

RAYNE IN FOCUS



June 2026



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



This year's recipients of the Rayne Citizenship Awards
(*from L to R*) Alan and Cheryl, Parish Councillors Ann and Jan,
Pauline, Linda and Paree

Will Childs was absent but received his award in May
See page 11 to find out what the awards were for.

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All Saints, Rayne:		
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Sunday 14 th June	9.30 a.m.	All Age Service
Sunday 21 st June	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th June	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
St Peter & St Paul, Black Notley	St Peter & St Paul, Black Notley	St Peter & St Paul, Black Notley
Sunday 7 th June		
Sunday 14 th June	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 21 st June	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 28 th June	11.00 a.m.	Eucharist
The Church in Great Notley	The Church in Great Notley	The Church in Great Notley
Sunday 7 th June	11.00 a.m.	All Age
Sunday 14 th June		
Sunday 21 st June	11.00 a.m.	Baptist
Sunday 28 th June	9.30 a.m.	Wiggle Church

A message from Rev Rachel

Dear Friends

May 2026

It is June at long last – which means, it's time for the new waste collection service to begin! There are more bins to get our heads around with different things to recycle. And our general waste will be collected less regularly, now once every three weeks.

It's designed to change our habits. After the Council did a lot of waste composition analysis (which sounds very smelly) they found that only 17% of grey bin contents actually belonged in the grey bin. So the aim of this new system is to get us to recycle more and to ask the question: what do we actually **need** to throw away? Is there a better place for it to go?

As I consider this change, I'm wondering about what I cling onto, and whether I let the right things go!

For Christians, one of the things we do each week in church is confession. We take a moment to recognise that we've not got it all right, we may have made some rubbish mistakes, but we can give this to God, and receive forgiveness. It's not because we've charmed God, but it's because God is kind. One of the Psalms puts it like this

*As high as heaven is over the earth,
so strong is his love to those who fear him.
And as far as sunrise is from sunset,
he has separated us from our sins.*

Psalm 103.11-12, The MSG

Often people say to me that they feel better after having been to church, they feel lighter. They can let go of stuff, give it to God, and not need to take it back afterwards!

This month, as we consider more carefully what we need to throw away, might we also consider if there are other things we might let go... and maybe give Church a try?

With love, Rachel

For further details of the work of All Saints Rayne please contact Rev Rachel Prior or Rev'd Roman Kukiewicz. Or visit us on www.thethreechurches.co.uk or www.facebook.com/AllSaintsRayne

Baptisms Weddings and Funerals arranged through contacting:-

Lisa at:- admin@thethreechurches.co.uk or phoning 01376 330988.

Your Street is in our prayers!!



Rayne Church will be praying for the people and situations in our village, at our All Age Service.

In February we will be praying for those people living in **The Maltings** 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.

Rayne Church's Bread making Group

KNEAD



The next session will be 13th June
from 10:00 to 12 noon.

£5 donation per session per adult to cover costs.

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Parish Council News – June

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At the meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026, nine councillors were present.

District Councillor Ann Hooks was also in attendance.

3 members of the public were present and one raised the issue of the Blyths Way entrance to the allotments. Some background was given on recent events and it was suggested that all affected residents and the management company should get round the table and discuss the issues. Cllr Eldred offered to mediate on this issue.

The full minutes will be published on the Rayne PC website

PLANNING

26/00737/FUL – Little Common Farm, Long Lane

Demolition of the existing bungalow and erection of a new self build dwelling together with alterations to the existing garage including the insertion of two dormer windows and reconfiguration of the rear elevation *No planning objection to this application*

26/00740/FUL – Rayne Hall Farm, Shalford Road

Erection of agricultural machinery barn *No planning objection to this application*

26/00834/NMA – Windycroft, Dunmow Road

Non-Material Amendment to permission 21/00215/HH granted

12/04/21 for: Two storey side, single storey rear and single

storey front porch extensions following demolition of garage and outbuildings.

Amendment would allow: The previously approved double door on the side elevation has been moved to the position of the former window and changed to a single door. A new window has been added to the rear elevation at first floor level to improve internal daylight. On the opposite side elevation, the previously approved single door has been removed and replaced with a new window at ground floor level. The existing first floor window on this elevation has been repositioned to suit the revised layout.

This application was for information only

26/00838/PLD – 43 Capel Road

Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development : Proposed single storey rear extension.

This application was for information only

PLANNING RESULTS

26/00457/LBC – West End Barn, The Street, Rayne

Installation of Gigaclear broadband equipment *Application granted*

26/00345/FUL – Walkers House, School Road

Proposed change of use from Class E/b8 to Class f1(a) for the provision of a send educational facility to provide specialist learning support and associated parking provision.

Application granted

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 29th April was the Annual Parish Assembly held again at Rayne School. We welcomed around 32 people and offered refreshments before the main event.

Cllr Hooks opened the meeting at 7.30pm by welcoming everyone and signing the minutes of

last years meeting. She then handed over to the speakers for the evening.

Debra Price – Rayne School Head Teacher

She talked about how the children feel safe at school and online. She thanked the PC for inviting the School Council to meet with them and discuss issues that are important to the students. She also thanked the Twinning Association for their involvement with the school.

The boundary fencing has now been replaced and the sensory garden is now underway with equipment and planters now on order.

Sadly, the current Deputy Head Teacher is moving to Fritch school so they are currently looking for someone to fill the position

PC James Draper

He talked about anti social behaviour and monitoring racing vehicle information which is a hot topic.

He gave advice on making our homes look occupied and difficult for people to get in. If possible, invest in improving shed security and think about where people put their valuables. Use a Faraday pouch for car keys for example.

Road traffic collisions are a priority as people are still using mobiles, not wearing seatbelts and speeding. He also reminded everyone to report crimes to either the police or Crimestoppers. Crimestoppers information will be sent to the police but will be anonymous.

A question was asked about dangerous/illegal parking in the village. He advised to report any instances of this with photographic evidence if possible and he will look into them.

The Waste & Minimisation team - BDC

Following the new legislation to improve refuse collections, the new bins have been delivered and the new collections will start in June.

They were asked if there were larger bins available if needed. The new bins are felt to be large enough but if residents do need larger bins, please contact them directly.

They were asked if there would be more operatives working going forward. Not at the moment but it will continue to be monitored.

This is a new system which needs to be in but hopefully everyone will take the new changes on board.

Home instead

They support people in their own homes.

Everyone should be aware that there are scams out there so be vigilant. Take care using Banking and Finance apps online and remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Be wary of opening links in emails and on websites.

If you are concerned about the validity of a company, check the FCA website to see if they are genuine.

Martyn Phillips – Speedwatch

This group started about 20 years ago and they are always looking for volunteers to help out – training will be given. They are limited to working during daylight hours so that they are visible. They can issue warning letters and it will go on record if you are caught speeding.

They are currently supporting the 20 mph limits in certain areas.

Cllr Hooks and Cllr Rickwood then presented the Village awards (See Chair's report for details)

Councillors also reported on the various committees currently in place including Finance, Communication and Development, Old School Rooms and Village Hall.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK A huge thank you to everyone who turned up to help on 26th April. We had around 25 volunteers including Rayne Brownies who earned their litter picking badges. We ended up with around 8 bags of rubbish and reported some fly tipping along Pods Lane.

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES FOR JUNE Hopefully everyone will now have received the new timetable for bin collections. If not, please let the clerk know. We are hoping to have a supply at the office which residents can pick up if they are missing this information.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 27th June. If any local organisations would like to come along and set up an information stall in future, please contact me by email to rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY The mobile library will be outside Rayne Primary School, Capel Road on Thursdays between 9:40 – 10:10. The next date is 18th June 2026.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT The office will continue to be open during Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, so please keep an eye on social media for CIP opening hours during the month 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 is due to be held on **Monday 1st June 2026** 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.

CLlr Ann Hooks – Chairs report

I am honoured to be elected as Chair of Rayne Parish Council once again. Firstly, I would like to thank my Vice Chairs and fellow councillors for their support, hard work and dedication over the past year.

Over the last year, the Parish Council has faced a number of significant challenges. These have included responding to proposed large-scale developments, engaging with complex planning matters, and addressing ongoing local issues that matter to our residents. Throughout this, the Council has worked hard to represent the views of the community, remain proactive, and ensure that Rayne's voice is clearly heard. I am proud of the way we have come together and risen to these challenges admirably.

Looking ahead, councillors and I are determined to build on the strong momentum we've created over the last few years and I'm really pleased to say we have some exciting news...

I am delighted to share that we have successfully secured a National Lottery grant to support a number of important projects at our Nature Reserve. This funding will enable us to develop a comprehensive management plan to guide the future of the site, ensuring it is protected and enhanced for years to come. It will also allow us to dredge one of the ponds to improve its ecological health and biodiversity, as well as install new wildlife information boards and benches so residents can better enjoy and learn about this valuable local asset.

This is a significant step forward in our ongoing commitment to protect and enhance green spaces within the parish, and to strike the right balance between conservation, accessibility and community use. My sincere thanks go to Cllr Willis and Cllr Luggar, who lead the Nature Reserve Working Group, for their hard work and dedication in securing this funding.

Our Annual Parish Assembly was well attended, and I hope those who came along found the speakers informative. It is always fantastic to recognise our dedicated volunteers through the Citizen Awards.

This year's awards were presented to Pauline Goldsmith and Paree Jarvis for their continued support of our coffee mornings, especially for keeping everyone well supplied with delicious cakes; Will Childs for his dedication to the community and willingness to get involved; Cheryl and Alan Harris for their dedication during COVID and for continuing to run the hearing aid clinic in Rayne; and Linda Taylor for her incredible 14¹/₂ years as editor of Rayne in Focus. These awards are a small way of saying thank you for the time, effort and care they all give to Rayne — our community is stronger because of people like them.

I look forward to the year ahead and, alongside Vice Chair Cllr Jan Rickwood, we will continue to push for more and stand up strongly for our community.

Thanks

Ann

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – ANN HOOKS

It has been another busy and positive few weeks across Rayne and the wider district.

Following the recent County Council elections, we now have a new County Councillor for the Three Fields division, Carl Johnson. I look forward to working with him constructively to help ensure that important county-related issues affecting our area are dealt with.



COMMUNITY NEWS

One highlight this past month, was attending the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Rayne Table Tennis Club. It was a fantastic evening bringing together past and present members to celebrate this incredible milestone. The club is a real asset to our village and huge congratulations must go to founder member Ian Whiteside and everyone involved over the years in keeping the club thriving.



I was also pleased to take part in the recent Rayne Community Litter Pick. It was wonderful to see so many residents, councillors and local groups volunteering their time to help tidy the village. A special thank you goes to the Rayne Brownies who took part and earned their litter picking badges. Community events like this really do show the pride people have in our village.

HEDGEHOG SOLAR FARM

The proposed Hedgehog Solar Farm continues to generate significant local concern. I have attended meetings and continue to engage with residents and the developers regarding the application. Whilst renewable energy is important, many concerns remain regarding the scale of the proposal, the impact on the rural landscape, loss of agricultural land, construction traffic and the effect on the Flich Way and surrounding public rights of way. There is still time to make your comments to Braintree District Council and Uttlesford District Council and urge people to write in.

Residents can view the application and submit comments via the respective planning portals:

Braintree District Council reference 26/00440/FUL

Uttlesford District Council reference 26/0045/FUL

I will continue working with Rayne Parish Council and residents to ensure local views are fully represented throughout the planning process. Keep an eye on my social media for updates.



NEW WASTE & RECYCLING BINS

Residents should have now received their new bins or boxes, depending whether you are standard or non-standard collections. Please remember that the new waste and recycling collection system goes live from 1st June. The new bins should not be used before this date. By the time you receive the Rayne in Focus, we should have all received communication from BDC, regarding what can go in what bins and of course the all important calendar. If you do have any queries please do get in touch, as I appreciate it is quite a large change. Again keep an eye on my social media as I am due to attend a members briefing on this subject and will share relevant information to you all.

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 (Ann Hooks – District Councillor) and Instagram page (cllr_ann_hooks), where you can keep up to date with what I am up to!

Ann Hooks



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OSR CRYPTIC QUIZ RESULTS

I have marked the returned answer sheets for the Old School Room cryptic quiz and out of the 32 returned there was one all correct sheet and several with 48 or 49 correct. We sold 65 in all so about a 50% return rate thank you.

I accepted two answers for question 17, I'd overlooked one of the answers that fitted but a lot of people got that so I felt it fair to accept it.

The winner was Mrs Pat Willis from Great Leighs

I hope everybody enjoyed the quiz and thank you for supporting our fundraiser for the Old School Room at Rayne.

I may write another one next year.

Andy Goldsmith, Old School Room management committee



HORTICULTURAL AND CRAFTS SHOW

AT THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM

Saturday 19th September 2pm



The show will feature horticulture (fruit and vegetables), flowers & floral art, cookery, crafts and children's classes separated into different age sections

The show schedule is now available with entry details. To request a copy please e-mail andyjgoldsmith@googlemail.com or text 07818 498590 or 07702 632021 with your name and e-mail address so you can start to plan what to grow and to prepare your craft ideas.

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Expect a warm welcome and a chance to chat and meet friends. Make it a regular fixture.

No need to book just turn up.

One Thursday every 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.

June 11th	Salmon en croute New pots and salad	Fruit Pavlova
July 9th	Sweet and Sour chicken with rice	Summer Pudding
August 13th	Variety of home made quiches, salads and new potatoes	Trifle
September 10th	Lasagne and Salads	Lemon roulade

This is open to anyone who would like to meet other people over a lunch, there are no age limits. If you are housebound and unable to attend we would be happy to deliver a lunch to you. Also we will gladly accommodate any special dietary requirements

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WHAT'S ON IN RAYNE

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	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

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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

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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM

Rayne Parish Council Community Coffee morning - last Saturday of the month unless otherwise advertised

1st MONDAY of Month 19:30 **Rayne Parish Council meeting**
see details in the Parish report

1st Saturday of the month 08:30 **Men's Breakfast**
Contact Graham Brine (see Church contacts)

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