

The Raynhams' Newsletter - May 2024

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - West Raynham Village Hall Bar open from 7 to 10:30pm.
- Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Creative Crafters in Village Hall from 10am to midday.
- Thursday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - Line dancing in the Village Hall from 7 to 8pm; drop-in sessions cost £6 per person.
- Saturday 11th - Open Day at West Raynham Control Tower from 10am to 4pm.
- Sunday 12th - Tractor ride leaving at 9:30am from Mike's yard.
- Saturday 18th - Sid's Quiz in the Village Hall from 7pm; quiz starts at 7:30pm.
- Saturday 18th - Bomber Command Day at West Raynham SHQ with Lancaster fly-past.
- Monday 20th - Meeting of the Village Hall Committee in the Village Hall from 6:30pm.
- Tuesday 21st - Annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council in Village Hall from 6pm.
- Friday 24th - Mobile library at West Raynham bus shelter from 9:30 to 9:45am.
- Saturday 25th to Monday 27th - Local artists exhibiting in All Saints Church, Helhoughton, from 10am to 5pm as part of North Norfolk Open Studios.
- Tuesday 28th - Meeting of the Parish Council in the Village Hall from 7pm.
- Friday 31st - Raynhams' Gardening Club meeting in the Village Hall from 6 to 7pm.

Church Services

- Sunday 12th - St Mary's, East Raynham, at 6pm.
- Sunday 19th - All Saints, Helhoughton, at 10:30am.
- Sunday 26th - St Martin's, South Raynham, at 10:30am.

The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council for East with West Raynham will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 21st May in West Raynham Village Hall. All welcome.



Father Edward Bundock

The funeral of the late Father Edward Bundock will be held at Hempton at 11am on Friday 10th May, followed by burial at Houghton.

Open Studios in All Saints Church - Helhoughton

May 25th, 26th, 27th & June 1st and 2nd - 10am to 5pm

Please come and visit our exhibition in our lovely church. Wonderful displays of art in studios all over North Norfolk will be on show in late May and early June when artists - painters, printmakers, sculptors and photographers - are opening their studios.

Visitors are welcome to look round and see different styles, subjects, materials and ways of working, as well as talk to the artists and makers themselves and hopefully buy an original piece of work to take home with them.



A free brochure with studio locations, opening times and helpful 'trails' between them, will be available soon in village halls, churches, pubs, garden centres, cafés and post offices, or visit www.northnorfolkstudios.co.uk/ for more information.

Rozzi Freeman, Kit Price Moss, Libby Sheldon & Stephen Dell.

Andy's Pool Tournament

To be played on bar nights (Friday) at West Raynham village hall. I have 12 players and would like 4 more to make a total of 16 players. The format is:

1 st round: Best of 3 games (8 matches)	3 rd round: Best of 3 games (2 games), Semi-final
2 nd round: Best of 3 games (4 matches)	4 th round: Best of 5 games, Final

£5 per entry and I will add £20 to the entry fee to make a total of £100 cash prize for the winner. Once I have 16 names, then we will draw the names for the 1st round. I'm aiming to start in May and games will be played as and when it's convenient for players to play. Call or text me on 07511 152390 or see me at the bar on Friday nights.

Andy Mead.



SID'S QUIZ NIGHT

WEST RAYNHAM VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024

DOORS OPEN 7PM
QUIZ STARTS 7.30PM

BAR & RAFFLE
ALL WELCOME

Teams of 4 People
£5.00 per Team



Contact Sid on – 07889 957491



Tatterford Open Gardens

Sunday, June 16, 10am - 4pm

Nine gorgeous and very different gardens, tea, coffee and cakes, plus book and plant stalls.

Tickets cost £5 for access to all gardens - cash only.

Free parking at Manor Farm Barn, NR21 7AZ

Local Green Initiatives Forum

Following the success of the initial event, a follow-up Forum will take place in West Raynham Village Hall on **Saturday 1st June** starting at 2:30pm, with refreshments provided.

To express an interest and/or find out more, please contact Rob and Elizabeth Lodge on 01485 528744 or at elodge5@btinternet.com.

Raynham Beef Boxes

We are delighted to be offering Raynham Beef Boxes and individual cuts from our herd of Aberdeen Angus.

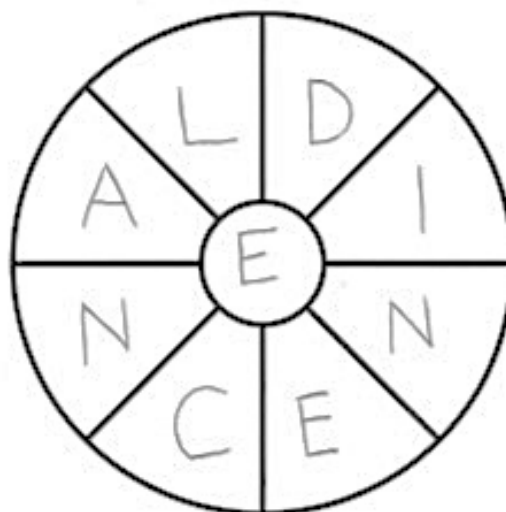
You can purchase a Beef Box by emailing us at bookings@raynham.co.uk, although products are subject to availability.

Our farming team prioritises the well-being and natural rearing of our cattle. We maintain a pure Aberdeen lineage, and our meticulous approach allows us to maintain optimal herd dynamics, while ensuring the well-being of both mothers and calves.



Word Wheel

Find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each word must use the central letter and at least two others. Letters may be used only once. You may not use plurals, foreign words, or proper nouns. There is at least one nine-letter word to be found. I found 32 - not including the nine-letter word which is where I started when constructing the wheel; see if you can beat me - I bet there are more words in there that I missed. The words I found are listed on page 4 and include the nine-letter word - well done if you got that one!



Judy Pell.

April Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos last month and Paula has chosen the following two images for April.



Winner: Paresh Shah



Runner-up: Tracy Jolliffe

Deadline for May photos: by 5pm on Wednesday 29th

Email your images to westray.newsletter@gmail.com

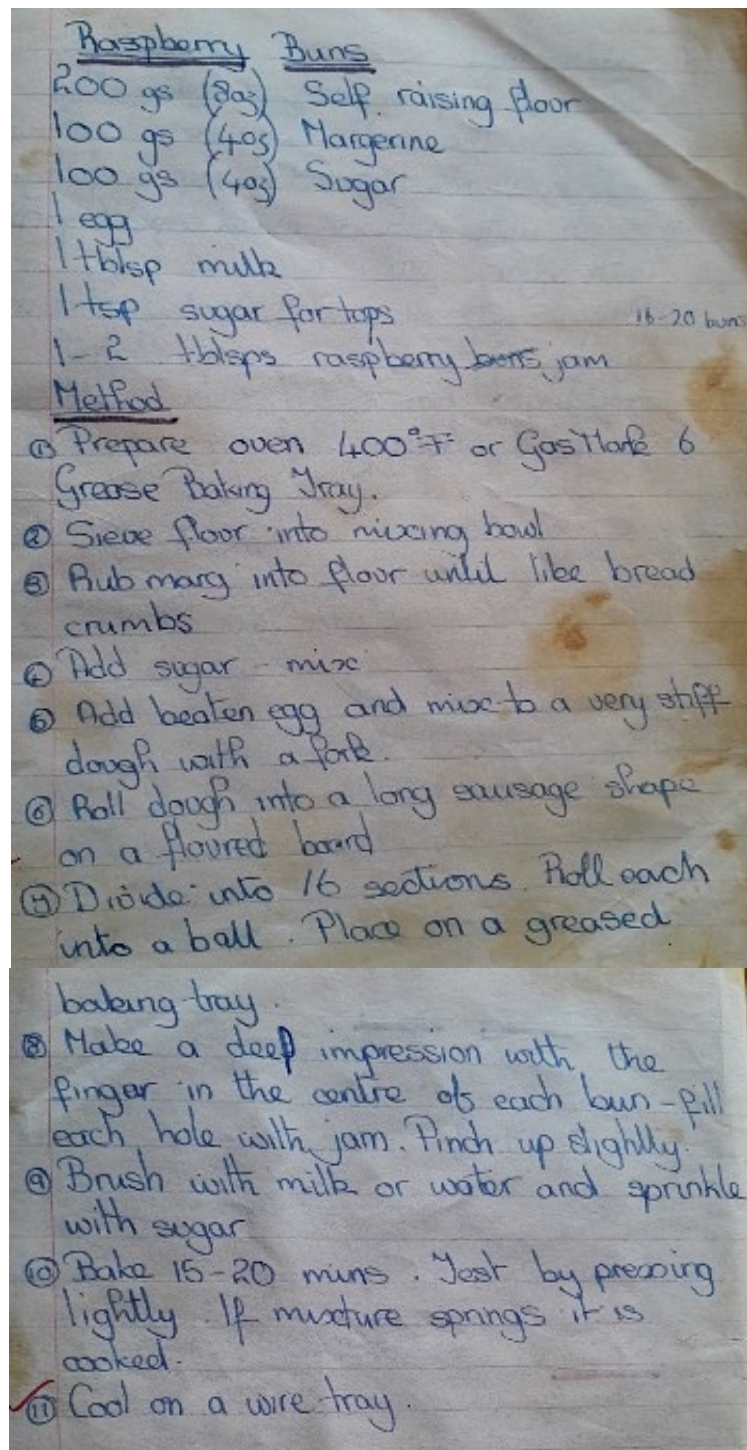
We need more photographers taking part each month - so don't be shy and send in your seasonal photos either from this year or last year!

Word Wheel Answers

Ace, Ale, Den, Eel, End, Ice, Lea, Lee, Led, Lie, Nee, Cane, Dace, Dale, Dane, Dean, Diel, Dine, Lace, Lane, Lead, Lean, Lend, Lent, Lice, Lied, Line, Need, Nice, Nine, Dance, Lance.
Nine-letter word: Celandine.

Recipe Corner: Raspberry Buns

Last week I went with friends from West Raynham to a coffee morning in Helhoughton where we had a lovely time catching up with our neighbours over cake and scones. One of the bakes that was on offer took me straight back to my school days and this is it - Raspberry Buns. They are more of a biscuit really, but simple to make and as delicious now as they were when I was making them at school in the 70s. Worth giving them a go!



If you have a treasured recipe which you are happy to share, then please contact: westray.newsletter@gmail.com.

Judy Pell.

Insects in April

Like last year we have been experiencing another cold start to Spring, with very few bees, butterflies or moths to be seen flying around on most days.

Lesser Stag Beetle

Back in Autumn 2022, I was given a piece of wood by Roger Mundy which had come from an old willow tree recently taken down in his garden. We could see at least one large creamy-white larva in the wood. About 18 months later I found an adult lesser stag beetle, *Dorcus parallelipipedus*, resting in a small hole in the wood. Adults are about 30 centimetres in length and, along with the larvae, are commonly found in decaying wood, especially in ash, beech and apple trees. The adult was released near the pond and 'beetle bank' in the garden at Foundry Cottage on April 6th.



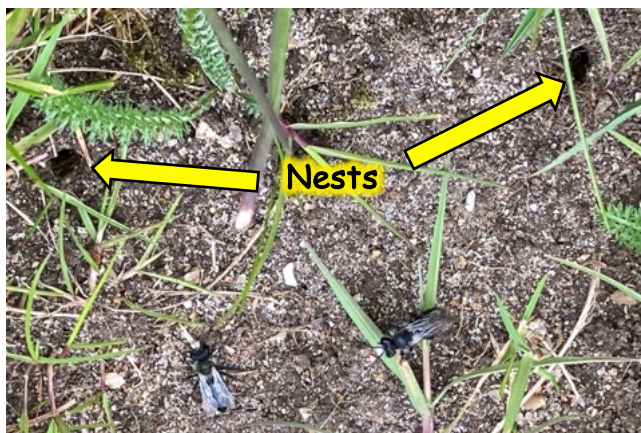
Web links:

- <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/invertebrates/beetles/lesser-stag-beetle>
- <https://www.naturespot.org.uk/species/lesser-stag-beetle>

Ashy Mining Bee

Andrena cineraria is a solitary mining bee which is usually found in early Spring. The adults are similar in size to honeybees but are black in colour with two white bands. After mating, a female bee will lay a single egg inside a nest dug into the soil, and provision it with pollen moistened with nectar, before sealing it and making the next nest chamber.

On a slightly sunny day towards the end of April I was happy to find a thriving colony of *A. cineraria* at St Mary's church in East Raynham. The bees were making nests in the sandy and slightly compacted soils of old mole hills, especially by the entrance to the church.



Web links:

- <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/ashy-mining-bee/>
- <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/invertebrates/bees-and-wasps/ashy-mining-bee>

Paresh Shah.

Open Gardens - Sunday 23rd June



The Raynhams' Gardening Club, along with the help of numerous volunteers, has been busily planning the Open Gardens event in West Raynham on June 23rd. We hope you will come along to see the results of all the hard work. If you are a resident of The Raynhams then the ticket charge is optional, but a donation would be welcome - just make yourself known at the ticket desk in the Village Hall on the day to join in!

The gardens open for viewing will be on Hollow Lane and The Street. There will be lots to see and a massive plant stall, refreshments in the Village Hall as well as crafts and books for sale. You can even have a tractor ride round the village. So come along to meet the gardeners and have a chat about their horticultural aspirations and challenges.

If you would like to donate plants, sweet or savoury refreshments, craft items, or help in other ways during Open Gardens, then please contact westray.newsletter@gmail.com. We thank all those who have already volunteered their talents.

Environment Agency - Planned Works on the River Wensum



River maintenance and flood prevention - April 2024 to March 2025

River Tat and River Wensum (Fakenham, Upper and Middle) - Spring 2024

What We Do

The Environment Agency inspect and maintain rivers and flood defences. We target this work to reduce the risk of flooding to people and property.

Landowners are responsible for maintaining rivers. You can find more information on rights and responsibilities by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

Our maintenance work keeps rivers and flood defences working together to prevent flooding. Regular maintenance helps our flood defences last longer, which saves money.

You will see us clearing blockages in rivers, cutting grass on flood embankments, and keeping our structures tidy and in good working order.

You can find out what we are doing and when we plan to do it by visiting: <https://environment.data.gov.uk/asset-management/index.html>

Maintenance In Your Area

You can see on the map where we are working on the rivers near you. We have planned the following maintenance:

Targeted Tree Works

Sometimes we need to remove part or all of a tree when it leans into a river or falls over completely. This is because they can slow water flow causing flooding upstream or debris can cause blockages downstream.

Fish and eels use branches and roots in the water for habitat and breeding. Trees also provide shade that keeps water temperatures steady and prevents too much weed growing.

We remove as little of the tree as possible whilst making sure we are still preventing flooding.

Weed Cutting

River weed is cut in specific locations to help water flow. This can help prevent flooding.

We cut weed in a meandering pattern that follows the natural path of the river. This creates a clear way for water to flow and leaves habitat.

Amphibious machines and machines working from the bank are used for this work.



We carefully remove blockages from rivers to prevent flooding and avoid disturbing wildlife.

Contact Us

Feel free to contact us if you have comments or questions about our work or would like one of our officers to share our work with your community group.

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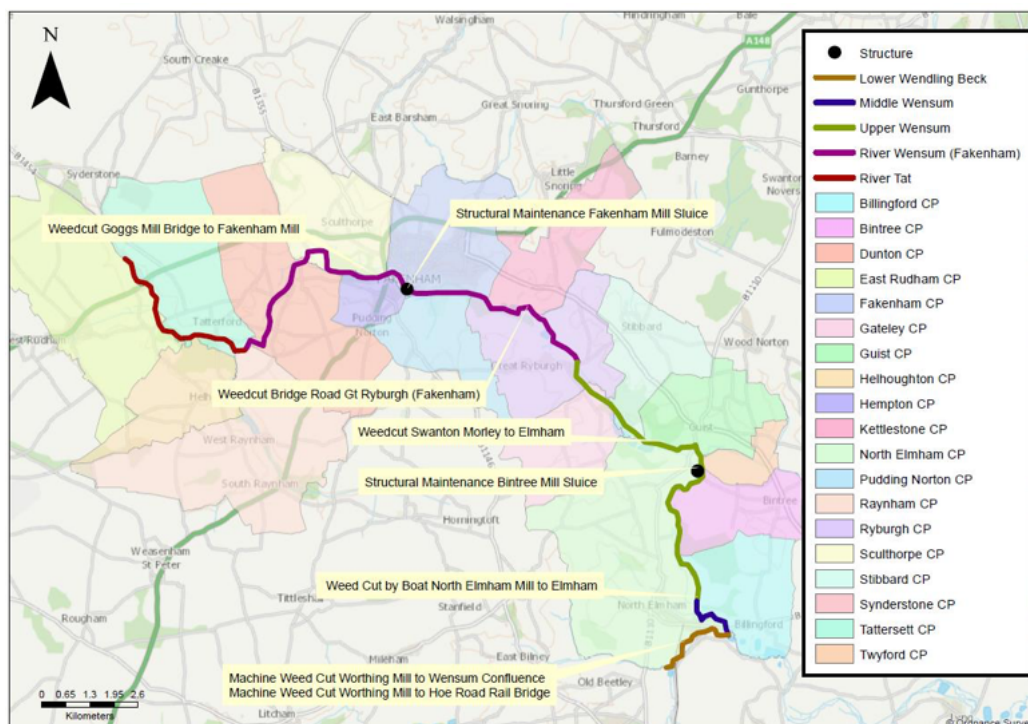
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