



NEWSLETTER

6th May
Celebration of Baptism Service 11.00
19th May 7.30pm
Cantata Concert



Sunday 20th May 10.00
Brownie Service



April/May 2018

The Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Rawreth

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Our regular service of **Holy Communion** is at 10am each Sunday. All are welcome. More details may be posted onto our website www.st-nicholas-rawreth.org.uk

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Learning to wait

Easter Sunday is a great Christian festival, this year it's on 1st April. We celebrate Jesus rising from death following his Crucifixion on Good Friday. The victory of God's Love over jealousy and fear.

Over the next few weeks the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, there are a lot of accounts in the Gospels and references to more in the letters written by St Paul.

But just short of 6 weeks later the appearances came to an end, Jesus appeared one last time and then told his friends to wait for the coming Holy Spirit.

They wouldn't have had a clue what the Holy Spirit was or what they should expect. After 6 weeks you might expect that some of the initial excitement would have worn off. There must have been some frustration and perhaps even impatience at being told to just wait. What they did know however was that God was at work. Their leader and friend had left them but the promise was of better things to come.

So they did wait, but they also watched and prayed. This was not just passing the time, they were expectant and determined not to miss what was coming along.

It came at Pentecost (Pentecost literally means 50 days or 7 weeks the Jewish Passover which Christians remember as Easter Saturday, this year we celebrate it on 20th May. There will be an informal service at 10:00 am in which the Brownies will be helping to lead the service, saying the prayers and reading from the Bible).

What happened at Pentecost staggered everybody. A group of uneducated northerners (yes, there was a 'North South Divide' there too!) were speaking out. What was amazing was that people from all over the known world who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost, heard and understood them, whatever their native language. Everybody was excited and bemused but in those events the new Church was created. Instead of being dependent on the physical presence of Jesus, Jesus' friends found the wisdom and strength to lead the ever growing group of disciples.

But it all started with waiting.

I am rubbish at waiting! I, like most folk, want things NOW!

A few seconds to download an email or web page is just too long and I soon start muttering about my computer or the state of our broadband connection. This of course is crazy, 20 years ago I managed to do everything I needed to by post and phone. Why does everything need to be instant?

But the art of waiting and watching is essential to spiritual growth and maturity.

The way we charge through life means that we don't notice the promptings of God. We don't recognise the beauty around us. We don't have time to be grateful for the good things of life. We don't hear the cry of people who hurt, and they may not hear our cries either.

Of course life really is busy and often we really don't have time to stop and notice. But sometimes we do and just miss the opportunity ...

Keep notes somewhere, in a book or on your phone, and choose a time each day to remember three things to be grateful for and one person that you care for who is in need. Make a note. It takes less than 5 minutes.

And you can also turn frustrating waits into opportunities to reflect. So ...

When stuck in a line of traffic remember what you were thankful for last time you made a note, or plan what you will write next time.

When you are waiting for the computer to load up look out of your window for something that is beautiful, it may be surrounded with rubbish but concentrate on the one thing that is beautiful.

Remember someone else's need. Could you encourage them, send a text or phone? Decide what you will do. What would you really like to see happen for them; pray for it.

Ask God to direct your quiet moments, to help you notice the things that matter. Who knows, he may well surprise you!

There is a wonderful prayer from the ancient service of Compline, you might like to say it:

Guide us, O Lord, while waking
and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

May God Bless you and give you his peace

Richard

Priest in Charge of Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon



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Dear Friends

28th February 2018

It doesn't seem that long ago since I wrote to you last. Anyway, here I am, writing to you on what should be a spring day (well the school term calendar tells me that anyway) and I am sitting here watching the snow fall as the "Beast from the East" batters us. Unfortunately, for the first time in a very long time, I have had to close the school. After battling for hours to get in, along with my staff whilst the site staff worked hard to clear the snow and make the site safe (which proved to be a never ending challenge), we had to concede and admit defeat, closing the school.

However, whilst the staff tried hard to get in and open the school unsuccessfully, we have to admit that there is always an upside. I am sure many of the children will have enjoyed the unexpected opportunity to play in the snow! The staff also managed to get a lot of paperwork done. It is amazing the amount of emails that are currently flying backwards and forwards through the ether. To top it all, sitting here, watching the sunshine reflect off the snow, it is very pleasant! Anyway, enough about the snow. By the time you read this, I am sure that the novelty will have worn off and that you will all be fed up with hearing about it!

This term, a lot of work has gone into supporting pupils to work on the actual presentation of their work and their handwriting. This is something that is continually addressed but we wanted to make it a real focus this term. Presenting work accurately and well is a life skill and, as with everything else, we want to ensure that our pupils are fully prepared for the next stages in their education/futures. Whilst we have focused on this, it has also been very interesting to listen to all of the different perspectives on handwriting and presentation. Many adults that we have spoken to have noted that in a digital age, they fear that children (and adults) may lose the skills of presenting work well and ensuring that handwriting is of a high quality. They are worried about these skills being lost forever. However, in a competitive world, these skills and the knowledge could give any potential candidate for employment an edge. Therefore, we continue to focus on this.

In addition, we have been very busy planning our Easter week. This year it will run between 23rd March 2018 and 29th March 2018. The week is entitled:

"Who is Jesus? I see the messages all around me. What do they mean?"

Although not solely, there will be a focus on the arts. For example:

- Our youngest children, (Palm Class) will be investigating religious symbolism associated with nature and how this is interpreted and represented by Christians.
- Oak and Maple Classes will be exploring all of the symbolism associated with the Easter Garden and investigating why this tradition has developed.
- Willow Class will be investigating how Jesus is represented in the arts, modern culture, media and cultural entertainment and looking for evidence in the Bible to support these representations.
- Finally, Elm Class will be investigating the symbol of the cross in different regions of the world and trying to decipher why these representations have developed.

All of the pupils will be challenged to:

- Know the Easter story as it is understood by Christians.
- Make links between the symbols and the values of Easter (to Christians) and one's own values as well as the school Core Values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity.

This promises to be an interesting and busy week which we are all, very much, looking forward to.

We have also been focusing on maths recently and Mrs Willis has been working with a local maths hub. She was due (when the snow came) to deliver some really interesting training to all staff on mastery and Bar Modelling. This has now been postponed for a week but, I am very much looking forward to sharing these ideas with the staff. For example, seeing an analogue clock represented as a number line was inspiring! If only I had known about that when I was learning to tell the time all those years ago!

In addition to the above, we have also been reviewing well-being and support strategies for those who are in a place of crisis (families or individual children). Mr Jones attended a basic counselling course yesterday and, I am sure, he will be sharing some excellent strategies with all of us.

As you can see, the weather hasn't stopped us in our drive to be the best we can possibly be and to make your community school something to be truly proud of.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We really appreciate your commitment to our wonderful school. I look forward to updating you again soon.

Yours faithfully,

L. Pigram

Executive Headteacher.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sharp rise in reports of council tax rebate fraudsters at work.

Fraudsters may be posing as local council officials or professionals and cold-calling customers stating that they are eligible for a general tax or council tax rebate, with a sharp increase in the number of reports relating to fake council tax refunds in the last few weeks.

They've been reported to calling potential victims or use a range of other techniques, such as send text messages, to convince the intended victims that their tax rebate is legitimate, when in fact this may not be the case. The fraudsters will tell you how much tax you can claim back but emphasise that an advance fee payment is required in order to make the tax claim successful.

Whilst it may not be easy to identify if a tax rebate is legitimate, you should take care and know for certain that the tax you are planning to claim is genuine. A genuine company or organisation will never ask you for an advance fee payment to cover the administration costs in order to claim tax.

Protect yourself from tax rebate fraud

- Make vigorous checks if you ever get a cold call associated with a tax rebate.

- Never take up offers of tax rebates on the spot from cold calls and texts messages. Take a look at the recent tax rebate scams by HMRC – the same technique of offering an enticing-looking refund can be applied to private companies and public organisations.

- Don't give your bank account details or sensitive information to anyone without carrying out your own research on them.

- Get independent financial advice before claiming any form of tax refund.

- Check the caller's credentials. Ask if they have a permanent business address and landline telephone number. Any mobile numbers given by fraudsters are often pay-as-you-go numbers which are virtually impossible to trace.

- Always check a company's contact details (such as a website, address and phone number) are correct and that they registered in the UK.

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Please collect the school vouchers and drop them in the letter box at the school.

All Saints' Church

There is a free coffee morning every Friday morning from 10-11.00am to everyone, church member or not.

We are looking forward to Mothers' Day but above all Easter. The services are on Good Friday 2.00pm to 3.00pm, and on Easter Day the service is at 11.15am.

We have our traditional Easter appeal to remember a loved one, which costs £5 for each person named to be included on the roll of honour. Lyn Benson will create the floral arrangement in the sanctuary near to the altar. Call Lyn on 01245 400468 by 26th March to give her the details and arrange payment.

On Easter Monday the church will be open to everyone. We will be serving light lunches, cakes and teas & coffees. Don't forget to look out for the second hand book bargains, bric-a-brac, gifts, tombola, homemade cakes and hopefully seasonal plants and flowers. Again, we hope to see you there.

Sunday services at All Saints start at 11.15am.

Jane Fallows Church Warden

FUN DAY on Bank Holiday Monday 28th May. From 10:00am – 3:30pm There will be the usual stalls: Books, Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Clothes, Gifts, Raffle, Tombola, & more. There will be tea and coffee available with home-made cakes and lunches

RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Talk on Vegetable Crop Growing by Mike Abel

Tuesday 10th April 7:30pm

A chance to find out what to grow and how to grow it, including soil types, fertilisers, pest and disease control, transplanting, seeds and storage.

Mike Abel lectured for 21 years on horticulture at Writtle College, worked for 6 years for a PYO fruit and veg. farm in Essex and now works for Agralan who supply horticultural sundries, including biological controls, to commercial growers and amateur gardeners.

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning 12th May 10:30am to 12:30pm Held in Rettendon Village Memorial Hall, CM3 8DP (there is a hall car park). A chance to buy your summer bedding, or perhaps a plant to grow on for putting into the Rettendon Village show in July. Tea and coffee and home-made cakes, along with a chance to discuss gardening or just the local gossip.

TRIPS

Bressingham Gardens and Steam on Sunday 24th June (£25 including train ride).

Royal Horticultural Society garden at Wisley, on Sunday 16th September (£15 - including entry)

To book a place on either trip please contact Jean Pietsch on 01268 763183

Hazel Dale-Evans, Chairperson, 01245 401538

For further information see website:

www.essexinfo.net/rettendon-horticultural-society

RETTENDON VILLAGE SHOW

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, 14TH JULY 1.00pm-5.00pm

This show is a community affair being planned and run with co-operation between Rettendon Horticultural Society, Friends of Rettendon School and Rettendon Cricket Club.

RETTENDON CRICKET CLUB.

On 20th February there was a break-in and the club house was extensively damaged. Further to this the Cricket Club are organising an event to help raise some money to pay for the damages. This will be on Sunday the 27th of May which is Bank Holiday weekend.

The idea is to play Rayleigh Cricket Club in a 20-20 game (around 2.00pm) and then have a Band play in the early evening.

The band who have donated their time to the cause are associated with the club. Rettendon Cricket Ground is behind Rettendon Village Hall.

Rawreth Ladies Club Meetings

Chairperson Sue Merton 01268 561703

January Meeting

A very blustery day for the meeting which turned into rain. We shared the Village Hall with the local election which caused no problem.

Sharon Hopkins from BITZ & GLITZ CRAFTS based at View Garden Centre Old Chelmsford Road Rawreth 01268 562234 came and gave us a demonstration on card making and also had some beautiful cards to sell as well as craft items. It also gave her an opportunity to publicise that she does work shops which I'm sure some of the ladies will go to.

After birthday cards were given out Sharon judged the Christmas card competition and the winners were 1) Sheila Young 2) Carol Swinhoe 3) Jill Vane.

It was very sad to hear the news that one of our original members Florrie Scrivener had passed away on Saturday 13th January. We will all miss her sunny disposition plus wealth of local knowledge and she had done lots of things for the club over the years writing the report for the Parish Magazine etc. and we have to thank Florrie for the crockery we use every meeting.

The raffle was drawn and then the big decision on who makes the teas next month. There were £34 worth of raffle tickets sold and the sales table took £32.88 well done ladies.

It was the day for subs and Jean was busy in her corner taking the money from those who could attend as a lot were away not well (get well soon) or on holiday. We had a general knowledge quiz and the winners were Molly Dolman, Jean Pietch and Jean Bell.

The meeting ended early and it was out into pouring rain which I was not amused at as I'd left two blankets on the washing line.

Sue Murton

February Meeting

We decided to cancel the meeting as it was one of our original members Florrie Scriveners funeral the same afternoon and so many of us wanted to go.

The service was held at St Nicholas Church and she has been buried in the church yard which is only a few yards from where she and her husband Peter lived.

It was a delightful sunny day and a lovely service all chosen by her and St Nicholas was packed to capacity by us all wanting to say goodbye.

Then it was a short walk to the Village Hall for refreshments and to say hallo to all the people we knew.

We will all miss her but every time we have a cup of tea we will think of her as she donated all the crockery for us to use and for many years she wrote a piece in the Parish Magazine about the meeting each month which was the first thing I read it was so well written.

The Ladies Club should have had The Dogs Trust as our speaker but as we had to cancel a donation was send to them which they were very pleased about.

It was lovely to see Daphne Wilson see you again soon.

Sue Murton

Correction

In last months magazine we ran pictures of Len Birch, they were taken about 1941-1942. It had the wrong email address, this should be dodie.don@hotmail.co.uk.

Parish Council Business

Chairman: Alistir Matthews

Vice-Chairman: Paul Beckers

Clerk: Hayley Bloomfield

Tel and Fax: 01268 784233

Tel: 01268 767614

Tel: 07773 952455

Fly Tipping

There continues to be a lot of fly tipping going on throughout the Parish, but in particular a large amount in Old London Road, Church Road and Chelmsford Road. Could we please ask you all to be vigilant and if you see anyone tipping illegally please take a note of the vehicle registration number, make, model, colour and call or email the Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors with the information. Some of the recent tipping has been extremely dangerous as it has been done on the highway causing partial blockage of the road on unlit roads so we would urge you if you are using any rural roads, or unlit roads to take extra care.

Burglaries

There has been a spate of burglaries in the Parish over the last month, and in the Rayleigh area as a whole. Outbuildings and garages have been targeted as well as homes. Please ensure your properties are secure both during the day and night, ensure outside security lights are working, and doors and windows are locked even when you are at home, please ensure that you correctly lock doors to ensure that all the locks are engaged, lifting the handle into the lock position will not secure the door, the key will need to be used to ensure the locks engage, this applies to most door types so please check that you know how to make sure your property is fully secure. Again we would ask you to remain vigilant and if you see anything suspicious please contact the Police and take down any registration numbers, makes models and colours of any nearby vehicles that you do not recognise.

Highway defects and local problems.

The Parish Clerk is always more than happy to report problems around the Parish to the various authorities, however, we would also like to encourage residents to report the problem directly and the best way to do this is via the Fix My Street website or mobile app, or via the Essex

County Council website, links for both are show below.

www.fixmystreet.com

www.essex.gov.uk On the right hand side of the home page is a tab titled report it, click on this and you are given various options to report defects. An interactive map is shown which allows you to pinpoint the location, it will also show you if the defect has already been reported and the current position with regards to any action that is being taken. When you have completed your report you will be given a reference number, please keep a note of this number as it will enable you to track the progress of the repair.

Parish Contact Number

07773 952455

Contacts

If any residents have any concerns or questions and they would like to speak to one of our Parish Councillors regarding the LDF, Planning or any other matter their contact details are as follows.

Cllr Alistir Matthews (Chairman)
Telephone 01268 732069

Cllr Paul (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Mrs Mary Beckers
Telephone 01268 767614

Cllr Stephen Coombs
Telephone via the Clerk

Cllr Mrs Susanne Wiltshire
Telephone 01268 781922

Cllr Chris Stanley
Telephone 01268 785732

Cllr Mark Collins
Telephone 07903 998085

District Councillors
Ron@oatham.waitrose.com
Cllr Chris Stanley 01268 785732

Clerk Hayley Bloomfield
Telephone 07773 952455 or email at
clerk.rawrethparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Number for Non Urgent Police Matters

There is a new number for local non urgent police matters, this replaces the old Rayleigh number, the new number is 101 it goes without saying, if it is an emergency always use 999.

Wyvern Community Transport registered Charity
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Wyvern Community Transport operates four minibuses in the Rayleigh and Rochford District to transport its members to day centres, medical appointments and recreational activities. Their buses are available for hire on a brokerage scheme by other users during their out of hours time and weekends.

Contact 01702 542099 Andrew Woodley, email
manager@wyvernct.co.uk

www.rravs.org.uk

Parish Council Website

The website has details of forthcoming meetings, minutes of the meetings held and other interesting news. You can visit the site on www.rawrethparishcouncil.co.uk the website also has a facility to report faults directly to either Rochford District Council or Essex County Council, if you enter the Useful Links page of the website you have the facility just to click on one entry and it will take you directly into the online reporting process for the relevant Council, things such as street lighting, pot holes and fly tipping can all be reported quickly and directly.

The Parish Council website also has a page to display photographs of the Parish. If anyone has any photographs that they would like to see on the website please email them to the Clerk. Photo's can be of events, scenic, etc, but unfortunately we cannot display any pictures of individuals unless their prior written consent has been given

In addition, if anyone would like to advertise an event on the website please feel free to contact the Clerk.

Email Distribution

If any residents would like to receive information from the Parish Council such as agendas for

forthcoming meetings, minutes of meetings held, events, Core Strategy News etc via email then please forward your details to the Clerk at clerk.rawrethparishcouncil@btinternet.com. If you do not have access to a computer but would like a family member to receive the emails on your behalf please ask them to contact the Clerk as above advising on whose behalf they will be receiving the information.

Next Meetings

Wednesday the 11th April 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday the 2nd of May 2018 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm

Wednesday the 6th of June 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday the 4th of July 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 5th September 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 3rd October 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 7th November 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 5th December 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

From the Clerk, Hayley Bloomfield

As always if you have any concerns or matters to report please do not hesitate to contact me on either 07773 952455 or by email at clerk.rawrethparishcouncil@btinternet.com

From the Parish Register Baptism Anniversaries

April

Tiffany Ruth Evelyn Vost and
Jayden Russell James Vost

May

Primrose Marissa Downton
Logan Lee Dakin

*Our prayers remain with you as you journey
on in life and grow in Gods love.*

**FORTHCOMING
EVENTS AT ST NICHOLAS
CHURCH**

9-13th April

Church closed for maintenance

6th May

Celebration of Baptism Service
11.00am

19th May

Cantare Concert 7.30pm

20th May

Brownie Service 10.00am

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

VILLAGE COLLECTION DAY week commencing April 4th, 18th, May 2nd, 16th and 23rd all other weeks are **Recyclables**. Check web site for more details

TRAIDCRAFT Contact on (01268) 733616 for more information.

KEEP FIT Classes are held in the Village Hall on Monday evenings between 8 and 9 p.m. All are welcome.

BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCE CLASSES classes are held on Monday evenings in the Village Hall between 9 and 10 p.m. All enquiries for Keep Fit and Dance classes to Linda King, 01375 375810.

MOBILE LIBRARY. Please support the Mobile Library which stops at Goose Cottages 14.00 till 14.30, Bedloes Corner at 14.45 till 15.05 and Lubbards Close 15.35 till 16.00 on Friday, April 6th, 20th and May 4th, 18th. Books can be ordered and there is no charge for overdue items. Video Cassettes and large print books are carried.

RAWRETH LADIES CLUB contact Sue Murton (Chairperson) on 01268 561703 for details.

1st RAWRETH (ST NICHOLAS) BROWNIES. Thursdays, 4.45-6.15pm, in the Village Hall (term time only). Contact: Suzanne Wood (Brown Owl) on 01268 642859. To register for a place: www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/

Obituary

Florrie Scrivener

Just under 100 family and friends gathered in St Nicholas Church on February 15th to say goodbye to Florence Barbara Evelyn Scrivener, known to some as Florrie, to others as Babs - some even called her Flo, but if she heard you, you never did it more than once.

We don't know how many 'Bara Brith' cakes were made over the years, but they were always present on any fundraising cake stall from the early 80's onwards. Florrie and Daphne's "Mystery Stall" was the stuff of legends and the Church Bazaar has never been quite the same without it.

The ladies Club was another of Florrie's interests she shared with Daphne, where they always sat together as they did in church and on a fairly regular basis Florrie would doze quietly during the sermon. If you wanted to know anything about musicals or film stars of the 30's, 40's and 50's Florrie was the person to ask. She was very competitive when it came to a game of dominoes Florrie would take on all comers, she particularly looked forward to her Saturday night head to head with Harry.

The family would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages. Florrie was an avid letter writer, and we are sure she will be getting her pen, paper and address book out to answer every one of them. God bless you Florrie we will miss you.

These might make you smile !

The following have all appeared in church magazines so thanks to the church ladies with typewriters.

Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Whitby includes all meals.

Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. Sunday evening sermon: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

PLEASE NOTE

Copy for June/July 2018 Magazine
by
5th May

Church News to Christine Holmes
Tel: 781662

Village News to Dave Collins
Tel: 734933

Please let us have your news in good time
Thank you

Whist Drive

6th April	Whist	20th April	Whist
4th May	Whist	18th May	Whist

First and Third Friday in the month
7.30pm-10pm.

New players always welcome, for further information please phone

Eric Chasmer
01268 773115

For all enquiries regarding flooding in the area please contact

Mr. Peter Plummer
Rawreth Flood Action Group
01268 574500
rawrethfloodactiongroup@gmail.com

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Dr Jayawera, Rawreth Lane	01268 780408
Shotgate Surgery	01268 561888
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NHS Fast medical help other than 999,	You call 111
Rayleigh Police (<i>non urgent matters</i>)	101
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Neighbourhood Watch Desk nhwrayleigh@gmail.com 10-12 weekdays	01268 770519
Electricity	0800 7838838
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RSPCA 24 hour animal cruelty & emergency	03001234999
Rochford District Council	01702 546366
Copy for Magazine to Dave Collins	01268 734933
Village Hall Booking Secretary (<i>no teenage parties permitted</i>) Email: daveicollins40@gmail.com	01268 734933
Street Lighting faults, Essex Highways South	01268 297500
CountyRoute Helpline – A130 related concerns call	0845 3511130

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Clerk: Hayley Bloomfield	07773 952455
Cllr Mrs Mary Beckers	01268 767614
Cllr Mrs Susanne Wiltshire	01268 781922
Cllr Chris Stanley	01268 785732 <i>Mobile</i> 07720426359

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Malcolm Maddocks – County Councillor for Rayleigh North	01702 206683
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Cllr Ron Oatham	01268 785295

Member of Parliament

Mark Francois MP for Rayleigh	Tel at House of Commons 0207 2193000
Tel at Constituency Office 01268 742044 email: mark.francois.mp@parliament.uk	

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Brian Adams: Laburnam Way area.	01268 786178
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