We talked about how God loves to speak to us, how to shed all negative feelings we have while listening to Him and how, sometimes, we just need to stop all we are doing and just listen.

The prayers were read beautifully by two of our younger church members, Charlotte and Emily and the service finished with a lively action song (Reverend Nicky, something less energetic than the twist next time please!!!)

If you want to see exactly what we get up to at our All Age Service take a look at the live stream on All Saints, Rayne Facebook or better still, come along next month to our very special Mother's Day Service.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

April, 2nd

An Eggciting morning of Easter crafts,
followed by a picnic
& April 9th

Another brilliant children's film, followed by a picnic

(keep an eye out for more details)



What did you give up for lent?

Lent was traditionally a time of fasting and going without in preparation for the celebrations of Easter! How about an item for the foodbank everyday?

It would be lovely if Foodbanks did not exist but the sad truth is that demand is growing and so much that there is a very fine line between demand and donations. So why not give up one item per day and donate it to those in need!

Here is a suggested 40 day calendar of items required by Braintree foodbank at present:

Day 1; Tinned cold meat	Day 2; Long life Milk (small)
Day 3; Squash	Day 4; Tinned Spange pudding
Day 5; Jam	Day 6; Tinned hot meat
Day 7; Tinned rice pudding	Day 8; Instant mash potato
Day 9; Rice (500g)	Day 10; Coffee (Small)
Day 11; Ladies Shampoo	Day 12; Sugar (500g)
Day 13; Tinned Tomatoes	Day 14; Nappies
Day 15; Tinned vegetables	Day 16; Long life Sponge pudding
Day 17; Instant mash potato	Day 18; Female deodorant
Day 19; Long life Milk (small)	Day 20; Tin opener
Day 21; Tinned rice pudding	Day 22; Tinned hot meat
Day 23; Shower Gel	Day 24; Gluten free alternatives
Day 25; Instant Mash potato	Day 26; Tinned fruit
Day 27; Coffee (small jar)	Day 28; Jam
Day 29; Conditioner	Day 30; Long life sponge pudding
Day 31; Cat/Dog food	Day 32; Squash (small)
Day 33; Tinned rice pudding	Day 34; Tinned cold meat
Day 35; Instant Mash	Day 36; Gluten Free alternatives
Day 37; Tinned Veg	Day 38; Rice (500g)
Day 39; Female Hygiene products	Day 40; Tinned fruit

All can be dropped 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)

Reminder only items with more than six months shelf live can be accepted

Thank you

BAMBINO PLAY AND STAY GROUP

Wednesday Term Time for 10 – 11.30 at the Old School Room Rayne.

From the 1st April 2023 the Rayne Bambino Play and Stay Group became a committee of the PCC. Thank you to the PCC to include us and enable us to be sustainable for the future. We could not manage without our volunteers. We are always looking for more helpers, please contact us if you are interested.

The group meets every Wednesday from 10 to 11.30. The group is for pre-school age children. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and enjoy the fun.

We have a variety of toys for both inside and garden play. We make cards, use play doh, make sticker pictures, draw and create wooden spoon puppets. Although we do not follow a formal curriculum, we are trying to cover the 7 areas of learning as set out by the EYFS each week. We have had a shop and a vet and we are planning on having other activities such as a nursery with dolls, cot, highchair and changing unit. We have also have a tuff tray which holds a different theme each week. We have a party at the end of each term.

Our Volunteers are Gina Buckley, Mel Harris, Joy Darby, Steve Darby, Jo Siebert, Sally Read, Carmen Want (now retired) and Diane. We have interest from another person who would like to help us. During the year we have had helpers from the church, including the Rev Rachel and others.

Joy Darby

Face book – Playgroup Rayne Bambinos

GLAD TIDINGS

We are aware of how important the family graves and memorials in our churchyard are to many of us. But sometimes it can be hard to find time to visit and maintain these precious memorials to our loved ones.

A local team of dedicated volunteers is ready to offer you peace of mind and positive help in exchange for a donation of money to church funds.

For a donation of £30 a year they would be willing to:

- Maintain one grave in an orderly manner
- Cleaning the headstone twice a year (summer, winter)
- Cutting any edging to stop encroachment of grass
- Clearing old leaves, twigs, weeds, etc.

In addition they would undertake to send you a photo of the work done.

You might even consider making such an arrangement a gift to someone you know; perhaps for someone who you know is finding difficulties visiting All Saints churchyard for some reason but who would value the gesture.

Contact: revromankuk@gmail.com

Parish Council News – February

At the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 5th February 2024, nine councillors were present.

District Councillor Ann Hooks was also in attendance.

We were happy to welcome seven members of the public, some of whom spoke during the Public Participation on planning issues. Another topic raised was the Essex Minerals Local Plan Review which is currently underway and the proposal is for **two** extensions to the current quarry at Rayne. The public consultation period is now open and residents are encouraged to look at the plan and raise any concerns using the link on ECC website - the closing date for comments is 19th March 2024.

PARKING

The Parish Council have been in contact with the NEPP to request that the yellow lines outside the school be repainted. They have advised that this will be added to their maintenance list. The 'keep clear' signage outside the school gates is the responsibility of ECC and they have been asked to repaint these too. At the time of the meeting, we had not received a response from them.

NEPP had also been contacted regarding parking at the Medley Road junction and they advised that where the road and the pavement are at the same height, parking is not permitted. Residents are therefore reminded not to park on the raised areas of the road at this junction and on The Street.

DOG FOULING

This has been raised on our social media platform several times over recent months but please can residents pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste in the correct bins.

PLANNING

24/00077/TPO – The Rectory Shalford Road Rayne CM77 6BT

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - 18/76

T1 - Ash Tree - Reduce branches overhanging Rectory Garden by approx. up to 4m, back to the main trunk up to 10m high.

T2 - Field Maple - Reduce branches overhanging Rectory garden by approx. up to 4m, back to the main trunk up to a height of 10m.

T3 - Field Maple - Reduce branches overhanging the Rectory garden by approx. 3-4m, back to the boundary line.

T4 - Oak Tree - Reducing branches by approx. 3m back to the boundary line.

T5 - Ivy Covered Hawthorn Tree - Reduce to 3m in height

No planning objection to this application.

24/00091/FUL - Old School Rooms Shalford Road Rayne CM77 6DL

Creation of a parking area.

No planning objection to this application.

24/00125/FUL - Longfield Station Road Rayne CM77 6RX

Erection of 3 No. dwellings with associated access

The application was supported therefore no planning objection to this application

PLANNING RESULTS

No results found this month

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 5th March – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 12th March – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 19th March – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 26th March – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin only

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 30th March 2024 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 21st March 2024.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

SAVE THE DATE AND NEW VENUE!

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday 24th April 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Rayne school. Refreshments will be served from 7pm. This is YOUR meeting so please come along and find out what we and other village organisations have been

doing over the last year. We are in the process of inviting organisations to attend and these will be confirmed at a later date.

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 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 4th March 2024** 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

**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.

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

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

KNEAD



Rayne Church's Bread making Group

We meet once a month on a Saturday morning from 10am to noon in the church.

On Sat 9th March we are making hot cross buns.

All ingredients and most equipment is provided. All ages and level of ability most welcome. £4 donation per session to cover costs.

To book a place contact: revromankuk@gmail.com

or message Kate on 07522 443 622

District Councillor Ann Hooks



I was delighted to attend the Parish Councils first coffee morning in January. It was great to chat and listen to residents and it wasn't always a moan either (!) there were many positive conversations about how wonderful our village is too.

I hope to attend as many of the coffee mornings as I can.

At the beginning of February Essex County Council launched a consultation on a review of its Essex Minerals Local Plan. There has been a call for sites exercise and ECC are now consulting on 52 sites across the county. Two proposals are at the current Rayne Quarry. One is to the south of the current site and south of the B1256, the second is to the north of the current site, stretching up to Pods Lane/ Shalford Road. The consultation is open until 5pm 19th March and can be found here <https://www.essex.gov.uk/replacement-essex-minerals-local-plan-review-2025-2040>

An issue that I was contacted about this past month, was the amount of dog poo that is left around the village. This is an issue that has blighted our village for many years and does always seem to be worse during the darker months. **But there is never an excuse to leave it for people to tread in.** Especially children walking to school or the village playground, unaware they have dog poo on their shoes, that can be smeared everywhere.

The consequences of leaving it could also end up with you receiving a fine if caught. I know we have many law-abiding dog owners and I thank you for picking up after your dog, but it is always a minority that spoil the pavements for us all. So please pick up after your dog and place it in the correct dog poo bins around the village.

Everyone who subscribed to Green Bin collections, should have received a bin sticker. You will need to write your house number on it and then place your sticker under the handle. Green Waste collections will start up again week commencing 4th March. If you have not received your sticker or wish to have your unused bin collected (if you did not sign up to the green waste collection) please contact BDC.

By the time this magazine lands on your door step, the BDC budget will have been finalised by the Full Council in mid February.

It is no secret how tough it has been on local government finances given the volatile and uncertain world we are in, with continuing inflationary pressures, increased demand for council services and long term financial stability.

The Council has a new transformation programme called "Fit for the Future' which will look at how the council works, how resources can be used more effectively and working with and scrutinising its partners. This will support the Council to be more financially resistant going forward.

As ever, 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

Dear Rayne Residents

We are now truly into 2024 and despite the recent wet weather, the village is looking clean and tidy thanks to the hard work of our groundsmen Mark and David. As a Parish council, we are attempting to address the usual issues of potholes, occasional inconsiderate parking and unfortunate dog fouling, whilst making major financial investment decisions that will ensure our village remains maintained and safe for all our residents.

Our tractor is getting to an age where it will start costing us excessive money to keep it running at an efficient level, we have therefore decided at the recent monthly meeting to investigate further buying a replacement. We also decided to replace our current street lights with more modern and cost-efficient LED lights. Essex County Council were offering free of charge a number of their redundant lamps, this seemed too good an opportunity to turn down and falls in line with our policy of using recycled equipment where safe and prudent. We will keep you updated on these purchases in the coming weeks via our website and social media. Whilst on financial matters, you will notice a small increase in the parish council proportion of your council tax in the next communication from Braintree District Council, we have again been mindful of the need to keep increases to a minimum whilst still retaining the expected high level of services you rightly demand from your council.

Our inaugural Community Coffee Morning took place on the last Saturday of January and we were very pleased with the response. We welcomed our Essex police community team to the event together with Community 360 who engaged with those of all ages discussing village life, the help on offer to our vulnerable and assistance for the less fortunate. It was also good to have our district councillor Ann Hooks available to answer any questions relating to her role. Our next event is on Saturday, February 24th at 10am where we plan to have again community organisations on hand to engage with our residents, councillors look forward to welcoming you for a cup of tea or coffee and home-made cake at the Village Hall.

A date for your diary is Wednesday 24th April when we will hold our Annual Parish Meeting. We are pleased to be holding it this year at our Primary school and look forward to welcoming you all to attend and hear of our achievements, future plans and of course, announcing the Community Award winners for 2023. We will continue to keep you updated on this via our usual links.

Thank you for taking the time to read this briefing and should you have any questions regarding any of the content please contact Hazel Godfrey, our parish clerk, via the contact information listed at the back of this publication.

Many Thanks

Mike Eldred Chair – Rayne Parish Council.



1st Rayne Scout Group

Incorporating boys and girls in Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

March always heralds the start of improving weather and growth in the gardens. It also means we are looking forward to this year's Annual Duck Race!

Easter Monday is the 1st April this year, so there won't be time for another reminder of this, our main fundraising event of the year. There was a lot of generosity shown to our Group last year which was fantastic. Our youngsters will be out and about knocking on doors this month, as well as selling in George Yard and on the day itself down at Pods Brook.

All four sections have been busy so far this year running activities inside and out, on-site and off-site keeping all the youngsters busy. Beavers have been busy with their Space Activity badge involving star gazing and launching rockets. Cubs were working on the Disability Awareness badge which included writing with their feet, watching a guide dog working and trying out a wheelchair. Recently they all enjoyed a visit to Essex Police at the Boreham site.

Scouts have been cooking including preparing fish, and clearing up. On a separate date they practiced signalling on a forest walk.

There are camps planned over the coming months including a Group camp involving all the sections and Scouts will be involved with a large Jamboree in July.

We are still on the lookout for local adult residents to come and volunteer with us at 1st Rayne Scout Group. In particular we are looking ahead to 2025 when we will definitely be recruiting for Beaver leaders. Please, if you can at least come along for a chat to see what might be involved, we would be very happy to see you.

Contact us now at 1straynecubs@gmail.com or gavin.wood@essexscouts.org.uk and get your youngster, or yourself involved at 1st Rayne.

See you on Easter Monday for the Duck Race

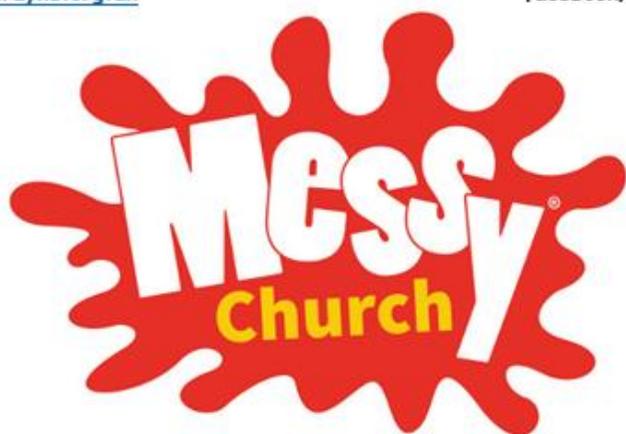
Rob Punnett



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH RAYNE

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Does the Easter Experience

Monday 25th March

From 4-00pm in Church

**An Interactive Walk through the Easter
Story for All the Family
Refreshments Available**

BRAINTREE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Are you male? Do you enjoy singing?

Why not join the Braintree Male Voice Choir?

Singing is good for you (doctors have proved that) and singing together, even better (psychologists have shown that).

The choir sing a variety of songs from classics such as Nessun Dorma and Morte Christe through Bring Him Home, Sweet Caroline, Ed Sheeran's Perfect and The Wellerman.

Rehearsals are for two hours in Braintree on Wednesday evenings, at St Peter's Church Hall, St Peter's in the Fields, Braintree CM7 9AR at 7.30 pm.

Do I have to be able to read music? **No**

Do I have to have an audition? **No**

Will I have to sing alone? **No.**

So what's stopping you?

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Ron Fosker on 01376 512582 or

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COLLECTIONS FOR UKRAINE

There are two more deliveries to Ukraine this year, in June and October so we will aim to collect items for the June delivery. The gentleman has requested the following items:

Toiletries

Toys

Good condition clothing

Food such as

- Tinned fish
- Pasta
- Porridge oats
- Tinned fruit
- Lentils (NOT baked beans!)

The collection point will be open from the beginning of May and is to be located at 5 Brunwin Road, Rayne. Please leave items beside the garage which is to the left of the property, and protected from the weather if at all possible!

Let's hope that we can make an even bigger collection than we did last time! Thank you all for your kind generosity."



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE THE
OLD SCHOOL ROOM
FOR A GROUP OR A PARTY?**

**PLEASE CONTACT CHARLOTTE BRINE ON
324719 OR EMAIL charlotteb19@btinternet.com**



Update from the Old School Room Management Committee (OSRMC).

The OSRMC met on the 17th January 2024. Nine Members of the Committee including Ex Officio and a scribe were present to discuss matters. Apologies were received from one member and the secretary.

The following were agreed.

1. To paint the Old School Room, with thanks to Dick Harvey.
2. To order the new flooring for the middle or Library Room.
3. To put on hold the refurbishment of the Cottage Room until damp issues resolved.
4. To remove and dispose of all fixtures in the cottage room.
5. To sort out the sink unit issues in the old kitchen, with thanks to Steve Darby.

Finances and Booking Report

The Treasurer Charlotte Brine, gave an overview of the current finances and agreed to prepare a budget and aspirational list for the future. Which will assist in the progress of applications. The new charges are now in place and all hirers have been contacted. It was reported that our new bank account is now open. Congratulations to Charlotte Brine and Colin Miles.

Bookings have increased and it has been noted that the hall is looking better. All this is a credit to the volunteers that have assisted. The new Terms and Conditions of hire have been agreed. It was resolved to clean the fridge and oven monthly.

Roles and Responsibilities

A discussion was held on roles and responsibilities of OSRMC members and it was agreed to draft a report for the next meeting. This is important in our development to ensure that we work well together.

Fund Raising

It was agreed to give the Secretary Gina Buckley authorisation to apply for any grants to help support the QSR.

It was agreed to hold a fund-raising launch in the spring, proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next event is the Old School Room Quiz event on the 2nd March 2024 - Tickets from Joy Darby or Andrew Goldsmith. There may be an open table for those not able to make a team of 6.

Raffle Prizes Items are wanted for raffles. These may be taken to the Old School Room on a Wednesday morning or call Joy Darby for collection. Your unwanted items will help us to raise funds.

If you would like to help us in any way, please give me a call.

Contact: Joy Darby (Chair) 07702632021



QUIZ NIGHT



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Saturday, 9th March

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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

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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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