

RAYNE IN FOCUS



July 2024



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



Chair of Rayne Parish Council, Mike Eldred & District Councillor Ann Hooks at the lighting of the beacon in Rayne for the D Day commemoration.

See pages 14 & 15 for Mike's full report.

Lisa's KS2 Tutoring

1:1 Tutoring for KS2 pupils offered in the comfort of your own home.



Enhanced DBS ✓

Maths ✓

Reading ✓

Grammar ✓

SATs prep ✓

Confidence boosting ✓

Rayne based ✓

Please call or text Lisa on

07904 901357



DAVES RECORDS

WANTED FOR CASH

LP/EP/SINGLE RECORDS

ROCK/METAL

SOUL

ROCK & ROLL

PUNK

REGGAE

BLUES

Full or part
collections purchased



0790 622 4080

d.mason968@btinternet.com

DPS PLUMBING AND HEATING



Domestic plumbing, including bathroom installation and wall tiling

Steve

Telephone 01371 856029

Mobile 07850 942120

Email steveatdpsltd@hotmail.co.uk

Peter

Telephone 01371 879103

Mobile 07850 942121

Email petejnorman@btinternet.com

Registered Office: Green Ley, Mill Lane, Stebbing CM6 3SL

NEWMAN GLAZING

All double glazing repairs undertaken

- ✓ Misted units replaced
- ✓ Repair of broken hinges/handles
- ✓ Door and window locks replaced
- ✓ New doors or windows supplied and fitted

30 years experience Free quotations

07770955612



**WE WANT YOUR
OLD VANS & CARS!**



FEELING THE PINCH?

THE ANSWER MAY BE SITTING OUTSIDE!!



WE PAY CASH FOR
MOT FAILURE ~~✗~~
NON RUNNING CARS OR VANS
4 X 4'S & PICKUPS
ANY MAKE/CONDITION
"LOCAL BUSINESS"



T: 01376 388 520 • M: 07961 514 812

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

All Saints, Rayne:

1st Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday	9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
3rd Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Modern Holy Communion
4th Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Traditional Holy Communion
5th Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion

St Peter & St Paul, Black Notley

1st Sunday	9.30 a.m.	All Age Eucharist
2nd Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
3rd Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
4th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
5th Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Service

The Church in Great Notley

Sunday Services	11.00 a.m.	
-----------------	------------	--

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/AllSaintsRayne](https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRayne)

A message from Rev Rachel.

June 2024

Dear Friends,

‘You’re joking! Not another one!’ So said Brenda from Bristol back in 2017 at the news of another General Election. The video of her reaction to this news went viral, as it seemed to sum up the national spirit. In 2019, there was of course another one, and this month on the 4th July we will yet again go to the polls.

Whatever side of the political spectrum we find ourselves, we could probably all agree that the last few years have been very turbulent. For some, like Brenda, this may spark apathy; for others this may come with resolve that new leadership will usher in new hope. Whichever party wins the election, there is no Messiah nor magic solution to the problems in this country. And yet the prospect of disappointment though should not stop us from getting involved and having our say. Each one of us matters and so does our voice. Some say that religion and politics should never mix. But Jesus certainly did not say that! Christianity and politics are both, at their best, about helping people to flourish. Many Christians feel that part of their faith is a duty to serve others, and are so drawn into public service, motivating to care for the most vulnerable, as Jesus did. Even if people do not have faith, there is a shared language between faith and politics, with the understanding of duty as ‘service’ and those who govern as ‘ministers’. For both the church and the Houses of Parliament, true service is about using what power we have to help others, rather than boosting our own status and fortune.

For those who are Christians, faith is not a ‘Sunday’ activity. Time and time again in the Bible, God rejects ‘religion’ that is lip service – instead faith is to be shown in our actions and our commitment to *‘act justly, love mercy and walk humbly’* with God every day (Micah 6.8). As such, it matters how we engage as citizens: engaging with our parish and district councils; signing petitions when required and using our opportunity to vote.

This is important even if we feel disconnected and disenfranchised. In the

Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament), the prophet Jeremiah received a message from God and wrote a letter. The letter was sent to his people who had been sent into Exile, forcibly rounded up and taken captive to Babylon, far away from their home. He wrote: *'seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.'* (Jeremiah 29.7)

Even if we feel a bit like exiles in our country, a country that has perhaps changed beyond recognition, we are encouraged to seek its welfare.

This month, let us participate in the election and play our part. And once the 4th July has been and gone, let us continue to work and pray together for the welfare of this country. As Jesus taught his disciples to pray, *thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

With love

Rachel



Glass in Rayne Churchyard

Glass can be a hazard, especially to those helping to keep the churchyard clean. Please do not leave any glass or ceramic in the churchyard (jam jars, vases etc.) And please do not place any broken glass in the dustbins. Monumental masons will supply you with safe alternatives for floral tributes if you need that.

Many thanks for your understanding.



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. The poster is framed by a red border. Small images of paint palettes and brushes are visible in the top corners.

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



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 on Braintree Green .

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





COULD RAYNE CHURCH BECOME AN 'ECO CHURCH'?

Volunteers have been working to gain an 'Eco Church' recognition for All Saints' Church in Rayne.

'Eco Church' is an accreditation run by *A Rocha; UK* equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement and individual lifestyles.

The ethos behind Eco Church is underpinned by the Church of England's goal to become Net Zero by 2030. (In simple terms, 'Net Zero' means, making no contribution to global warming. This is achieved by ensuring that the amount of fossil fuels (carbon) we put into the atmosphere is matched by the amount of carbon we take out of the atmosphere. Hence the term 'Carbon Neutral'.)

In the weeks to come our volunteers will be meeting to see what we can do as a church to meet the aspirational standards of the A Rocha organisation. We are hoping to attain their Bronze award in the first instance and then move on from there.

If you are interested or would like to join us please contact us on 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 13th July we are making Belgian 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



Braintree Area Foodbank

June & July's 2024 Shopping List

Urgent items we need

- Tinned cold meat i.e. Spam
- Tinned hot meat i.e. Stews
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fish
- UHT Milk
- Cereal

Urgent Non-food items

- Female deodorant
- Female shampoo

Other stock items we really need

Jam
Sponge puddings
Rice (500g bags)
Pasta sauce
Tinned fruit
Tinned hot snacks
Tinned rice pudding
Squash (small bottles)
Coffee (small jars)

Tinned potatoes
Tinned spaghetti
Pasta (500g bags)
Rice (500g bags)
Packet custard
Chocolate bars
Biscuits
Tea bags (40/80 packs)

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

**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.

DANIEL ROBINSON & SONS

your local
Independent Family Funeral Directors

A caring, personal & professional service from a family business in the heart of Braintree

Please contact us at
7 Manor Street
Braintree
01376 320582

Email:
enquiries@drobinson.co.uk

www.drobinson.co.uk



21 Warner Close, Rayne, Braintree, Essex, CM77 6GX

Flitch Cottage

New Self-Catering Accommodation in Rayne



A modern and fully furnished, self contained one bedroom annexe, ideally situated alongside The Flitch Way.

- Relax in your own private space
- Ideal for business travellers/visiting relatives/attending local events etc
- Newly refurbished to a high standard
- Great alternative to hotels

www.flitchcottage.co.uk

Tel: 07765253799

info@flitchcottage.co.uk

Picnic in the PARK

It takes more than a heavy shower to keep the Picnic in the Park Crew down!!!

Many thanks to all those who braved the rain to support our efforts. It was lovely to see everyone again and altogether we gave out twenty-eight picnic lunches, despite the terrible weather! Don't forget to look for future PITP events during the summer – details below or can found on the All Saints' Rayne Facebook page.



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 30th, 6th, 13th and 27th August and 3rd September.

ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Our All Age Service last month was all about families, both our own family and being part of God's family. Reverend Nikky led the service and we started with a quiz all about our relatives, ably helped out by David Sykes and William! The Gospel and the Prayers of Intercession were beautifully read by three of our younger members and the service concluded with another one of Reverend Nikki's "actions songs". It was wonderful to see so many children in our church. As Reverend Nikki says 'God put the WIGGLE in children' and we have no problem with them walking or talking in our church. We even provide a play area with lots of toys for them to use!!

You can see what we got up to on the All Saints' Rayne Facebook page or come along and join us. Our next All Age Service will be on July 14th starting at 9.30am.



Rayne Bambino Party Packs

Planning a children's party in the Old School Room, Rayne Bambinos hires out additional items to help you manage the party.

Catering Pack - £10.00 (indoor or garden use).

20 plastic plates, bowls and beakers for children.

20 mugs with lids for adults (reduces the risks of hot spillage)

Seating pack - £10 (indoor or garden use)

10 child size plastic tables & 20 child size plastic chairs

Outdoor Play Equipment- £10 (garden use only)

10 assorted sit and rides, a slide, playhouse.

Indoor Toys pack - £10 (must not be taken into the garden).

Dolls House, Cars and garage, Vets, Duplo build stand

Any three packs for £ 25.00 All four for £30

Please ask Charlotte when booking or contact Joy direct.

Thank you.

Joy Darby 07702632021

12
RAYNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Rayne Women's Institute meets every first Tuesday of the month at 7.15 for a 7.30 pm start in Rayne Village Hall.

We have a very varied programme to look forward to:-

On 4th June, Gary Egerton is coming to talk to us about "The Life of a Police Bodyguard".

On 2nd July, we have a talk about "Pets as Therapy" by Helen Beard.

On 6th August, Andrew Wiltshire's talk is "Introducing Beatrice Potter".

On 3rd September Martin Lockwood is talking about "Heroes and Villains of Essex".

On 1st October, we are having a special meeting which is an Open Meeting when other WIs, husbands, partners, friends, etc are invited to join the Meeting.

The talk is about Wilkins Jams and Cream Teas.

There will be extra special refreshments on offer and maybe some Wilkins samples to savour.

On 5th November, Lindsey Barrell will be talking about "Burlesque Me and the WI".

Who knows there might be some audience participation with the dancing!!

In December, we have our Christmas Dinner which is open to Members only.

Please come along and see what we are up to! At the moment, we have over 50 members.

We do sing Jerusalem and have talented members who make crafts, knit, crochet and bake.

We also do many other things, including outings, and walking, craft, scrabble and book groups.

Visitors are always warmly welcome to join us on the first Tuesday of the month. The cost for visitors is £5.50, which includes refreshments, which are usually homemade cakes and biscuits. After brief business matters, there is a speaker, refreshments and then social time when ladies are able to chat and mingle and we sometimes enjoy a quiz or game afterwards, followed by a raffle.

The All Saints bell ringing team joined in with the rest of the country in "Ring out the Peace" for the D Day commemoration.



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

May report

4 members and the Fundraising Officer were present at the May meeting. Colin Miles Chaired the meeting in the absence of Joy Darby.



Charlotte Brine thanked Celia Bull for making new curtains and providing the poles, these will be put in place as soon as they are ready. The addition of the new curtains will really finish off the refurb of the Old School Room.

Charlotte Brine distributed the current figures showing £4,739.66 in the current account. There is currently a stop on any spending except for grants received.

Plans for the future.

Painting the Outside of the building, our thanks to Dick Harvey for his volunteer labour and expertise. (Grant required).

Installation of new kitchen, our thanks to Ben Clarke for his support and professional advice.

(Grant required).

Installation of new cupboard for Library room, our thanks to Colin Miles for his work. Grant received from Ann Hooks – our District Councillor.

Grant Report

Gina Buckley reported that she is still looking for grants and that it might be a good idea to combine all of the ongoing projects and apply for one grant to cover the cost of refurbishing the hall as a whole.

Open Day and Fund Raising.

We will be holding an open day on Saturday 15th September 2024. Please put the date in your diary. You will be able to see the work done so far, talk to the members and eat cake!

Please accept my apologies that there was no April report. Our reports will start to be every two months as the need for monthly meetings ceases.

Joy Darby

D Day Commemorations



It was wonderful to see over 90 people gathered at War Memorial on the morning of the 6th of June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.



Representatives of village organisations, British Legion, the church, and Rayne primary school took part in a solemn ceremony. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Village, the British legion and school together with poems written and framed by ex-serviceman.



The village crier delivered a message from the nations Pageant Master giving details of the landings and huge operation that followed which involved over 150,000 personnel from all the armed services many of those sadly and bravely losing their lives.

The pupils of Year 5 at Rayne primary school delivered a beautiful and poignant poem reflecting the bravery and those who lost their lives.

The ceremony was closed with a time of reflection and prayers from our church clergy Reverends Rachel and Roman.

The commemorations continued in the evening starting with the bell ringers 'Ring out for Peace' at 6.30 to join in with the national ring out and then at the Swan PH where over 150 of all ages gathered to join in a time of community singing led by the Braintree male

voice choir with the rendition of war time songs. This was followed by a Tribute which I had the honor to deliver prior to a period of perfect silence followed by the playing of last post and reveille. The evening closed with Prayers from Rev Nicki and the lighting of the Beacon by our District Councillor Ann Hooks.

Again it was wonderful to have with us members of the British legion including James Nelson RN who served on HMS Tyne during the landings.

A huge thank you must go to our Celebration Committee, led by Ian Reynolds, who again put together a well organised, professional and thought provoking day involving so many people. Thanks also to Cameron and the staff at the Swan for hosting the evening event.

The commemoration with involvement of so many of our villagers from such a wide spectrum of ages again demonstrates what a wonderful village we live in and how the community comes together in times of celebration, and remembrance. I thought it only proper to end with the Tribute delivered on the evening of the 6th.



Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all faiths and nationalities - from all countries - who fought, suffered and died during the D-Day landings and six years of war.

Let us all remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and our Allies - the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.

Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the coal mines, the factories, the air raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.

Thank you

Mike Eldred Chair Rayne Parish Council

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANN HOOKS

There is not a huge amount of news from me this month, due to the impending General Election. Many meetings and training sessions have been postponed. This so that the chamber can be used for postal vote collection or concern that a meeting may have a too political stance at this time of purdah.



I, however, have contacted Essex Highways about the faded painted lines along Shalford Road and at Blake End towards Great Saling. Officers at Highways advise that the defects are noted and have been added to the list of when they are next in the area. *“Although a precise timeframe cannot be given just yet, as there are significant number of lining defects to get through, however please be assured that this will be completed as soon as we possibly can.”*

I was honoured to help light Rayne’s beacon at the recent commemoration event to mark 80 years since the D-Day landings. The Commemoration Committee, as usual, did a splendid job of organising the events that were held. I spoke to people that came from Braintree to come to our event, which shows the [hard work](#) that is put in really does put Rayne on the map. I would like to thank everybody that was involved in all the events over the day, it was truly memorable and fitting, well done all.

I attended the East of England Independent conference, where I was guest speaker talking about the ‘Debate not Hate’ campaign to stamp out abuse and intimidation. It was great to meet and network with fellow councillors.

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



Paul J King

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

A family firm, caring at your time of need



Private Chapel of Rest

Male & Female Funeral Directors

Pre-paid funeral plans

Customer Parking

Ask about our Simple Way To Go Funeral from £1,770

01376 334466 (24 HOURS)

86 Manor Street, Braintree CM7 3HR
www.pauljking.com

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

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

Parish Council News – June

At the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 3rd June 2024, eight councillors were present. District Councillor Ann Hooks was also in attendance.

One member of the public was present.

PLANNING

24/01037/HH – Rosyth, New Road Rayne

Single storey rear and side extension.

No planning objection to this application

24/01001/VAR – Land at rear of Gilda Terrace, Rayne Road

Variation of Condition 2 of approved application. 18/01065/OUT granted 27/07/2021 for: Outline planning permission for residential development (C3) for up to 120 dwellings with all matters reserved except access and the demolition of nos. 27 and 29 Gilda Terrace. Variation to allow revisions to the approved Development Parameters Plan to reflect changes made during Reserved Matters application 22/03402/REM to incorporate a landscape buffer to the north western edge, as well as accurately reflecting the areas of built form and open space proposed.

No comment to be made

PLANNING RESULTS

APP/Z1510/W/23/3327894 Land North West of School Road, Rayne (23/01055/FUL)

One multigenerational self-build sustainable dwelling with associated parking and landscaping.

Appeal granted

GROUNDNS

May was very productive and the groundsmen have been working very hard to catch up. There are still areas to be tidied so please bear with them.

PARKING

After careful consideration, it was agreed to take no further action in respect of the New Road/Medley Road junction at this time as NEPP do patrol the area at weekends as well as on weekdays and continue to issue tickets. The situation will continue to be monitored.

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 July:

Tuesday 2nd July – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 9th July – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 16th July – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 23rd July – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 30th July – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be slightly earlier on Saturday 20th July 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 dates are 4th and 25th July 2024.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT

The office will continue to be open for a limited time during Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, so please keep an eye on social media for CIP opening hours during this time or call 01376 552489 to check opening hours. The Clerk is available to discuss any issues or provide guidance on the most appropriate authority that can assist, please call 01376 552489 or email rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk.

During the office opening times you can pick up your clear recycling sacks or collect from The Welsh Princess public house during their normal opening hours. (Clear sacks 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 1st July 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 June 2024



Tim Brown Symmons Close 13/5 sent a picture of **Robins in a nest** behind his house, they look very contented and are feathering well.

Roger Martin Duckend Green, heard the first cuckoo of the year at 7.30 am 9/06 by Pudneys Farm, north end of Shalford Road. Roger last heard one in Rayne 2 years ago and previously many years ago. Roger has had a Song Thrush singing in the garden most days for the last 3 months. Another long-

term singer has been a Black Cap which was not identified until Roger saw it in his Damson hedge.

Richard and Julia Harvey Shalford Road 15/5 reported 6-8 Fallow deer in the field behind their house. Judging by the deer tracks across several of the fields around Rayne there are still a large number that only appear after dark. I have many times walked into a small area of scrub or woodland during daylight hours and found myself face to face with a deer lying on the ground watching me. If one makes no rapid movement or continuous eye contact one can continue without the deer moving position.

Richard and Julia also sent me a picture 17/3 of a **Grass Snake** on their Shalford Road allotments. In our garden they always lay eggs in our two-year-old compost heap especially if it is covered with an old carpet. This provides enough heat to hatch the eggs. Younger compost would be too hot. The allotments probably provide several suitable compost heaps, so long as they are not in plastic bins. The young are surprisingly long when they hatch.



Pauline Nunn 25/5 whose garden backs onto the Flitch

Way sent me a picture of a **Jay** that has started visiting her garden, usually alone but sometimes has a mate. At this time of the year, they often visit gardens as they can provide sites for food to feed to their own nestlings. Unfortunately, Jays are a major predator on other birds' nests taking both eggs and youngsters to feed their own young. Males and females are similar and often work together when robbing nests with one bird attracting the owner of the nest away while the other takes the eggs or youngsters from the nest.



The most amazing list of reports was started by an email from **Pat Hart** 11/5 who reported the patches of hedge along Pods Lane covered by caterpillars in a web. Pat thought these were caused by the Oak Processionary moth caterpillar. This moth has become widespread in parts of Europe and the hairs on the caterpillars cause severe irritation and respiratory symptoms to humans. It has also been found in the London area and some effort is being made to prevent it's spread. As we were about to leave for a few days break I visited Paul King to warn him of their presence before they caused havoc in his tree nursery next door. Paul was already aware of their presence and told me they were the caterpillars of one of the small Ermine moths and they would not affect his nursery trees. In the following weeks I had numerous reports and pictures from other parishioners who had also seen signs of their presence along Pods Lane.



I understand that there are five species of Ermine moth and that they each prefer to eat certain plant species such as Box, Privet, Hawthorn and Apple. This is why it has only eaten parts of the hedge along Pods Lane where it has removed all the leaves of certain species. The caterpillars along Pods Lane are small about 20mm, though the White Ermine can grow to 40mm. The species in Pods Lane produced colonies numbering many thousands. While eating they produce enormous webs which must give them some protection while feeding and pupating. Most reports state that they do not cause lasting damage to the plants they are feeding on, as a gardener I find that difficult to believe. I admit that this is the first time I have seen sections of a hedge completely defoliated, and non-gardeners may appreciate not having to cut certain hedges species this autumn.

I should like to thank **Pat Hart, Andrew Goodey, Stephen Taylor and Ann Hooks** for the excellent pictures they sent of the Ermine moths on Pods Lane hedge. I leave it to the editor to select from them for the Rayne in Focus. *(I believe this was one of Stephen Taylor's pictures but I could have provided my own from a Spindle berry bush that has been host to the Spindle Ermine moth for a few years. ED)*

Andrew Goodey The Street, identified the Pods Lane moth as probably the Spindle Ermine Moth. Andrew has installed 5 new Swift nesting boxes to 2 existing boxes and has currently four pairs of Swifts nesting on his house. This is an impressive success. Andrew also planted a Buckthorn bush in his garden which we evidently gave him. This year he has had a Brimstone butterfly laying eggs on its leaves. The original one in our garden has recently had a Brimstone flying round it, so I must check for eggs.

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



Anthony Cutler
Horticultural Gardening Services
Est. 2009



**Capel Manor Award-Winning
Horticulturalist**

Friendly service, attention to detail, and no contract required.
One-off jobs or year-round care for your garden.

Garden tidy-ups and clearance, lawn cutting and care,
tree and shrub pruning, bed and border planting, hedge cutting,
turfing, pond clearance and care, weeding, cutting,
propagation and more...

***Please call me to discuss your individual requirements:
07951 574212***

www.facebook.com/AnthonyCutlerGardening



Collector, collator and
relator of life's special
events.

Are you planning, or considering, a Memorial Service, Funeral,
Renewal of Vows, Wedding or Naming Celebration?

A Celebrant led ceremony
will help you create special memories of the day.

For more information please contact:

janetterickwood_celebrant@btinternet.com
www.janetterickwoodcelebrant.co.uk 07889 375200
 Facebook @JRCelebrant

**FELLING • LOPPING • PRUNING • TOPPING • POLLARDING
HEDGES & SHRUBS LOWERED, TRIMMED, SHAPED OR REMOVED
ALL TYPES OF SMALL LANDSCAPING WORK • LOGS FOR SALE
OVERGROWN GARDENS & SMALL AREAS CLEARED & REDESIGNED
TREES & SHRUBS PLANTED • WINTER TIDY UP'S**

BRAINTREE & ESSEX
Tree & Garden Care
Free Estimates
Tel: 01376 341031
Mob: 07961 514812

  

£2,000,000 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

 

BRAINTREE & ESSEX
Tree & Garden Care

Call Lenny Buckley
TELEPHONE: 01376 388 520 MOBILE: 07961 514 812
EMAIL: essextreecare@hotmail.com
The Timbers, Fenton's Road, Rayne, Braintree CM77 6SJ

 Braintree and Essex Tree and Garden Care

City & Guilds NPTC

PAINTING SERVICES

Interior and exterior painting

Wall paper removal

Plaster and drywall repair

Residential and commercial

Fence Painting

Garden Maintenance

And more

**FULLY INSURED
FREE ESTIMATES**

CONTACT ANDRE
painting_Services1@hotmail.com

07956 472346

Landscape Gardens



*All types of landscaping and building work carried out including , Garden maintenance, Patios and driveways, Brick walls, Digger work and all types of groundworks.
Call for a free estimate.*

07957972006

5 Gore Lane, Rayne, CM77 6TU

landscapegardens02@gmail.com



**DOMESTIC . COMMERCIAL . INDUSTRIAL
ELECTRICS**

info@evelectrix.co.uk

07810801733



Windows + Gutters

**Local • Reliable • Insured
Commercial & Residential**

Call • Text • WhatsApp **07359 080147**
e-mail **hello@paulsclean.co.uk**

Britannia W Harris & Moovit SelfSTORE

'Braintree's original family-owned moving & storage company
since 1968'

24HR Secure Self Storage
&
Secure Shredding Services

MOVERS-SHIPPIERS-STORERS-VAN HIRE-CAR STORAGE



Britannia
W. Harris & Moovit

01376 326946 07808 634979 tom@wharrisremovals.co.uk

R. Wheeler
ROOFING SERVICES



TILING SLATING LEADWORK GUTTERING FLAT ROOFS REPAIRS

- Free Estimates
- All work guaranteed
- 30 Years Experience
- Honest & Expert Advice
- Based in local Village

Mobile: 07951 349837 | Landline : 01371 811308

Email: RWheelerRoofing@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN RAYNE

REGULAR EVENTS AT RAYNE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY	14.00-16.00 Sequence dancing with Tom	01376 328033
	16:45-19:30 YGD Karate Class with Kate	07981 362039
	19:45-20:45 Stretch Class with Carolyn	07789 811067
TUESDAY	19:15-22:00 W.I. (1st Tues in month) OR	
	18:30-22.00 Line Dancing (All other Tues)	01376 528600
	12.30-13.30 YGD class with Kate	

WEDNESDAY

16:00-21:30 Janet Foulsham Dance 07886 615874

THURSDAY 18.30-19.30 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

WEEKENDS Junior football teams use the field www.rayneyouthfc.org

Cricket use the field from May - Sept www.raynecc.co.uk

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

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)

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

Contact Face book (Playgroup Rayne Bambinos) Or WhatsApp on 07702632021

CHURCH CONTACTS

Rector	Rev'd Rachel Prior	01376 325277
Associate Priest	Rev'd Roman Kukiewicz	01376 321479
Assistant Curate	Rev'd Nikki Horsley	07810280002
Administrator	Lisa Gregson	01376 330988
Reader	Mrs Chris Hutton	01376 324630
Churchwardens	Mr Colin Miles	07775756009
	Mr Graham Brine	01376 324719
Treasurer	Mrs Charlotte Brine	01376 324719
Secretary	Mrs Kate Kukiewicz	01376 321479
Sunday Fun Club	Mrs Michele Harris	07515 799727
Old Schoolroom Bookings		
and Warden duties	Mr G or Mrs C Brine	01376 324719
	Or mobile No.	07793 553828
Websites	www.thethreechurches.co.uk	
	www.rayne-heritage.ifo	
Facebook	www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRayne	
Instagram	allsaintschurch_rayne	

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Hazel Godfrey Email: rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk **Correspondence address :**
Rayne Parish Council, Community Information Point, Gore Road, Rayne, Braintree, CM77
6TX **Website:** www.rayne-essex.gov.uk

Duty Councillor :See Parish Report for details.

The Facebook pages are: <https://www.facebook.com/RayneVillage/> or
<https://www.facebook.com/rayneparishcouncil/>

CONTACTING THE POLICE: **Non emergency number 101**

To find out what is happening in your neighbourhood and all about your local neighbourhood policing team visit www.essex.police.uk/yourarea and enter your postcode

RAYNE VILLAGE HALL INFORMATION 07847764753 OR raynevillagehall.org.uk

RAYNE IN FOCUS

Magazine articles— Linda Taylor 01376 343474
raynefocus@gmail.com

Advertisements— Peter Kukiewicz 01376 321479
pckukiewicz@hotmail.co.uk

Distribution - Cheryl Harris 07792 099 068
cladharris@gmail.com

Magazine copy deadline 7th of the preceding month

Advert deadline 1st of the preceding month including payments.



Eleventh Stebbing Vintage & Classic Tractor Road Run. 12th May 2024

This year's event, as always started & finished at David Hunt's farm, Oxen End, Little Bardfield and on the day 95 old tractors turned up to participate. The oldest being David's 1939 American Case R sent over under the lend-lease agreement during the war. Each year we make a point of finding a different route to where we have been previously to make it interesting for those taking part. A few years ago we obtained permission to run down the main runway at Wethersfield Airfield which was quite fun. This year it was the turn of Rayne & Panfield. Clearly it wouldn't be a good idea for the convoy to have to negotiate the traffic lights in Rayne causing problems for the locals so we approached the village on the Shalford road. The farmers at Rayne Hall and Panfield Hall farms both gave us permission to go across their land past the airfield to link up between the two villages. As well as giving all the drivers an enjoyable day out on their steeds we raise money for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Through sponsorship, donations, collection boxes & buckets we have this year raised the magnificent sum of £14,008.83, a record.

Thankyou to all who turned out from Rayne we were grateful for the help and enthusiasm showed.

Dick Hughes (joint organizer)

Disclaimer

The views expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the Editor or All Saints PCC. Every care is taken to ensure the contents of the magazine are accurate but the publishers cannot assume responsibility for errors. Reasonable care is taken when accepting advertisements however the publishers cannot accept responsibility for unsatisfactory transactions