

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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PICNIC TO MARK THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

WELCOME to our Spring newsletter.

May is fast approaching and the Town Council are organising a picnic in the King George V Playing Field to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. There will be a large screen to broadcast this historic event free of charge.

The Town Council encourages residents to bring their own food and drink, however there will be a small selection of stalls selling cinema style snacks and beverages.

The Pavilion Snack Bar will be open. Holy Trinity Church will be open to show the event too for residents who don't wish to sit outdoors.

Full details will be advertised once timings are released by Buckingham Palace.

St George Flag raising will be held on Sunday 23rd April at 10.00am at the Pavilion, Trinity Fair on Sunday 11th June, Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday 12th November and Christmas Lights Switch on Event on Thursday 30th November.

The Town Council has awarded £9,238.86 grant funding to the following organisation and charities who directly work to benefit Rayleigh residents. This year's recipients are

by Chairman Councillor Deborah Mercer

Supporting Carers & Families Together (SCAFT), The Paint Box, The Cedars, Wyvern Community Transport, Music for the Brain, Mens Shed, Blind and Sight Impaired Society (BASIS), 6th Castlemount (West) SA

Guides and 5th Rayleigh Scout Group, Kaos Youth Club.

The Town Council will elect its new Chairman at our Annual Town Council meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2023 and, as this is my last

newsletter to you, I would like to add it has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Rayleigh and find out more about people in our community.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors and staff for their support.

CORONATION COMMUNITY BUNTING COMPETITION

TO celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III the Town Council are hosting a Coronation Bunting Competition.

This competition is open to all residents, schools, organisations, business. All

completed lengths of bunting need to be delivered to the Town Council office by 21st April and will be displayed in the King George V Playing Field for the Coronation weekend.

This will be our community competition for Rayleigh in Bloom.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS

ARE you concerned about speeding in your road? If so, you can help to make local roads safer by volunteering to assist the Town Council in Community Speed Watch.

Training is mandatory so if you are interested in being involved, please contact us.

The objective of the scheme is to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and anti-social behaviour on the roads.

Where appropriate the registered keeper of offending vehicles will be sent a letter advising them of the dangers of speeding.

The Town Council has purchased its own Speed Watch equipment to allow us to conduct these checks, however, we do need more volunteers.

Speed Watch sessions take place depending on the weather conditions, therefore dates and times will be arranged in due course.

The opening of the Petanque area in the King George V Playing Field. Opened by Chairman Cllr Deborah Mercer.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

THE playing field continues to be a very well used and popular feature of our town.

Essex County Council's Youth Workers continue to visit the playing field for two hours every Wednesday afternoon.

The Youth Workers welcome young people to come and see them for a chat and to provide advice and support where needed.

We have recently installed a pétanque rink, which we hope will prove to be as well used as the table tennis table that was put on the site last summer.

TRINITY FAIR

THE Trinity Fair will be held on Sunday 11th June 2023. The fair will take place from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

The Trinity Fair will include stalls and entertainment throughout the day.

The Mill Arts and Events Centre will be open during the event to host exhibitions and stalls.

The Town Council is once again working in co-operation with Haddon Events.

THE PRECEPT

THE Town Council agreed a precept of £473,405.28 for 2023/2024, this resulted in a Band D equivalent rate to remain unchanged at £38.32.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & ANNUAL AWARDS

THE Annual Town Meeting and Annual Awards will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 7.30pm at The Sweyne Park School. Rayleigh residents are welcome to attend.

ARE YOU HOLDING AN EVENT IN RAYLEIGH?

If so, please send posters to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the Town Council's website and notice boards.

You could even invite the Town Council Chairman to come along to open your event.

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