

# RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

**THE Rayleigh Lions held their annual fireworks display in the King George V Playing Field and it was a very well supported event.**

The Lions are very much in need of new members to help them to continue their good work and, if you would like to become a 'Lion', please contact [rayleighionsclub@googlemail.com](mailto:rayleighionsclub@googlemail.com)

The King George V Playing Field was awarded the Green Flag award for the eleventh year running.

The Town Council continues to employ Essex Youth Services who attend the playing field all year round, usually on Wednesday afternoons, to chat to and offer advice and information to any young people.

### RAYLEIGH IN BLOOM AWARDS

**THE Town Council held the Rayleigh in Bloom Awards in October at Holy Trinity Church. Winners were presented with their certificates and awards:**

- Create a papermache model of a Rayleigh landmark – Rayleigh Primary School and St Nicholas C of E Primary School
- Best School Garden - Grove Wood Primary School
- Best Public House Floral Display - Marco's Spanish Restaurant and bar
- Best Religious Grounds - Holy Trinity Church
- Best Shared Garden - Friend of Rayleigh Station
- Best Front Garden Paved - Mrs Louise Reed
- Best Front Garden Lawn - Mrs June Trumm
- Best Back Garden - Joint Winners Mrs June Trumm and Mrs Pauline Dunlop
- Best Allotment - Grove Road - Mrs Mary Priest
- Kenilworth Gardens – Mr Paul Spraggins
- Lower Wyburns – Mr Colin Andrews
- Sweyne Park – Mr Geoff Grist
- Overall Winner – Mr Colin Andrews
- Community Competition - Grove Wood Primary School

Edward Francis Primary School were presented with the winner's trophy from Anglia in Bloom for Best Garden for Special needs.

Anglia in Bloom awarded Rayleigh gold for the town, Silver Gilt for the King George V Playing Field and Gold for Holy Trinity Church.

### SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

**Sports Person of the Year**

- Disabled Sports Person of the Year
- Best Sports Team
- High Achiever (other than sport)
- Disabled High Achiever (other than sport)
- Best Youth Project
- Best Community Volunteer
- Citizen of the Year
- Chairman's Award

If you know a deserving individual or group of people, please pass their details onto the Town Clerk.



The winners of the Council's Christmas card Competition receive their award.

## AMAZING EVENT MARKS START OF CHRISTMAS

Report by Chairman,  
Councillor Danielle Belton

**I HAD the honour in attending the Remembrance Parade, Service and Wreath Laying on Sunday 12th November 2023. It was good to see so many people lining the High Street to watch the parade and to remember those that served our country.**

Rayleigh Town Council held the Christmas Lights event on Thursday 30th November. It was an amazing event and those attending were entertained by the school choirs, mushrooms theatre and Megan Rose.

I would like to thank everyone who made this event happen Ian and Steve of BBC Essex, our sound team at Aztec Events, Stambidge Security, councillors, volunteers and

out office staff.

I also wish to thank all those who sponsored the lights and to Marco's Spanish Restaurant and Bar for arranging a fund-raising evening, which raised £1,500.

I selected Elouisa Neville of Wyburns Primary School who drew a beautiful picture as the winner of our competition to design the Chairman's Christmas Card. The card will be sent out to local organisations and dignitaries. BTMK held the Christmas Colouring Competition and I

had the difficult task in choosing three winners, the were Eva Wooderson – Downhall Primary School – 5 years and under

Ruby Annie Bradford – Edward Francis Primary School – 6 to 8 years

Stanley Hood-Karrer – Grove Wood Primary School – 9 to 11 years

Palmer's Solicitors continue to sponsor the Best Festive Display competition for Best Commercial Display, Charity Display and Public House. This competition will be judged the first weekend in December with prizes being presented before Christmas Day.



The switch is pressed to light Rayleigh High Street up for Christmas.

### ANNUAL AWARDS 2024

**THE Town Council hosts the Annual Town Meeting which will be held at The Sweyne Park School on Thursday 14th March 2024.**

At this meeting the Council Chairman and Committee Chairmen present their annual report of the work of the Council over the last year.

We also present awards to members of the public for high achievement in sport and any other success, such as overcoming adversity, excellent exam results, raising funds for charity etc.

This is your opportunity to nominate the person or group who you think deserves to be rewarded for their efforts over the last year.

Please send your nominations to the Town Council by 31st January.

The awards are in age groups under 11 years, 11- 18 years and adults for the following categories:

## Sponsors of Rayleigh Town Council's Christmas Lights

