

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

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INTRODUCING THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Town Council Chairman Cllr Marianne Vernon.

I CHOSE Rayleigh in 2010 when I moved here to live with my husband and two young children. We knew no one in the area, but had heard about 'a lovely town with a village feel and community atmosphere' and that this is indeed what we discovered here in Rayleigh.

My professional background is in retail management, starting work as a Christmas temp at H Samuels in Birmingham, where I grew up, ultimately managing a large jewellery store in London, having worked at Asprey in Bond Street and gaining my gemmological and diamond grading qualifications along the way.

My passion and interest has always been working with people and being part of a team.

These days you will still find me people facing and customer focused in my work at a store on the High Street.

I gave up working for a while shortly before moving to Rayleigh starting a new chapter of my life, bringing up my children.

However, I had a plan! I was going to put myself out there.

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL, NEW CHAIRMAN Councillor Marianne Vernon

meet all my new neighbours and find out more about our town by becoming an Avon Lady.

Shortly after we settled in, I was knocking on doors and introducing myself with a brochure in hand.

Through this I have met so many lovely people all over Rayleigh.

Then after my children started primary school it was lovely that I would no longer walk down the High Street without being stopped by someone for a friendly chat.

My husband, meanwhile, came across an event at our Royal British Legion promoting the club and the

Royal Naval Association. Having served in the Royal Navy (notably during the Falklands conflict) he quickly signed up and became an active member of the club and later joined the committee.

It was my husband who introduced me to members of the Town Council he had met as friends at the club.

We had enjoyed many community events held by the Town over the years and we became more interested and wanted to get involved.

Devastatingly, my husband passed away in 2022.

I have relied heavily on the support of our

friends and neighbours and the Rayleigh Community spirit, to get me through.

I put myself forward to represent you, to give something back to the community and knowing that I have that support behind me.

I am delighted I chose Rayleigh and now feel very privileged that Rayleigh has chosen me as part of a fresh, new invigorated council truly representing the changing face of our community.

The Rayleigh Town Council motto is "In Reliquom Laboramus" - "We Work for the Future."

DATE SET FOR RAYLEIGH TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

THE Rayleigh Town Council, Christmas Lights switch on event will be held on Thursday 28th November 2024 from 4pm to 6.30pm.

The Town Council will be sending expression of interest forms out to previous stall holders over the summer and this form will be on the Town Council's website and Facebook page.




RAYLEIGH TOWN

IS AN

Inclusive Dementia Community

ACCREDITATION AWARDED



RAYLEIGH AWARDED DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY STATUS

THE Town Council is proud to announce that Rayleigh has been awarded accreditation as an **Inclusive Dementia Community**.

The Town Council will continue to work to encourage more local businesses and organisation to become Dementia friendly.

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TRINITY FAIR PROVES A BIG SUCCESS

THE Trinity Fair took place on Sunday 9th June and was once again a very well attended event.

The Town Council thanks all the local organisations and businesses who supported this event and Haddon Events for jointly hosting.

Clr Marianne Vernon, Chairman of Rayleigh Town Council opened the annual event. Performers on the stage included Julie Jive and the Bigshots, The Rapsallions, Hands4voices, and Katie Blackwell.

Steve Scruton and Ian Wyatt of BBC Essex compered the event from the stage with the assistance of Jim Shrubbs, Town Crier.

BTMK Solicitors sponsored the colouring competition, and the winners were presented with their prizes on stage. The three winners were Grace Clarke, Joel Theobald and Oliver Everett.

Palmers Solicitors sponsored the fancy dress parade and participants included Spiderman, Little Mermaid and a footballer.

The Mill Arts and Events Centre, Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh Town Museum, Windmill, WI Hall, Royal British Legion Club, Rayleigh Mount and Pink Toothbrush were all open during the day and welcomed visitors.



The BTMK Colouring Competition winners at the Trinity Fair.

ALL CHANGE FOLLOWING THE TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

TOWN Council elections were held in May and we had to say thank you and goodbye to some very long serving and hard working members namely, Cllrs Danielle Belton, Stuart Belton, Christine Callis, Eddie Callis, Roger Dowell, Robin Dray, Jordan Jacobs, Carol Pavelin, Deborah Mercer, Julie Sawford, Bruce Smart, Dave Sperring, Jill Waight.

We wish them all the best in the future.

Rayleigh now has 13 new councillors to serve its residents for the next 4 years.

Our new members are Cllrs Dawn Balding, Natasha Gallop, Lindsey Knell, Nigel Knell, Kiel Knight, Richard Linden, Brooke Newport, Lisa Newport, Matt O'Leary, Mike Sutton, Marianne Vernon, Ian Wilson

and Vilma Wilson. Cllrs E Brewer, J Burton, R Lambourne, J Lumley, R Milne, J Newport, S J Page, C Roe, C Stanley and 1 Ward were re-elected.

Rayleigh Town Council now has 13 members who also serve for Rochford District Council and 2 members who are Essex County Councillors.

The Town Council Chairman Cllr Marianne Vernon will be supported by Vice Chairman Cllr Richard Linden.

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCILLORS

COUNCILLOR	TEL NO.	COMMITTEE	COUNCILLOR	TEL NO.	COMMITTEE
Trinity Ward			Wheatley Ward		
Natasha Gallop	07962 120856	Open Spaces/Communities	Jamie Burton	07540 320746	Open Spaces
Lindsey Knell	07833 457635	Open Spaces/Planning	Richard Lambourne	07714 712507	Open Spaces/Policy & Finance
Matt O'Leary	07963 208313	Open Spaces/Policy & Finance	Richard Linden Vice-Chairman	07887 606800	Open Spaces/Communities
Sarah Jane Page	07765 102732	Open Spaces/Policy & Finance	Mike Sutton	07960 862841	Policy & Finance/Communities
Cheryl Roe	07885 463732	Policy & Finance	Marianne Vernon Chairman	07717 740746	Communities/Planning
Grange Ward			Lodge Ward		
Elizabeth Brewer	07368 657397	Open Spaces/Communities	Keil Knight	07393 429992	Open Spaces/Planning
Jane Lumley	784147	Policy & Finance	Robert Milne	(01702) 520883	Policy & Finance
Lisa Newport	07869 258910	Communities	Ian Ward	770895	Policy & Finance
Vilma Wilson	0790 0247794	Communities/Planning	Ian Wilson	07894 078180	Policy & Finance/Planning
Whitehouse Ward			Sweyne Park Ward		
Nigel Knell	07778 766109	Communities/Planning	Dawn Balding	07840 023561	Communities/Planning
Victoria Ward					
Brooke Newport		Communities/Planning	James Newport	07494 226807	
			Chris Stanley	785732	Opens Spaces
				Town Clerk -Ms F. Kettleby	741880