

## Great Ringstead History Group

Great Ringstead History Group welcomed some new members following our display at Open Gardens Sunday, and we have had a busy autumn.

At our October meeting Clive Layton spoke fascinatingly about archaeological finds in the village ranging from the Bronze Age until the nineteenth century, illustrating how long people have lived and worked here, and the variety of occupation in the village. We were also represented at a very useful information day for local history groups at King's Lynn Borough Archives organised by Norfolk Record Office. They provide very good introductory study days for people researching their family histories and house histories. If you would like more information, please let me know.

An illustrated leaflet for walks In Ringstead is being developed, indicating sites and buildings of interest. We hope it will be available for the Spring of 2020.

We are also planning a Ringstead Heritage Information Day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February. We are seeking to build up an archive of photographs and documents and artefacts about Ringstead in past times, and we are inviting people to bring along photographs of people, places, and events connected with Ringstead, and documents that you might be willing to share, such as deeds of property, old family letters, or diaries, bills of businesses or shops in the village, which we can copy, and return immediately. We would be happy to give you back a copy, and also keep two copies, one for our archive, and one to deposit, for posterity, with the Ringstead archive in Norfolk Record Office. We would love to see you on 29 February in the Village Hall, anytime between 10am and 2 pm. There will be free coffee or tea and cake.

We are also continuing building up our sound archive of memories of people of Ringstead.

If you would like to join the Group, or be recorded with your memories, do be in touch.

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## Re-wilding Ringstead. A Call to Arms!

**Mission:** To improve the environment for flora and fauna in this delightful village, from the ground up.

**Phase one:** We (the village) rent an acre of land from a local farmer to re-wild and return to its natural state: progress for this acquisition is promising and we have ½ an acre under the belt at time of writing.

**Phase two:** We raise funds to reimburse the farmer for loss of crop, seek tuition to re-wild and possibly reseed. Funding ideas welcome. I am converting my garage into an art gallery to help raise moneys.

**Phase three:** We identify areas within the village which could be improved for wildlife habitation and investigate our own gardens with similar objective. I have recently been approached by an apiarist.

**Phase four:** Enjoyment of butterflies and insects to pollinate our lovely roses. Just imagine, if every village in the land could do the same... wouldn't this boost our much endangered wild life?

I have received positive and constructive responses and am delighted to say that I have been joined by Pauline Atkinson. But, we cannot proceed on our own. Should you be interested in joining us in this venture, please contact Pauline or myself.

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Let's do this!!



# GREAT RINGSTEAD

## NEWS & VIEWS



Dear All,

Isn't it amazing how the months have flown by? Autumn has been with all its glory and the mixed weather we have had finds us days away from celebrating Christmas. Will it be a White Christmas I wonder.

I would like to welcome Sue Little and Pauline Atkinson who have come on board to help with future news letters. We are looking to expand in the New Year with a magazine packed with news and events of our village with the whole village able to participate with anything you would like to share. For example if you have a pet we will have a pets corner. You could share your story of how you became a resident of Ringstead, whether you are new to the village or have resided here many years. It is exciting to go forward with a passion for our village life.

If you have your own business you may like to advertise in this magazine. Please email [atk\\_hornbeams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:atk_hornbeams@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

Thank you to those of you who have sent articles for this publication. If you would like to submit anything for the Spring edition, please email as above by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 ideally in a word document if possible.

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month except August when there is no meeting. Please come along and have your say as our lovely village and its future affects us all.

This publication is in connection with the Parish Council so reports of meetings, events and activities can be distributed throughout the parish. Please let me or any of the councillors, know of any problems you may find within the village so they can be sorted out promptly. Anything you would like to bring to the council's attention can be put on the agenda for the meeting of the parish council. The parish council works for the good of the village. A village to be proud of.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Valerie Everitt

Editor

Please note: The views expressed in this news book are of the letter writer's and not necessarily the views and opinions of the Editor. The Editor also reserves the right to edit articles as appropriate

### Ringstead General Store - Opening hours for Xmas 2019

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| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8 - 1    | Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> 8 - 1     | Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> CLOSED |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> 8 - 5.30 | Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> 8 - 5.30 | Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> 8 - 5.30  | Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 8 - 1    |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> 8 - 1   | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> CLOSED   | Then as normal                    |                                  |

## The Revd. Rachel Dines

My name is Rachel Dines. As of the 25<sup>th</sup> November I am your new Team Rector for the newly formed benefice of Hunstanton and Saxon Shore. This is an exciting time for the eight churches and parishes that combine Hunstanton and Ringstead with the existing Saxon Shore group.

The new benefice will, in due time, have a team ministry comprising: me as the Team Rector, someone, yet to be found, who will come as a part time Team Vicar and the existing Assistant Priest James Monro. Our team would not be complete without the gracious help of our retired clergy, to whom I am immensely grateful, who have kept the variety of services going throughout the vacancy. This is a time of new things for both you and me so I hope and pray that we can walk this path together, celebrating each other's strengths and supporting each other in times of need.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our many Christmas services over the coming weeks.

God bless and may you have a happy Christmas and a peace filled new year.

**Revd. Rachel Dines, Team Rector**

## St Andrews Church, Ringstead Services in December

### Advent 4 Mary Mother of Christ

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1030am Carol Service

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 0900am Family Communion

### COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE at ST. MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH HOLME NEXT THE SEA

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1000am Holy Communion at Holme

## GREAT RINGSTEAD PARISH COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

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|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bridget Crowfoot | 01485 525295 | Carol Nelson | 01485 535297 |
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Note: The above councillors are available to contact if you have something to report, suggest or share for the good of the village.

## Garden Sunday - Jenny Martin-smith

The sun shone and visitors came from far and wide. There were many compliments on the standard and the variety of the gardens, the plant stall and the beautiful flower display in the Church. Lunch and tea at the Village Hall proved to be a great success and there was a really good atmosphere. We are very fortunate to live in such a special village and a huge thank you to everyone who gives so generously and of their time and who helped to make the day such a success. We are delighted to have raised just under £6000.

## Garden Sunday will be held on Sunday 14 June 2020

There will be a meeting in January. If you have any ideas for the day or would like to get involved in organising the event or help on the day please contact Jenny on 525384 or [jennymartinsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennymartinsmith@hotmail.co.uk) or mention it to Tim and Cathy at Ringstead General Store.

## Village Hall - Debbie Rice

The funds raised are used to help with the running costs and upkeep of our Hall. The Committee's long term project is to raise sufficient funds, hopefully with the aid of grants, to insulate and reclad the roof, before installing a more effective and economic heating system.

The Hall has also proved to be a popular venue for Art Exhibitions, and we do have Art Display Boards for hire if needed.

The Hall is available to hire and the rates are: -

Ringstead Residents £6 per hour Others £8 per hour Per day £35

If you would like to hire the Hall, please contact booking secretary Roger Pincott 525522

The following groups meet regularly in the Hall, and welcome new members.

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| <b>Table Tennis</b> | Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm Contact Richard Hendricks 525366 |
| <b>Carpet Bowls</b> | Wednesday 2pm - 4pm Contact Liz Witley 525341             |
| <b>Art Group</b>    | Thursdays 10am - 12am Contact Liz Witley 525341           |

## Village Pensioners - Roger Pincott

Picture the scene, a cold wet November evening. The village hall is booked. Tables and chairs are laid out. A coal fire is blazing in the hearth. Twenty two prizes are set out for Bingo and eight prizes are there for the raffle. All we want now are the players to turn up for Bingo. Would they come out? Of course they would, we had the biggest turn out that we have seen for a number of years. The noisy table had two wins on it, but I won't embarrass them by telling their names, but the Queen wears one on her head. But what a difference it made to the evening by having such a large group of players, it was a laugh a minute and they raised so much money for the Christmas lunch. Thank you so much for turning out.

Thirty eight pensioners turned up for the Christmas lunch, which was held on 12th December. I have many compliments about the food and service. Everything was brilliant. Again there was a raffle which was well supported by generous donations by the group.

If you have never been to the lunch it is never too early to contact us to receive an invite. Please contact Elaine on 01485 525522 if you are 60 years young for you girls and 65+ for the old wrinkly boys, it is free to all, but you do need to be a full time resident.

Date for the diary is 2nd April when we start the fund raising year again.

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. (Don't forget its a leap year!)