

# RAINTON NEWSLETTER

## APRIL

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## ARTICLES FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles for inclusion by Monday 26th April to:

[raintonnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:raintonnewsletter@gmail.com)

### RAINTON GARDEN CLUB

Please note that the meeting date has been changed for April and will now take place on **Monday 19th April** at 7.30pm. Martin Fish will give a Zoom talk called "Gardening Undercover" that looks at how to get the best from your greenhouse or polytunnel. It will include details on growing a range of ornamental and edible crops, plus tips on heating and ventilation.

### CHURCH of ENGLAND SERVICES DURING COVID St James' Baldersby St James/ Rainton

St James Church is opening again on Easter Sunday thanks to Rev: Terry Dyer coming to take our services.

**Easter Sunday 4th April**

10.45am

**Sunday 18th April**

10.45a.m.

The church is safely laid out with pews well distanced, St James has a big air space so everyone can be well apart. Masks will be worn and we have plenty of hand sanitizer. We are very happy to be able to welcome everyone over the next weeks.

ALSO: Our Bumper Book Sale will be held on Sat/Sun 11th and 12th September so keep dropping off your surplus books in the church porch.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Several telephone scams continue to do the rounds, including calls asking you to pay for Covid vaccines, callers pertaining to work for the Tax Office saying your tax bill is overdue, or that someone is using your National Insurance number fraudulently. All these are scams and under no circumstances should you enter into conversation with them, give any personal details or push button one if requested to. Just hang up on them.



### THE BAY HORSE

Tel: 01845 578697

Take-away menu available  
Wednesday - Saturday  
5.30-7.45pm

**Unfortunately, due to logistical issues with outside service only, we will not be re-opening the pub in April.**

**We do look forward to welcoming you all back if the planned lifting of restrictions goes ahead in May.**

**Many Thanks from Chris & Bev**

By liking Rainton with Newby Village Hall facebook page [@raintonvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/@raintonvillagehall) you can keep up-to-date with all the latest news and events.



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# RAINTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

## STATE OF PLAY

We have now received the new leg for the zip wire. We need the field to dry up so the contactors can get on to fix it in place, then the zip wire will be working again.

The hedge has been cut back between the cricket field and the play park. This was finished off by hand where the tractor couldn't reach at the top of the field and the side of the bike track. Many thanks to Jenny, Malcom, Del & Dave. and everyone who helped with this!

Hopefully we will have the willow cut back again by the beginning of April, ready for willow weaving later.

## BAGS 2 SCHOOL IN APRIL - A REMINDER!

The bags will be collected from Home Stables early on 26th April, which is a Monday, so the **final day for drop off** is Saturday the 24th at Home Stables. For more details please contact Janice on 01845 595887, but please leave a message if I don't pick up as I could be working. For any queries about what is or is not acceptable please check on <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

## RAINTON COVID HELPERS

### Hello! If you are self isolating, we can help!

Last March we set up a group of Rainton villagers who can help if you are at home because of COVID-19. We're still here and ready for action!

We can't do everything, but we can:

Pick up shopping or a prescription, post mail or just have a chat on the phone.

Just call, text or email and one of our volunteer neighbours will do their best to help you (for free): Jill Fish 07966 255857 / [jill@martinfish.com](mailto:jill@martinfish.com)

A lot of villagers are already helping out neighbours and friends already – please carry on but if you have to self isolate and can't carry on please let us know.

If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list please ring Jill and let her know.

## RAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would be grateful if, as we approach the spring, residents please check any overgrown shrubs and hedgerows to ensure they're not overhanging the footpaths and roadways.

### Parish Council - Vacancy.

A vacancy had arisen for a part time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Rainton with Newby Parish Council. If you'd like to find out more about this role, please contact Alex in the first instance on [raintonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:raintonclerk@gmail.com).

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS FROM OUR MARCH NEWSLETTER

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## THE GARDENER'S DIARY With Martin Fish

Once we get into April it really feels like spring is here with masses of blossom and daffodils at their best. On warm, sunny days it can make us feel that summer has arrived, but don't be fooled as very often we can get some short, sharp frosts through the month that damage new shoots, fruit blossom and seedlings. When planting or sowing, always check the forecast for a few days ahead first!

Finish the spring clean of borders to make sure they are weed free and tidy and as new seedling weeds appear, chop them off with a hoe.

If not done yet, finish pruning hydrangeas, dogwoods grown for their winter stems and evergreens to tidy up any long shoots.

As early daffodils fade, remove the old heads and add to the compost heap. Don't cut down the leaves though for another six weeks to allow nutrients back into the bulbs.

Hardy annuals such as larkspur, nigella, cornflower, calendula and cosmos can be sown directly into prepared soil where you want them to flower in summer.

Early potatoes can be planted into the garden. Plant the tubers around 10cm (4in) deep and 30-35cm (12-14in) apart in a row. Alternatively plant a single tuber in a large pot of compost.

Plant onion sets 10-15cm (4-6in) apart in rows and sow carrots, parsnips, beetroot, lettuce, chard, summer cabbage, leeks and spring onions directly into prepared ground in shallow drills around 1.5cm (1/2in) deep.

Plant pot grown strawberries into the garden and keep them watered until the roots establish.

Prick out seedlings of tomatoes and peppers sown last month individually into small pots of compost and grow on in a light frost free place.

For more weekly gardening tips and advice from Martin visit "Pots & Trowels" on Facebook or subscribe on YouTube for free.

### **USE OF DEFIBRILLATOR.**

When the AED (defibrillator) is taken from its cabinet, please return it with the battery indicator facing outwards and the machine up the right way. This enables the next user to grab the machine by its handle and allows the regular checking of the battery to be carried out without removing the AED from the cabinet. Thank you.

### **VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE**

Our Village Hall website

**[www.raintonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.raintonvillagehall.co.uk)**

provides a wealth of information including:

- Information on "what's on" in the hall
- News and up-coming events
- Details of the facilities & how to hire the hall
- Our contact information

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