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Services at All Saints April 2024

Sunday, 7 th April	9-30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday, 14 th April	9-30am	All Age Worship
Sunday, 21 st April	9-30am	Modern Holy Communion
Sunday, 28 th 1 April	9-30am	Traditional Holy Communion

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

Services at Black Notley Church

1st Sunday	9-30am	All Age Eucharist
2nd Sunday	11-00am	Eucharist
3rd Sunday	11.00am	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.

March 2024

Dear Friends,

On the 18th April in 1930 in the UK, nothing happened. The BBC News broadcast began 'Good evening. Today is Good Friday. There is no news.' Instead of the announcer reading the events of the day, piano music was played for fifteen minutes.

It is surreal to imagine a no news day, as if time had stopped.

In our busy world, there is so much news, it can almost become overwhelming. There never seems to be enough time to do it all, help everyone who needs help, do a good job at work as well as maintain good relationships with our family and friends.

I wonder if time stopped, what would you do with it? Would you scurry around trying to get everything done? Or would you rest and enjoy the timelessness? This is the age-old question for mothers when their children nap!

The psalms talk about all our time being in God's hands (Psalm 31.5). This means that God holds our beginnings and our endings. God holds our joys and sorrows. God holds our days of monotony and drudgery as well as the days when we are most productive and most pleased with ourselves. All our times are in God's hands.

When we remember this, it can change our perspective. We are not human doings, we are human beings, and we don't need to prove we are worthy of love, we already are so loved by God. There is a greater purpose to our lives beyond what we can control.

Whatever news April brings your way, may you trust that you are held by the God who holds all of time in divine hands.

With love

Rachel

Thank you to everyone who supported our half term Picnic in the Park children's film and picnic lunch.



It was brilliant to see the church packed with so many happy, excited children. Over thirty-five lunches were given out and lots of coffee and cake for the grown ups!!

Our next event will be on April 2nd and will be an EGGCITING Easter craft session followed by a picnic lunch. There might even be some chocolate involved!!



Look out for more information on our All Saints, Rayne Facebook page.

Rayne Church's Bread making Group

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

On Sat 6th April we are making foccacia. 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

TABLE TOP SALE IN AID OF CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

All Saints Rayne has for many years supported CMS people working in various parts of the world. Currently, we are sponsoring a couple who are working in Uganda, Africa. Neil is a surgeon at a local hospital and is frequently unable to perform life saving and life changing surgery due to shortage of basics that we take for granted – clean water, bandages etc. Sue is a lecturer at a university.



On Sunday 28th April, we are holding a fund raising event in the Church, selling books, jig-saw puzzles and bric-a-brac. There will be refreshments available and we will have some live music.

The sale starts after the morning service (so about 11.00) and will end at 16.00.

Come along and have a browse or just join us for a drink and cake.



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 Capel 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.

Your prayers can also be said in private if you would prefer.

Best Wishes and Blessing to you





A huge Thank you for your generosity during 2023, We were extremely pleased to take over 250 bags of food and toiletries to the foodbank warehouse last year.

The continued rise in prices mean more and more people are being forced to turn to Foodbanks to survive. Unfortunately these are the hard facts behind life today. Many of you have supported the Foodbank generously for several years now and continue to do so, thus providing meals for at least two families a day just from the donations from Rayne. 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 at church any day between 8-00 and 4-00pm.

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

Current shopping list includes.

Food items

Tinned cold meat i.e. Spam

Tinned hot meat i.e. Stews

Jam

Long life sponge puddings

Rice

Tinned rice pudding

Non-food items

Cat/dog food

Gluten free alternatives

Shampoo

Conditioner

Deodorant

Sponge Pudding (nonchilled)

Please remember only items with a shelf life of six months or more can be accepted.

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

Church choir at All Saints.

It's now been several years since the Covid outbreak and we had to disband our church choir. The wonderful news is **'THEY ARE BACK!!'** On the fourth Sunday of each month the choir will join our Traditional Communion service at Rayne. Our sincere thanks to Gloria and Paul from our sister church in Black Notley for working so hard to get this project started. We are always looking for new members so if you would like to join us, please contact Gloria on glo-ria@arriveontime.com.au or text 07518618157. You don't need any experience and it's really good fun. We practice twice monthly and then join the service at Rayne on the fourth Sunday. Our next practice sessions will be held on the 16th and 23rd March at the church.

Come and join us, we would love to see you there.

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The lovely bell tower in All Saints Church has had a complete overhaul.

A new carpet has been fitted and the walls have been decorated. It is now bright and beautiful and just waiting for you!!

Our small group of ringers is slowly growing but we would be delighted to welcome anyone new. **We meet on a Wednesday morning from 11am-12.15am or on a Wednesday evening from 7pm-8.15pm.**



It's a great social activity that helps you keep fit and is open to anyone aged 10 years plus. It's also a lot of fun!! Why don't you pop down for a chat and have a go.

Don't forget, if you are doing your Duke of Edinburgh, bell ringing can also be part of your community section.

For more information email rayneringers@yahoo.com or just pop down and see us.

Wildlife Reports, till March 10th 2024

I am sorry I did not produce a report for the last magazine on time so this report starts with sightings for part of January.

Roger Martin, Duckend Green 11/1 watched a Great Spotted Woodpecker feeding on his bird food and then 'attacking' the trunk of his Catalpa tree. I suspect it may have been picking out large seeds such as peanuts and then wedging them in the bark to peck at. In our garden they even construct pecking holes in trees to hold peanuts while they peck at them. On 12/1 Roger had a Redwing showing its brilliant orange shoulder patch in his garden and on the same date there was a small flock of 10 Fieldfares on the neighbouring field. These migrants are often seen together.

Chris Turner 6/2 emailed me about the murmuration of Starlings that happens over Makemores and Medley road every evening before they go to roost in the nearby trees. Unfortunately, I am unable to show a suitable picture of the birds performing but Chris has some videos and reckons up to 300 Starlings were present before they moved on. On 28/1 Chris had a Redpoll in his garden with a flock of Gold Finches. On some days Chris counted up to about 50 Goldfinches in the flock.

Yvonne and Leanne Childs, Sunnyfields, Dunmow Road 16/1 sent a list of birds they see on their feeders. Most days there are 15 Blue Tits, 12 Great Tits, 2 Coal Tits, 9 Long-tailed Tits and every morning a female Great Spotted Woodpecker. Will Childs also commented that years ago they used to get 'loads of Sparrows' but very few Tits but that this is now reversed. I replied that we get both sexes of the woodpecker visiting separately and when they leave our garden, they fly off in the direction of Sunnyfields. Hopefully they will find a suitable nest site between our gardens.

Ken Turner and his wife Shalford Road 25/1 watched several Blue Tits pecking at the flowers of a winter Jasmine. Ken wondered if this was out of spite or getting moisture or food from the plant. Certainly many of us humans just feed dry bird food forgetting they need water to digest the food. Also they may get other nutrients from the flowers. The jasmine always flowers during the last week of January and this year a white camelia is also flowering. Ken planted some Rocket seed earlier in the year but it did not germinate very well so he eventually threw the remainder of the packet on the surface of the vegetable garden. This grew very well and has provided a picked bunch every other day since Ken started picking it in late summer, except during the frosty weather.

Pat and Dave Hart have a Wren that for two years has flitted around the shrubs growing round the house. Wrens seem to find a ready food supply of insects as the house probably keeps the temperature just a few degrees warmer which attract the insects. The Wren also probably nests nearby, the nests which consist of a ball of dried plant material with a single small entrance hole are surprisingly inconspicuous. They will also use the same nest for several years. They also have a Pied Wagtail that appears to be resident. A warning, look out for any nesting attempts. We had one that nested on top of the engine of a tractor that was still in use and another which nested under the top cover of a 2 tonne calor gas tank that was topped up every 14 days They have the usual garden visitors, but a pair of Blackbirds and two Robins appear to have planned a future

at their house. A recent highlight was a Red Kite gliding past the bedroom windows. On 26/1 Pat emailed to say they now have 4 Pied Wagtails in the garden though not a rare bird it was a rarity to their garden. A leaf seen blowing across their patio turned out to be a little vole. In our garden the Short-Tailed Vole is a major pest, it is an excellent climber and has a diet that includes all the plants that us humans' rate as special. It starts at the top where the plant usually has its flower buds and after cutting these off proceeds to cut the plants down to ground level. It then transports these cuttings back to its dining area. They have even spread their activities to my vegetable garden where they often cut off emerging seedlings.

Will Childs Dunmow Road 11/2 saw 6 Buzzards flying over their yard at the same time and his wife saw a Sparrow Hawk devouring a Collared Dove in the garden. The smaller birds did not start returning to feed for a least 10 minutes after the Hawk had finished its meal.

Tim Wignall, Pound Farm Cottage 19/1 saw a large herd of Fallow Deer by his cottage. I thought the gravel pit at Broadfields would have reduced the large deer herds in this area but judging by the large number of prints on all our fields at Goulds it has not. The planned large expansion for the pit in the future will probably change matters as deer are not noted as good swimmers. Tim also saw 6 Lapwings; I have not seen one of these distinctive black and white birds for many years in the Parish though we used to get quite large winter flocks at one time. Tim also reported when walking his dogs he sees 2 to 3 Hares in the fields near his cottage. Most days I rarely see a hare at Goulds yet in the summer we had very high counts of 20 to 100 hares, where did they go. Tim still has many of the finches visiting his garden but is also getting Green Finches which we rarely see at Gould's. A report by Tim 29/2, he saw a lot of Fieldfares from Pods Lane, a Buzzard was still flying about, a Sparrow Hawk was visiting his garden and 6 Fallow Deer were down the lane by his cottage.

Keith and Deborah Rawlings also reported seeing a Buzzard in the trees in Rookery meadow opposite Haverings in the Street. Regular Buzzard sightings at this time of the year may indicate the birds are surveying for roosting sites for this coming spring. Despite being large birds they can be very difficult to track to their nests as they will not return to the nest if they suspect a bird watcher is nearby. I write that from experience.

Phil Monk 18/2 was having breakfast when a Fox visited their garden, Phil did not mention whether it joined the breakfast table, but it did stay for a picture. He has also had a visit by 4 Reed Buntings and a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers.



Julia and Richard Harvey Shalford Road 24/2 sent an email that Barnadette their Barn Owl was visiting the meadow adjoining their garden.



At Goulds, at the beginning of March we are finding Mallard duck eggshells, most have been predated but we have one that appears to have hatched a duck. Mallard can be early nesting birds but the eggs

have to be incubated for 28 days. They also usually have two nesting clutches each year, but sitting on eggs from early February is a bit optimistic. For several days in the middle of February we also found in the garden the tracks of a Muntjac deer with the very small tracks (about 10 to 15mm) of a very young one. Fresh bat droppings that could be from a Common Pipistrelle have also appeared in one of our barns indicating that they are coming out of hibernation and are looking for food. Either the wildlife are good forecasters of the weather or else they were lucky.

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

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

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

All Saints Sixties Night.

What a brilliant evening we had. Lots of laughs, good music and wonderful food. Our thanks as always to Kate and her team for the buffet, to Ian Whiteside for the music and Beryl for organising the raffle. Over three hundred pounds was raised for church funds but, more importantly, a great deal of fun was had by all.



Well done to everyone for the fantastic outfits!!

PS : Check out the online colour version of this mag. either on the Three Churches or Rayne Parish Council websites to see the outfits in full psychedelic colour.

District Councillor Ann Hooks

I hope my report finds you well and looking forward to some nice spring weather!

This month has all been about the quarry and the consultation on the two proposed sites. It was amazing to see so many of you out supporting the 'Bluebell walk' to highlight the issues as a village, we face. I would like to thank Simon Tibbetts and Richard Aggiss who led the walk from each end from Rayne and Saling.



At this point I would like to add, that although it is beautiful walk to Golden Grove to see the Bluebells, when they are in bloom, please remember that the wood is in fact on private land and should not be entered.

I, along with the Parish Council, have been busy sharing posts, writing reports, writing crib sheets and hoping I managed to galvanise many of you into responding to the consultation, so that we have the best opportunity to say NO! Both sites are unacceptable and just because we have a quarry already, it does not mean that it is right to 'just' add on to it. The impact of either one will have a profound effect to our rural countryside and village life.

I managed to secure one small victory, where in its initial response as a consultee, Braintree District Council, had a neutral stance. After providing a lengthy report on both sites and making a statement at the Local Plan Sub-committee, BDC will now be strongly objecting to both Rayne sites. Although we have long way to go, it is good to have our District Council supporting our views. There will be another consultation at the latter end of this year, beginning of next, once ECC have decided which their preferred sites are, we hope that Rayne didn't make the cut.

I see some of the streetlamps that had been out of action for a long time, namely in Symmons Close and Vaughan Road, have now been fixed. There has been a lot of chasing by the Parish Council and myself, to get these fixed over the last few months/years, so it is great to see them finally repaired, although not before time. If you subscribed, your green bin should now be being collected. If you have any issues with the service or want a 'no longer used' green bin picked up, please contact customer services at BDC.

In the past month I have finished the prestigious LGA NextGen course. After completing three weekends of training up in Warwick, with 15 other Independent or Green Councillors, that also were chosen to attend this course, I am now armed with many new tools to be the best Councillor I can be for you and at Braintree District Council.

It was lovely to see residents at the last Parish Council coffee morning and chat about anything and everything! I will also be at the Annual Parish Assembly on 24th April, so I hope to see many of you there.

As usual, 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



Volunteer opportunity - come and join our team!

Baby Stuff Braintree is a small charity run by volunteers.

We support local families with free pre loved clothing and some essentials.

Based at Carousel family hub CM7 3QZ

We are looking to recruit a small team of volunteers to help check & sort donations and support families when we are open, making up clothing bundles etc.

Able to commit to Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings, term time only. (minimum once a month)

Helping with social media and website a bonus !

There will be lifting of boxes required.

The applicant will have to have a DBS check which we can facilitate.

PLEASE EMAIL INFO@BABYSTUFFBRAINTREE.CO.UK IF INTERESTED

At the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 4th March 2024, eight councillors were present.

District Councillor Ann Hooks was also in attendance and apologies were received from County Councillor Butland.

We welcomed four members of the public, some of whom spoke during the Public Participation on planning issues. Another topic raised was around the Essex Minerals Local Plan Review and the resident concerned very kindly offered their help with the consultation process for which we were very grateful.

With the current wet weather, it was noted that there had been flooding once again at Perkins Garage but thankfully not to the extent of previous times. Also, the planned roadworks in this area had not been completed but we advised that no update had been received from Essex Highways on a revised date as yet.

PLANNING

24/00159/FUL – Fentons Farm, Fentons Road, Rayne

Conversion of barns into 1 No. dwelling house with single-storey extension and single-storey link extension.

No planning objection to this application was raised.

24/00370/FUL – Long View, Dunmow Road, Rayne

Replacement dwelling

No planning objection to this application was raised.

PLANNING RESULTS

24/00215/TEL – T Mobile Site 90487, Dunmow Road, Rayne

Original notification 23/02186/TEL new notification incorporating revised plans

Case Closed

23/03078/PLD – 12 Kidder Road, Rayne

Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use to run business from home.

Application granted

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 April:

Wednesday 3rd April – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 9th April – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 16th April – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 23rd April – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin only

Tuesday 30th April – Grey bin and food bin

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 27th April 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 11th April 2024.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Don't forget this takes 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. The school children will be talking about school life and our local PCSO Terrie Johnson will be there.

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 **Tuesday 2nd April** 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.



Our All Age Service for March was certainly that this month as we welcomed a new mum with her beautiful seven month old baby and sung a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday to Mary Jessop who was celebrating her ninety-eight birthday!!

Our service was dedicated to Mothering Sunday.

We explored the relationship between Jesus and his mother Mary and our own relationship with our Mums, both past and present. The Gospel and prayers were read beautifully by two of our younger church members, Kaylee and William and posies of daffodils were given out. Our activity was to decorate a card which contained a poem dedicated to our mums and which contained a packet of forget-me-not seeds. We concluded with the action song 'Thankyou'!

Our next All Age Service is on April 14th and we would love it if you could join us.



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LOS INFIERNOS DOG RESCUE (SPAIN)

I am collecting leads and collars, new or used, to take to my sister who is a volunteer at the Los Infiernos Dog Rescue centre in southern Spain.

The Los Infiernos centre looks after abandoned dogs and many are rehomed in the UK. At any one time, they will have approximately 100 dogs being cared for, pending rehoming.

I m happy to come and collect them from you or they can be left at 12 The Maltings, Rayne.

Beryl Whiteside 07802 415330

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:

Food such as

- Tinned fish
- Pasta
- Porridge oats
- Tinned fruit
- Lentils (NOT baked beans!)
- Toiletries
- Toys
- Good condition clothing

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.



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

The OSRMC met on the 15th February 2024.

Eleven Members of the Committee including Ex Officio and a scribe were present to discuss matters. Apologies were received from one ex officio member.

The following were achieved:

New repurposed kitchen to be installed in the cottage room. Thanks to a local resident for the donation of a kitchen and Colin, Graham and Andrew for collecting it and storing it in the cottage room.

The Old School Room has been painted and is looking extremely smart. With thanks to Dick Harvey who gave his time for free and Chris Hutton who paid for the materials.

Planning application has been submitted for the car parking.

The Fund Raiser, Gina Buckley has received a grant of £4000 from the Walter Farthing Trust to pay for the new flooring for the middle room and the ceiling in the storge room.

The 5 year electrical testing has been completed and improvement works agreed.

More insulation has been placed in the Old School Room with thanks to Andy and Graham.

What's next:

The Quiz Nite at the Old School Room.

Open Afternoon with coffee and cake, a raffle and talks reflecting on the Old School Room in days gone by. The date is yet to be agreed.

The Committee agreed a Party Nite to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 8th June – the band has a real local connection – The ALLBEATS plays 60's 70's and 80's music. Tickets will be on sale soon and more information to follow.

A really big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, for the raffles coming up in the future. We are happy to receive more – you can either leave these clearly marked in the Old School Room or give me a call and I will come and collect.

We need to raise money, so watch out for our fund-raising events. All donations gratefully received.

Finances and Booking Report

The Treasurer Charlotte reported that booking continue to rise. If you would like to book the hall please contact Charlotte on 0770885308.

Our finances are very tight, the hall is managed with the good will of our committee members and efforts of local residents. With the successful application of a grant from the EALC of a CIF Emergency fund, the new boiler was funded, we have also received grants from the Walter Farthing Trust, to pay for other much needed work.

Contact: Joy Darby (Chair) 07702632021



On Friday 9th February 2024, the Year 6 class from Rayne Primary School held their launch of Eco-Refill, funded by the Essex Year of Numbers.

Their aim is to reduce plastic waste as one way of being an Environmental Change Maker. By selling many different liquids including: washing-up liquid, laundry liquid, hand wash and body wash, many plastic containers were re-used. Each child in the class has their own job within the company they established (Refill Revolution), following applications and an interview process. The roles include Directors, Sales Team, Stock Managers, Finance and Buying Managers and Market Research Managers. Many of the children stayed behind after school to help run the stall. In the end, pupils raised £79.50 from sales and saved a total of 33 plastic bottles. They will now be working out the profit made, checking stock and advertising their next sale on Friday 1st March.

Written by Amelia, from Year 6, Director Refill Revolution



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

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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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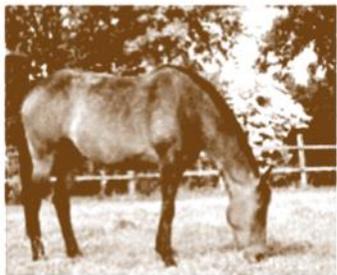
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