

# RAYNE IN FOCUS



June 2024



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



Michelle Harris and the Picnic in the Park team have received a Community Award at the Rayne Parish Council Annual Assembly for their contribution to families in the village.

Well done to all those involved.

*(See Parish Council report for more award winners. Pgs13/14)*

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## The Three Churches: Black Notley, Great Notley and Rayne Services for June 2024

### All Saints, Rayne:

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 a.m.	Modern Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.30 a.m.	Traditional Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	N/A	Benefice Service at St Peter & St Paul

### St Peter & St Paul, Black Notley

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.30 a.m.	All Age Eucharist
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 a.m.	Benefice Service

### The Church in Great Notley

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	11.00 a.m.	Methodist
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 a.m.	All Age
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 a.m.	URC
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.30 a.m.	Wiggle Church
	11.00 a.m.	Baptist
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	N/A	Benefice Service at St Peter & St Paul

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

Home Communion visits by arrangement with Colin Miles.

# A message from Rev Rachel.

May 2024

*Dear Friends,*

As I write this it's a beautiful day though I have no crystal ball to see the weather as you are reading. I may look a bit silly if the rain is pouring – but of course we hope that, in June when we have the longest day of the year, the days are brighter and there is plenty of time for outdoor parties and celebrations.

Last month we had some other causes for celebrations! The Parish Council awarded two Citizens Awards to the Church, for the Picnic in the Park team that feed children on a Tuesday lunchtime in the school holidays, and the Bambinos team that run the Wednesday morning toddler group. Thank you to all who work so hard to be a blessing to the children and young people in Rayne, and to the Parish Council for recognising how tirelessly the volunteers work to serve the community.

In May we also gathered for our Church Annual Meeting, which was a chance to look back and give thanks for the last year. It has been a busy one with the start of our bread group Knead, the forming of a new church choir, and the resurgence of bell ringing with a new team amongst other good news. There has been much to celebrate!

Even in a usual year churches have a lot of things to celebrate. For Christians, there is an alternative calendar that is full of Church festivals, Saints days, traditions that shape our days and weeks. And of course, we are often the place where people come to celebrate the beginning of a marriage or the birth of a child. We are delighted to report that that the All Saints' font has been adjusted to make it much more usable for the future! We are happy to have a good number of baptisms to look forward to in the coming months, and anyone who is inter-

ested in pursuing baptisms for themselves or a child invited to hear the good news and join in the party!

You are of course very welcome to pop into the Church to see our new font. It is open every day from 8am-4pm. So do come in, come rain or shine, and enjoy the quiet beauty of the place. Who knows, you might want to come and join the celebrations – and you would be very welcome to do so. *With love*

*Rachel*

**Our All Age Worship for May was about exploring the potential of prayer** and the different way in which we communicate with God.

The service was led by Reverend Nikki with Colin setting the scene for us. The younger members of our congregation read the gospel and the prayers. We all made traffic lights as a reflection on our prayers to God and we finished the service “Walking in the way of God”.

If you want to see what we were up to, you can find the service on our All Saints' Rayne, Facebook page or why not come along and join in the with next All Age Service on June 9<sup>th</sup>?



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



A poster for the Rayne Arts & Crafts group. It features a large yellow paint palette in the center. The words "Paint", "Craft", "draw", "chat", "sketch", "enjoy", and "learn" are arranged around the palette. The text "Rayne Arts & Crafts group" is written in red and black on the palette. Below the palette, the meeting details are listed in red and blue text. At the top, there are small images of paint palettes and a bundle of brushes.

**Rayne Arts & Crafts group**

"We meet at All Saints church,  
Shalford Rd, Rayne from 1pm to 4pm  
on the 3rd Wednesday of the month  
Cost is £3 and tea and coffee are provided.  
For more information please contact  
Caroline on [caroline610678@aol.com](mailto:caroline610678@aol.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 Leyside, Capel Close and Barnfield End.**

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](mailto: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



## ***Indoor Tabletop Sale***

**At The Scout Headquarters**

**Station Road, Rayne**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**11-00am till 2-00pm**

**Refreshments and Raffle**

***All Proceeds in Aid of Rayne Guides Jamboree Fund***



## **Midsummer Afternoon Tea**

**In Rayne Church**

**Saturday June 22nd - 2.30 to 5pm**

**A tour of the Belfry and an introduction to the art of bell ringing (max group of 4 per tour which lasts approx 30 mins)**

**To book afternoon tea e-mail  
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**All proceeds to Rayne church**



## **Come and join us at Rayne Park.**

**Meet your friends, have some fun and enjoy a free picnic. It's open to all primary school children and their siblings but please make sure you bring an adult along with you. The dates for this summer are July 30<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

**Look out for more information on the All Saints' Church Facebook page.**

**We can't wait to see you all again.**

**Michelle and the Team**



*A huge Thank you for your generosity over the last year, indeed for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Rayne has donated 662. 72 kg of food which equates to 596 meals. This is an incredible amount and is much ap-*

*preciated. 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. The need is not going away!*

*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*

*Washing up liquid*

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

### **Bambinos play and stay group.**

Bambinos returned on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 10 am. The groups runs from 10 - 12 at the Old School Room Shalford Road Rayne. The group welcomes all carers, mums, dads and grandparents to bring pre school age children to this fun group. £1 for 1 adult and a child under 1, £3 for 1 adult, 1 child over 1 and 1 child under1, additional children over1 are £2. each.

We have a variety of toys and a craft each week. In the summer we will be able to use the garden.

The Bambino cafe serves a variety healthy treats and some not so healthy. Carers also get a treat and tea or coffee.

**Come and join the fun, everyone is welcome.**

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Rayne will be commemorating this important event.

### ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

9.00 am: **At the War Memorial on the village Green**

A National Proclamation by our Town Crier to be followed by pupils of Rayne school reading a poem and laying a wreath.

8.00 pm: **At The Swan Public House.**

- ◆ Braintree Male voice choir will be leading a sing-a-long with a selection of popular World War 2 songs. Come along and join in.
- ◆ A short Ceremony Including “The National Tribute ” in the Presence of The Royal British Legion
- ◆ Lighting of the Beacon. (Rear of the Swan Pub.)

*There will be an opportunity to make a donation to The Royal British Legion.*

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**A Lost or Stolen Golf Club has been found** - contact Trevor Wright 01376 321520.

(Police already notified - no burglary mentioning Golf Clubs found yet.)



## Essex County Council's Digital Essex team wants to make residents in Rayne aware that changes are coming to analogue landlines.

By 2025, traditional phone lines will be replaced by a digital landline service. This means that calls will be made over a broadband line.

For most residents, this change will be straightforward – you'll also get to keep your phone number. Your telephone provider will contact you before anything changes. It is important to respond and discuss what you need to do to ensure your service won't be affected.

The switch to digital landline services could affect some residents. If any of the following apply to you, or someone you know, make sure you contact your telephone provider:

- You don't have broadband
- You rely solely on a landline
- You use a personal alarm or healthcare device
- You live in an area with poor mobile signal
- You have additional needs

If you're confused, worried, unsure, or have any questions, call your telephone provider.

**Visit us at an event near you!** Digital Essex will be attending events across Essex this Spring and Summer, where we'll be sharing the latest information about changes to phone lines. We are planning to attend the Braintree Street Market event on the 19th of June. This is subject to change so please see the full list of events by [visiting our website](#).

BT is also visiting locations across Essex throughout May. For full details, [visit their website](#).

If you'd like to read more about the switch to digital landlines, go to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2024/your-home-phone-ready-go-digital>

## **District Councillor Ann Hooks**



Happy June to you all, (secretly hoping that summer has arrived!)

I want to start to say how thankful, surprised and proud I was to receive a Rayne Citizen Award for contribution and service to the village, from the Parish Council. After being the person giving out these awards for the past few years, it was humbling to be the recipient of one and totally amazed that they managed to do it, without me knowing about it!

As I said at the time, Rayne lives in my heart, I will defend it, stand up for it, support it and help it in any way I can. That will never change and now even better that I have a bigger platform to do it from!

Thank you, Mike Eldred and the rest of the Parish Council, for the recognition.

On another important piece of news....

The two quarry extensions at Rayne Quarry have officially been withdrawn and will not form any part of Essex County Councils Minerals Plan Review going forward, at this time. This is great news for the village, as either extension would have affected properties, the beautiful countryside and habitats. Thank you to all that joined in on the 'Bluebell Walk' and took the time to write in during the consultation process.

BDC is currently running a Call for Sites exercise which asks landowners to nominate their land for development. This is all part of the review of the Local Plan and is District wide. The current plan has no development in Rayne, but this could potentially change after the Call for Sites exercise. Once I am given more information about any potential land in the Rayne Parish later this year, I will of course update you on any consultations that will affect us.

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](mailto:cllr.ahooks@braintree.gov.uk) This is my preferred method of contact. Although, in an emergency I can be contacted on my mobile, 07852 552247. I also have active social media pages, Facebook (Cllr Ann Hooks) and Instagram page ([cllr\\_ann\\_hooks](#)), where you can keep up to date with what I am up to! I also now have an X (formerly known as Twitter) account, you can follow me @CllrAnnHooks

*Ann*



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April was the Annual Parish Assembly and it was great to be able to hold the event at Rayne Nursery and Primary school this year.**

Approximately 80 people attended including students from the school choir entertaining everyone at the start of the evening. There was plenty of tea and cake available and an op-

portunity to view some of the village groups including Friends of Flitch Way who showcased what they continually do for the village. There was also a stand from Ingrebourne Valley Gravel Pit showing what the future plans are for the site.

The evening started with the school choir entertaining the residents as they entered the hall. Formal proceedings started at 7:30 with the Chair, Cllr Mike Eldred welcoming everyone and handing over to the Year 6 pupils who presented details of their Eco Refill company. Their presentation was very impressive, and they were invited by the Chair to set up their stall at the June coffee morning.

The first to speak was the Rayne School Head Teacher Debra Price. She spoke about the recent roof repairs and school extensions which have taken place. Environment and sustainability is the school hot topic at the moment with the challenge being to ensure the pupils are aware of their environment. Mental health is also high on the curriculum with their My Happy Mind initiative.

The school organise walks around the village looking for Roman evidence, they continue to work closely with the church and are planning to organise a traffic survey in the future. They have also established links with a school in France now.

Next to speak was District Councillor Ann Hooks who is also the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council. She talked about the committees she currently sits on – Planning and Governance & Audit. She circulated a report of the work done over the last year and advised that she had received an update on the Rayne Quarry stating that Rayne had been moved off of the list of potential new sites which was good news!



County Councillor Graham Butland was invited to speak and he praised Cllr Hooks for the work she had done so far in her role as District Councillor. He went on to say that, whilst potholes were a hot topic at the moment, the majority of funds had been used on care for the old and vulnerable of the district as this was considered more important.

**PCSO Terrie Johnson** spoke next and talked about the importance of security marking equipment. She had produced an article explaining more about DNA marking which was featured in the May edition of the Rayne in Focus magazine.

She was followed by Sgt Green who advised that reported incidents in Rayne were very low and the roads were considered very safe. He pointed out that no anti-social issues had been reported during the year. He also spoke about the car racing issues on the A131 – they have secured some funding for this issue which will enable them to heavily police the area. There were significantly reduced calls reporting issues at the moment but he urged everyone to continue to report any incidents if matters started to get worse.

Next was a Q & A session regarding the Role of the Clerk & RFO:

Why did you apply for the job? I worked in insurance for 36 years and took voluntary redundancy a couple of years ago. I needed something to do and saw the role offering 14 hours a week which fitted in well with my newer role as a 'Nana'

What is an RFO? Responsible Finance Officer, basically I pay the bills!

What are the current trending issues within the village? Parking and dog poo.

The office is open twice a week, do you get many people popping in? Yes, mainly for recycling or poo bags at the moment.

Do you see yourself still doing the job in 5 years time? Yes, definitely!

Next, our Rayne Citizen awards were handed out by Cllr Mike Eldred;



Rayne Bambinos – in recognition of their contribution to the community

Jimmy Gepp – long term advocate for the village and local historian

Michelle Harris and the Picnic in the Park team – contribution to the community (*Their photo is on the front cover*)

Christy Bamford – contribution to the community in providing childminding facilities

Heather Digby – contribution the community in respect of tending the memorial garden

Ann Hooks – recognition of her continued contribution and service to Rayne village

The final item of the evening was the Councillors reports.

Chair's report – 2 new councillors joined us this year. All councillors have different skills and therefore have different responsibilities. The Christmas social event was very suc-

cessful and it is hoped to continue this

Finance – The precept increased for the 2024/2025 period by 8.63% which is comparable to previous year's increases and was required to cover increasing staff costs, fuel, electricity and training. The PC also receive income from BDC Street Cleaning agreement, ECC grass cutting, Eastlight and Old Challis Rise. As in previous years, grants have been given to Rayne in Focus and the Village Hall for opening the toilets during holidays and defibrillator costs. There has also been a few large expenses – the new Parish website, replacement tractor and replacement of the PC owned streetlights with LED units.

Communication & Data – The monthly councillor surgeries started at the Booking Hall Café but during the winter months, these were moved to the coffee mornings as it was indoors! Residents were reminded to come along and have a warm drink and a chat. The event is free although donations would be gratefully accepted.

The new website was launched this year and it was hoped that residents find the information contained useful. The hope is that this will become a village diary of events so please let us know if you wish any events to be added to the site.

Village Hall – The committee continue to make the village hall a better environment. Solar panels have been added to improve efficiency and, with the help of councillor grants, the interior has been painted and decorated.

Following the illegal encampment a working party set about improving security of the grounds by adding new benches and boot cleaners. There is a great team of volunteers bringing different skills together to make the facility the best it can be.

Mike and Christy Bamford will be stepping down soon and they were thanked for their help and support over the years. They were also wished the best of luck for the future.

Nature Reserve – the plan is to make the site more accessible to all and a working group will be set up to look at ideas and investigate the possibility of grants to help.

Grounds – the planters on the street were re-built this year and the groundsman have done a great job keeping the village tidy. Sadly, David decided to leave earlier this year but we have been lucky to find Martin to join us. We have had to retire Sasha so the purchase of a new and improved tractor has taken place.

Cllr Eldred closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and hoped they found the evening informative.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO RAYNE IN FOCUS.**

Your copy for the magazine is due by the 7th of the preceding month. After this date inclusion in the magazine cannot be guaranteed. If you know there will be a delay please let me know. As the Editor I cannot miss my deadline to the printers.

Thankyou for your cooperation. Linda Taylor—Editor.

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### Rayne Lunch Club

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

On summer Thursdays from 12 noon to 2pm we offer a sandwich made to order with a choice of 4 fillings, tea and coffee and a dessert, 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 September

June 13	Chicken pie, new potatoes and seasonal veg	Fruit pavlova
July 11th	Home made quiches, new potatoes and salad	Summer pudding and cream
August 8th	Baked gammon, roasted vegetables	Lemon meringue pie
September 12th	Fish pie and seasonal vegetables	Trifle

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](mailto:revromankuk@gmail.com)

## Parish Council News – May

At the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, eight councillors were present.

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

One member of the public was present.

### PLANNING

No new applications were received this month.

### PLANNING RESULTS

23/01009/DAC-7 The Street, Rayne, Essex CM776RH

Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 2 & 3 of approved application 21/00836/LBC

*Part Granted/Part Refused*

24/00370/FUL – Long View, Dunmow Road, Rayne CM77 6RZ

Replacement dwelling

*Application granted*

### GROUNDNS

We have been successful in recruiting Martin Hayes as our new groundsman so give him a wave if you see him out and about. Also the new tractor has arrived which will, at some point, need a name – watch this space!

### 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 June:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Grey bin and food bin

### COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

[community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk).

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

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

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

## DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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 so if they are not able to answer your call immediately, please be patient. If you need to speak to the Clerk, please choose option 1.

## Wildlife Reports till May 11th

**Alison Rippingale** 23/4 reported a Nightingale that was singing night and morning with a wide repertoire of tunes. Their glasshouse which has two panes broken, has provided an excellent nesting site for a Robin which has hatched four youngsters in a flowerpot. Hopefully Trevor her husband will not get round to mending the glass as its an excellent site for an early nest.

**Tim Wignall** Pound Farm Cottage 28/4 has two pairs of Red-legged Partridge by his cottage, a Wren and two Siskens in the garden and a Tufted duck on his neighbours pond. This is the second year Tim has reported the Tufted duck which also spends time in our garden. It paired up with a female Mallard but that relationship did not last. It has become very tolerant with humans. Tim also reported on the continued presence of Fallow Deer next to Pods Lane.

**Chris Turner** 30/4 reported the first Swift of the year in the Parish. Last year I received no reports of them nesting in the village.

**Celia Murton** 3/5 Dunmow Road sent me a picture of a Red Legged Partridge which with its mate is a regular visitor to her garden. Celia also has Blue and Great Tits in her nest boxes.

**Peter Lane** 9/5 has a Garden Warbler singing its song in his garden which according to my bird book sounds like a 'rippling brook'. This bird is a summer visitor that sensibly spends the winter in tropical Africa.

**Sue Dawson** 6/5 Shalford Road sent the first report I have had this year of a Cuckoo calling. I am envious as I never even heard one last year. Unfortunately, Sue said it appeared from its call to be moving away.

**Sarah Cocks** 6/5 Station Road sent me a video of a female Great Spotted Woodpecker feeding on her neighbour's bird feeder, but in her description, she described a male. This is what I would expect at this time of the year when the birds have paired and have decided on a suitable nesting site, usually a hole in a tree. At Goults we have had all winter a female on our bird feeders early morning and the male bird feeding during the day. These visits have almost ceased so I imagine they are occupied with nesting and hopefully feeding youngsters. Hole nesting sites are scarce as Grey Squirrels also use them. There was one site by Pods brook that was used by woodpeckers for three years, before the entrance was enlarged by Squirrels to predate the eggs or young birds. The picture is of that site before the Squirrels opened it and shows the *female Great Spotted Woodpecker feeding a fully grown juvenile*.



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	19:45-20:45 Stretch Class with Carolyn	07789 811067
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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 18.30-19.30 Jazzercise Sculpt60

20.30-22.00 A&M Dancing

### FRIDAY 09:30-10:30 Jazzercise

10:45-11:30am Jazzercise LO Chair

17.00-18.45 YGD

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### REGULAR EVENTS IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM

1st MONDAY of Month	19:30	<b>Rayne Parish Council</b> see details in the Parish report
1st Saturday of the month	08:30	Men's Breakfast Contact Graham Brine (Churchwarden)

Every WEDNESDAY in term time 10.00—12.00 **Rayne Bambinos**

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