

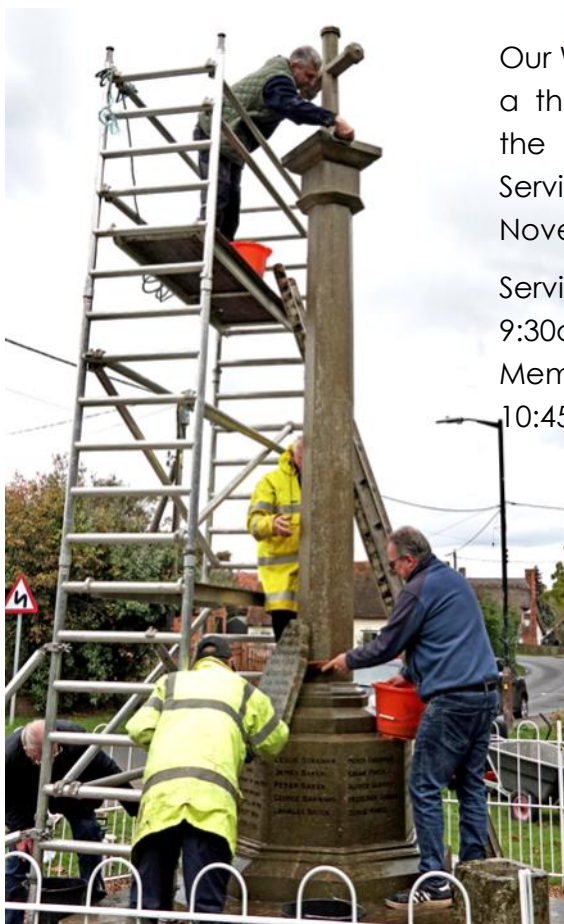
RAYNE IN FOCUS



November 2024



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



Our War Memorial getting a thorough clean before the Remembrance Day Service on the 10th November.

Service at the Church at 9:30am moving on to the Memorial service from 10:45am.

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

All Saints, Rayne:		
Sunday 3 rd November	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 th November	9.30 a.m.	All Age - Remembrance
Sunday 17 th November	9.30 a.m.	Modern Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th November	9.30 a.m.	Traditional Holy Communion
St Peter & St Paul, Black Notley		
Sunday 3 rd November	9.30 a.m.	All Age Eucharist
Sunday 10 th November	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th November	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 24 th November	10.15 / 11.00	Youth Choir / C&YP Sunday Club (FSR)
	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
The Church in Great Notley		
Sunday 3 rd November	11.00 a.m.	All Age Service
Sunday 10 th November	11.00 a.m.	URC Communion
Sunday 17 th November	11.00 a.m.	Baptist Service
Sunday 24 th November	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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.

A message from Rev Rachel.

October 2024

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you're more of a night owl or a morning person? I am most definitely a morning person, though not quite as much as my children! Even if, like me, you prefer an earlier bedtime to a later one, you won't be able to miss the darkening days of November, and the night sky and its carpet of stars. Looking up in the dark is always a source of wonder; there is so much more to life than meets the eye.

Even if we know how to recognise constellations, when we look at the sky we have a sense of the limits of our knowledge and how small we are. No one can accurately predict how many stars there are... It's said that astronomers and scientists can only use the number of stars within our galaxy, the Milky Way, to estimate how many stars there are in the universe. Given that in the Milky Way there are 200-400 *billion* stars, and there are *billions* of galaxies, it really is impossible for us to try and fathom just how many stars there truly are. At a time when there is so much knowledge at our finger tips – where we are one quick Google away from an answer – it is humbling to realise how little we know.

And yet, in Psalm 147.4 states that there is one who knows: *God counts the number of the stars... God gives names to all of them.* There is one who knows all the intricacies of creation – from the vast cosmos, to the tiny microbes, to you and I.

In November, we celebrate All Saints day, which is also our patronal festival – for the Church in Rayne is dedicated to all the saints. This is an image of a great cloud of witnesses cheering Christians on in the faith, like heavenly cheerleaders. It's another reminder that there is more to this world than meets the eye. On All Saints day we remember all those who have inspired us, and give thanks for their life.

All Saints day is also a time to give thanks for all the ways in which people volunteer. I would like to say a particular thank you to those who make this magazine what it is. Thank you to Linda, our Editor, who works so hard behind the scenes; to Peter for managing our adverts; to all who supply content and adverts; to all who deliver the copies through your doors, and to those of you who read it. Thank you too to all those who provided feedback in September about the future of the magazine. There will be some changes – which we will confirm in a future edition – but the Rayne in Focus will continue.

So, this comes to you with gratitude, for the small things, the hidden things, and the great unknown.

With love

Rachel

A big thank you to the generous people of Rayne who donated goods for our Harvest Festival Service. The items will be taken to the food bank in Braintree, who will greatly appreciate them! Thank you also to Reverend Nikki for a very interesting and fun 'All Age Service' about God's World. We loved making Mr Potato Head!!

Well done too to the young people who lead our prayers and the bible reading – we are very proud of you.

Do you like to sing – maybe in the bath or the shower!!!

Well how about coming along and joining our church choir at All Saints? No experience is necessary, just a lot of enthusiasm. We will make you very welcome!! We practice on the third and fourth Saturday of each month so, if you have an hour to spare why don't you give us a try?

**Saturday 16th and 23rd November
3pm – 4pm**



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 the Sun Lido estate.

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.

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)

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**£500 was raised this year on the
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Shirley Myers 8, Capel Road

Parish Council News – November

At the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 7th October 2024, eight councillors were present.

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

The full minutes are published on the Rayne PC website.

PLANNING No new planning applications were received this month.

PLANNING RESULTS No new planning results were received this month.

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

The new calendar has now been released and a copy has been posted on the Parish Council website:

Tuesday 5th November – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 12th November – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 19th November – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 26th November – Grey bin and food bin

CHANNEL SWEEPING

The next sweep will take place on Friday 8th November and Monday 11th November so please try to park vehicles away from the side of the road if all possible on these dates.

FIXMYSTREET

FixMyStreet is an independent website built by the charity my Society which makes it easier to report problems in our community especially if you are unsure who to report particular problems to. All you need to do is type in your postcode and describe the problem and it will be sent to the people responsible for fixing the problem. It won't make the problem get resolved any quicker but it will get to the correct authority.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 30th November 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 7th and 28th November 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 2nd November 2024** and the Budget & Precept Meeting will be held on **Monday 18th November 2024** at the Old School Rooms, Shalford Road. Please see agendas for meetings posted on 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.



The Governing Body of Rayne Primary and Nursery School are seeking views on the proposed admission arrangements for September 2026 entry.

Please note the only change to our Admissions Policy is the admissions criteria.

Further information and the proposed Admissions Policy for 2026-2027 can be found on our website www.rayneprimary.co.uk.

The six week consultation period runs from 10th October 2024 to 21st November 2024. Any responses should be sent for the attention of Mrs Price by post to Rayne Primary & Nursery School, Capel Road, Rayne, Braintree, CM77 6BZ or by email to office@rayne.essex.sch.uk (with the subject heading 'Admission Consultation').

All responses will be submitted to the Governing Body for formal discussion and approval after the end of the consultation period. The final determined policy will be published on the school website by 1st February 2025.

Old School Room Report

6 Members of the OSRMC were present at the meeting held on the 18th September 2024, with Joy Darby opening the meeting at 7 pm.

Finances were discussed and the current operational balance is only £5912.92. This included the Allbeats Band evening night profits (£1359.80) but not the funds made at the Open Afternoon in September (£291.98). The committee agreed the 3-year contracts for gas and electricity. The source of the fuel comes from renewable sources.

The three main projects which have been agreed for 2025

- The removal and replacement of a tree, which is causing damage to the sewage pipes. The Tree Warden has advised that the tree should be removed asap and a new tree planted in Spring next year.



- The new kitchen in the cottage room.
- Painting the outside of the building.

Gina Buckley was thanked for her ongoing work in locating funds, and it was agreed that an application for the new kitchen will be made in October. The decision will be made in February.

A number of works were identified and allocated to members of the OSRMC and other volunteers.

Sunday 15th September 2024

The OSRMC held its first open afternoon so that members of the community could see the work currently undertaken. Graham Brine, Charlotte Brine, Colin Miles, Gina Buckley, Joy Darby and Steve Darby worked hard to ensure the event was a success. They were joined by volunteers from the Rayne Bambino Play and Stay group. Cakes were made by OSRMC members, their spouses and the Bambino Volunteers. Raffle prizes were donated by members of the community, along with OSRMC Members and Bambino Volunteers.

The afternoon heard from Joy about the people who had given their time and resources to help with the renovations.

Dick Harvey (painting), Chris Hutton (paint), Celia Bull (Celia Bull), New Lighting and ceiling (EV Electrics), Ben Clarke (kitchen design), Cottage Group (identify damp issues), EALC Cif Emergency Fund (Boiler). Cllr Ann Hook (new units and installation), paint for cottage room (Mr and Mrs Valentine).

Colin Miles talked about the work undertaken and invited those present to have a good look around. He then went on to explain the three main projects for 2025.

We raised an impressive £291.98.

Future Fund Raising for the Old School Room.

Quiz Nite Advance Notification: It was agreed to hold a Quiz Nite on 23rd November 2024. Teams of up to 6 people can be booked now by contacting Andrew Goldsmith by email or text message. (andyjgoldsmith@googlemail.com or 07818498590). (See pg 15)

Pledges – External Painting.

With funds just under £6000 we need to raise money to be able to complete our 3 main projects in 2025. We are hopeful that we will get a grant for the kitchen, so our next main expenditure will be the painting of the outside of the building.

We have been offered the services of a professional painter once again. Dick Harvey painted the inside of the building and has agreed to paint the cottage room ready for the new kitchen. Dick undertakes all this work free of charge.

We are looking for pledges to help us achieve this aim and protect our building for the future. You can pledge funds now. There will be more information about giving us funds for this important work.

Joy Darby Chairman OSRMC 07702632021



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Rayne Church's Bread making Group

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District Councillor Ann Hooks

Finally, the verge between Rayne and Springwood Drive was cut by ECC Highways, mid September. It did take a certain tenacity to keep chasing to get it done! Although it has now been hacked back, there are questions and issues that need to be answered, which I am trying to get to the bottom of.



- Who and how it will be maintained going forward?
- To reinstate the pavement back to the legal requirement of 1m, as in many places it is not that wide and is exceedingly difficult for pushchairs and mobility scooters to use. I have pointed out that there are no dropped kerbs until Sun Lido, so using the south side pavement is not always an option and not ideal for people to keep crossing the road due to speed limits and the hill.



I was told in a recent meeting that Parishes may have to 'take up the slack' and do more work to ease the burden on the County Council, especially with grass and hedge cutting. Residents of Rayne already know that the Rayne PC groundsman do a fantastic job around the village, keeping our village tidy and manicured. It is extremely easy to see where Rayne finishes and Braintree starts. The Rayne Road verge is a prime example of this.

Therefore, I have asked the question at the District Council, who 'takes up the slack' in the unparished Braintree Town? Who will

take on this maintenance, to keep a very well used pavement and connects our village to the town, that does not lie in a parish!

I know there are many potholes and road defects around the village, but a small victory was gained at the beginning of October, when a hole was properly fixed! It had originally been nominated by the Parish Council in the ECC member's scheme. Last November it had some tarmac stamped in it. Needless to say, over the next few months it deteriorated back to its original state. I was contacted by a resident, unhappy that parts of the road kept being flung into their garden. A bit of chasing (again to Highways) and the road has finally had a proper fix.



Braintree District Council is sharing information with residents about the changes to the winter fuel payments, helping those who do qualify for Pension Credit to claim it and support available for those who do not qualify. This will also be available as part of a winter fuel allowance booklet.



Warm spaces continue to operate across the ¹⁷district and residents can find out more on the [council's website](#). Work is underway to update the warm space list, making it accessible both digitally and printed. Residents are being encouraged to get in touch if there is a warm space in their community that isn't listed and if communities would like advice about providing a warm space by emailing communityservices@braintree.gov.uk.

The council is also looking to work with local organisations who work directly with the elderly, families and those on low incomes, to distribute electric blankets this winter.

Please do get in contact with me if you do need assistance.

I attended the Rayne PC coffee morning at the end of September. Another great event, where I talked to residents on a range of issues and concerns. Essex Fire Service were in attendance and were giving out fire safety advice, rather timely after the events this summer.

I was also invited to the Old School Room, open afternoon. Again, lovely to see villagers supporting the OSR. The hall has had some major refurbishment done and is looking fantastic. The committee has some great ideas and projects going forward, to make it even better. A huge well done to all involved. Your amazing efforts have not gone unnoticed!

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

Bored and want a new hobby?

Why not try church bell ringing? We practice every Wednesday evening from 19.00-20.30 at All Saints Church!!

It's a great social activity, really good fun and helps to keep you fit. It's open to anyone over the age of ten years and can be used as part of your Duke of Edinburgh award. No experience needed and you don't even have to be musical!!

Why not come along as give us a try – email rayneringers@yahoo.com for more information.



Lloyd Brown 15/9 Brunwin Road had a moth with an unusual flight, it was a distinctive



Box Tree Moth. The caterpillar of this moth can devastate Box trees or Box hedges by stripping all their evergreen leaves. It can be difficult to control when numbers increase. Lloyd has also had visits from a young Sparrow Hawk which has been keeping an eye on the birds coming to the feeders. On 25/9 Lloyd commented

on a Chiffchaff visiting his garden, a little bird we often overlook.

Jonathan Sheldrake 25/8 spotted a Jersey Tiger Moth and **Roger Martin** Duckend Green 28/8 also sent me a picture of a Jersey Tiger Moth in his garden. This is the moth I reported on last month. It is a distinctive moth with red hind wings and black forewings with cream stripes. Its numbers appear to be increasing nationally.

Andrew Goodey 26/8 walking along Pods Brook saw 3 Spotted Flycatchers in an Ash tree and speculated that they may be part of a family party as this is often how they migrate. In the same area he saw one and possibly two Nuthatches which he has only seen locally once before. On the same walk he saw three Red Kites and a single Raven. Andrew commented that Ravens are increasing in the county. Andrew also reported 8 Yellow Wagtails in the horse fields along Fairy Hall Lane. They were feeding on insects among the horses with about a dozen Pied Wagtails. On another walk he watched a Hobby catch a Swallow in the same area.

Ken Turner sent me a picture of a very damaged oak gate post and a picture of a large white larva that was blamed for creating the damage. The larva did not cause the damage but was responsible for living on the post which had already started to decay. I have reported previously that Ken had shown me a larva which was possibly a larva from a Stag Beetle or Cockchafer Beetle. This new report suggests Ken is very lucky to have either beetle present in his garden as both are very large and not common. I hope the gate post is still present for the larva to feed on, even though it will not support another gate.



Tim Wignall Pound Farm Cottage 28-9 had a Tawny Owl in his garden apple tree and could hear another one calling. Also three Fallow Does with a small youngster by his cottage and a Green Woodpecker.

Roger Martin 30/8 sent a good picture of a *Painted Lady butterfly* on his Michaelmas Daisies.



At Goulds Mallard ducks have started to dominate the bird wildlife. After the spring hatching season I have deliberately reduced the quantity of food that they could access. This reduced the duck count from just over 50 to one duck which I continued to feed. This morning 2/10 I counted 16, 8 drakes and 8 ducks. It is unfortunate that Mallard ducks, nest, lay eggs and hatch the eggs where their ducklings have ready access to water. Size of the water body does not need to be large just sufficient for the ducklings to swim and paddle in. I am still feeding the same single duck but the new arrivals are only getting what they can from under the general bird feeders. This may sound cruel after they and their predecessors have spent several years sitting by our back door waiting for me to appear with their daily rations. They can lay 10 or more eggs in their first nest and if that is not successful can have two further attempts. One can very quickly increase duck numbers if the youngsters are encouraged by daily feeding. So, if you have a visiting mallard, please encourage it to stay, with some extra feeding or it may end up at Goulds.

We have some large Lime trees at the entrance to our farmyard, about two weeks ago I found two hatched pigeon egg shells under one of the trees. Normally the parent would cart the shells well away from the nest site, but we had some very strong winds which probably meant the shells were blown from the nest once the youngster hatched. Today 3/10 I found huddled under one of the trees a Wood Pigeon squab though well feathered still showing considerable juvenile fluff. Its crop was distended and full of food. I doubt it will survive this late in the season as in my experience adult Wood Pigeons do not continue feeding their young for long once they leave the nest site.

We have a Red Kite visiting Goulds early morning looking for any discarded food. It flies very low over the farmyard and I try to provide it with something edible.

To finish I hope that if you have any good wildlife photographs you consider sending them to me. Just attach the image to your emails as an attachment. As my computer abilities are limited I have to spend a lot of time trying to convert some images which are sent in exotic forms often from a telephone that I and my advisors cannot use. Also, good images may be acceptable on the Focus cover like last month's picture of the Jays by **Angela Jarvis** if they are downloadable.

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

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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:-

At the start of 2025, on 7th January, Richard Bale is returning to talk about Dining During the Roman Time.

On 4th February, Lindsay Barrell will be introducing to the British Sign Language.

On 4th March we will be holding our Craft Show. Also, Katie Lynn will be talking to us about Fused Art Glass.

On 1st April we will have An Audience with Mr. Dickens by Simon Waterfield.

Please come along and see what we are up to. We currently have 58 members. We do sing Jerusalem and have talented members who make crafts, knit, crochet and bake.

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

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

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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
9:15 Zumba classes with Deanna 07984 638502
Or email dillonbailey0810@gmail.com
12.30-13.30 YGD class with Kate
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
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Table Tennis use a dedicated room www.tabletennis365.com/rayne
- Rainbows/Brownies/Guides** : For details contact 01376 570464 or
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Rayne Parish Council Community Coffee morning - last Saturday of the month unless otherwise advertised

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM

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|---------------------------|-------|---|
| 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**
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RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Hazel Godfrey Email:rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk **Correspondence address :**
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Website: www.rayne-essex.gov.uk **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/rayneparishcouncil>

Duty Councillor :See Parish Report for details. **Office open Mondays 12.30pm-3.00pm**
Thursdays 9.30pm-12 noon

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

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Some useful pages that did not make it into the November Rayne in Focus.

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Twelve tips for Christmas...and after

With Christmas rapidly approaching here are a few seasonal tips to help keep you safe at home, shopping, visiting, and after Christmas too:

1. If you need to store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure what you are storing is out of sight and that the building is securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.
2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window. Having parcels delivered, and may be out, make sure that you make suitable secure delivery arrangements to reduce the risk of theft.
3. Whenever leaving the house always ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked. Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too.
4. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
5. When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.
6. Park safely; look for a 'Park Mark' accredited car park www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder Check that your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.
7. Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.
8. **A Christmas get together** – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advance and avoid using unlicensed taxis. Ensure you drink responsibly, and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe. www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety
9. When out celebrating don't leave mobile phones on tables in full view, don't leave handbags on the back of chairs.
10. Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are not at home and the lovely gifts you may have received.
11. After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection, disguise them, fold them up inside out or put them inside another non-descript box.
12. Record your new property free on www.immobilise.com , install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products. Consider a property marking product.

Have a Great Christmas and New Year!!

For further crime prevention advice see: www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or <https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice>

Autumn just around the corner – Protect your home during darker nights.

We are at the end of summer and autumn is now upon us followed shortly by winter. Now is a good time to think about preparing for the autumn and winter months.

- **Internal lights** - 26/10/24 the clocks go back, check and reset the time of your timer plugs, lights, and other security devices. **Remember to a thief a house in darkness is empty.** Some of the things you can do to create the illusion you are in when your home is unoccupied are: - lights on in rooms that you would normally occupy, TV simulators, a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone.
- **External lighting and CCTV** - Make sure that external lighting and CCTV is working and clean. To the front lighting operated by a daylight sensor is best.
- **Hedges, Trees and plants** - A consideration when gardening – most **thieves like to work unobserved.** Have your plants or shrubs grown and are they now obstructing CCTV or lighting, does it now prevent neighbours and passer-by's from seeing your frontage? If so a spot of pruning would be advisable, to the front it is recommended to keep hedges and shrubs to about 4' (1.2m) and with trees prune lower branches where suitable to allow that visibility of your property.
- **Sheds and gates** - keep them closed and locked when not in use, review and maintain the locks as required. Alarms on sheds and outbuildings are a good idea.
- **Property marking** - tools and lawn mowers going away for the winter, if you have not done it already make a note of the model and serial numbers and consider a property marking product.
- **Heating Oil** - with the value of fuel it is worth considering its security. In the more isolated parts of the countryside it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves, but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses. There are several security devices available that will protect your fuel supplies - details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. One such system is Tank Commander www.commandersecurities.co.uk which has "Secured by Design" accreditation <https://www.securedbydesign.com/> . Products like this will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and notify you by phone and/or audible

alarm. There are also other similar security products that can add onto an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others may protect the filler cap and there are of course the conventional locks. Another consideration would be concealing it with landscaping and spiky planting around the tank, restricting access to it with gates or fencing, and where possible locating the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ and <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>