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GREAT RINGSTEAD NEWS AND VIEWS



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PARISH COUNCIL - Chairperson, Carol Nelson

Several Parish Councillors attended the Remembrance service and a wreath was laid to remember those in the village and all nations, who have sacrificed their lives for their country.

The wreath laying is conducted at the kerb side with as many as possible standing on the pavement or tucked very close to it. It was sad to see so many drivers not have 10 minutes to stop and show respect, but to continue to drive past whilst the Remembrance Service was being conducted. Maybe they should ask themselves where they might be, or not, if major events in this world had very different conclusions.

Now on to parish business:

Firstly two items have been brought to the PC's attention.

- Posters advertising a function being held in the Village Hall were ripped down around the village. Vandalism?
- Reports of fireworks being let off in the village one evening, after 10pm, caused distress to livestock, pets and households in the vicinity. Although the PC holds no power to intervene it would be appreciated if any events like this in the future, the perpetrators/s held more consideration for others.

If situations like these happen again and you have concerns it is recommended to call the Police non-emergency number 101.

With the growth of hedges over the summer months it has been noted that several around the village are encroaching onto pavements, highways and covering signage.

Again it would be appreciated if the offending shrubs could be trimmed back.

There have been three accidents in or on the boundary of Ringstead. Some seem to be down to simple speed. The PC has done all that Highways will allow in the way of signage etc but are intending to send information, downloaded from Sams Sign's to the Police, with the hope they will conduct a speed survey / trap.

The PC has discussed trying to put together a community watch (the ones that stand at the side of the road with a speed gun). We need to have a minimum of 6 volunteers before the police will go ahead and offer training. If you would like to help, please contact the clerk James Howard 07979 987384 or greetingsteadpc@outlook.com

One Sam Sign is out of action and awaiting repair, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Aldiss and Councillor O'Shea for their continued help changing and charging the batteries.

Queens Platinum Jubilee. At Novembers meeting the PC decided that they would like to plant a tree for every decade Her Majesty has been on the throne. An area on the playing field had been suggested and the Estate has agreed.

However, the PC has discussed holding/being part of/help with an event in the village to also mark the occasion. A member from each committee in the village will be invited to the January meeting, for discussions/ideas and involvement in a possible event. Absolutely nothing has been set in stone yet hence input from everyone else.

If anyone in the village has an idea, please also come along to the meeting, or contact the clerk.

Three councillors met on the playing field and went through the Playing field Inspection Report. It was decided at the full meeting to concentrate on remedial work, needed on the playing field, before proceeding to look at a piece of equipment to replace the roundabout at some point, hopefully next year.

Lastly, a Neighbourhood Planning meeting took place in the village hall on 27th November. Thank you to all those who turned out, on such a miserable day & to the NP Committee for the work they are doing.

Please feel free to contact any member of the PC or the clerk if you have any issues or attend one of the council meetings.

Ringstead Parish Council wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

RINGSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Bill Jacob

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Questionnaire in October. We distributed over 200 copies to every residential unit in the village and 88 Questionnaires were returned, which our consultant, Louise Cornell has advised us is a very high response rate. On 27 November at a public meeting in the Village Hall Louise introduced the results of the Questionnaire to an audience of around 40 people, which again is a very good response. It's good to know how many people are keen to have a say about the village's future development.

The issues that came up included the proportion of second homes to houses in full-time occupation, the possibility of providing a few new affordable starter homes to rent, to diversify the age profile of the village and to meet the needs of locally employed people, provision of work-spaces in redundant farm buildings, the design of new buildings, the protection of 'green spaces' and views, public transport, and health care. Constructive suggestions were made about improving 'green spaces, improving the new Community Bus route, and possible sites for social housing.

The Parish Council's planning Group will be working further on these ideas and will be reporting back at another public meeting with a draft Plan for further comment, and all being well in a year or so our Plan may be approved by the Borough Council.

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Great Ringstead News and Views

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed an article, a recipe, a photo, an advertisement, ideas, suggestions and the volunteers who deliver the newsletters to the houses, farms and businesses in Ringstead. Your support of the newsletter is invaluable.

A Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year to you all.
Great Ringstead News and Views editorial team

Spring Newsletter Issue Deadline by Friday 18th March 2022
to atk_hornbeams@yahoo.co.uk

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NEW YEAR - 'MAKING SPACE' WEEKLY WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING, ST. EDMUNDS CHURCH HALL, HUNSTANTON - Reverend Rachael Dines

As Rev Kirsty and I have been out and about in our communities we have noticed that many people are feeling lonely and in need of more company, especially during the colder darker days. We seem to want to close the curtains, eat comfort food and generally try to keep warm and cosy. The trouble is, that if you live on your own this means more time spent in solitude. I know some folk are caring for family and friends and given the situation we have all found ourselves in this past year meeting up for support has been very difficult.

In the New Testament we read about those early Christians who met together as followers of Jesus. They were living in difficult times but they tried to care for each other and welcome others who needed support. They certainly did things that annoyed each other, as we all do at times! However, they did look to the teachings of Jesus to help them in their lives as they lived out their faith day by day. One of the things that these followers of Jesus did was to meet and support each other. This often happened around food and drink, a model we like to follow today.

In the spirit of 'looking forward we have decided to host a weekly Wednesday coffee morning at St Edmund's Church Hall in Hunstanton. We are calling it 'Making Space' because we all need to make space to take time out for ourselves, particularly at the moment. There is the added attraction of being able to bring along something you are making and do that while having a chat, a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake! We will have some scrabble, dominoes and jigsaw puzzles ready for anyone who wants to use them. I will be bringing some knitting or sewing along.

'Making Space' is for ANYONE who would like to join us on a Wednesday morning 10-12 at St Edmund's Church Hall. (You don't have to be someone who comes to church!) You will be given a warm welcome, whatever the weather! There is no entry fee. We are all in this beautiful area together and we are seeking to support each other.

Do come and join us, Wednesdays 10-12 St Edmund's Church Hall. 'Making Space' for tea, coffee and cake! We will, of course, keep in line with any Covid restrictions in operation at the time.

We look forward to welcoming you,

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

DAYS / DATES FOR THE DIARY 2022

COVID rules permitting

Christmas Eve

Wards Nurseries close at 1pm and reopens
Thursday 06 January 2022

Weekly (unless notified)

Please refer to club or event article for contact details within the newsletter.

Parish Council Meetings

Every second Monday of the month

Monday / Thursday

Outdoor Bowls to be advised.

Tuesday

Table Tennis - Village Hall 7.30 to 9.30pm

Wednesday

'Making Space' Coffee Morning -
St Edmund's Church Hall, Hunstanton - 10am
to 12 noon

Carpet Bowls -

Ringstead Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm

Kundalini Yoga -

Ringstead Village Hall - 6.30pm

Thursday

Village Club -
To be updated

Art Club -

Ringstead Village Hall - First Thursday of month
10am to 12 noon
Every following Thursday 2pm to 4pm

SPRING

Anticipated opening of ALLOGS MEADOW,
East End Farm, Ringstead

May

Plant Sale in support of the Village Club

RINGSTEAD IN BLOOM - Bridget Crowfoot

The group meets every Tuesday 1000, weather permitting. It's an opportunity to help with the maintenance of various green spaces around the village, enjoy a little light gardening exercise in the fresh air and meet fellow villagers.

Work tidying the area around the village sign and more recently working along Docking Road has been completed.

If you would like to join us please telephone 01485 525295 for further information.

RINGSTEAD VILLAGE HALL - Chairperson, Debbie Rice

The clubs are now meeting regularly in the Village Hall, and it has been hired as a venue for other events too. After all the Covid disruptions, work to re-clad the roof has finally started, and hopefully will be completed soon, weather conditions permitting! But we are still waiting for the flat roof to be redone.

If anyone would like to hire the Village Hall, please contact our Booking Secretary, Mr Roger Pincott on 01485 525522. Ringstead residents are charged £6 per hour, or £35 per day, non residents or commercial hiring £8 per hour.

The clubs that regularly meet in the hall are the Ringstead Carpet Bowls, Ringstead Art Club, Village Club, Yoga and the Table Tennis Club (Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm, contact Richard Hendrix on 01485 525366).

Please note that a defibrillator is fitted on the corner wall of the Village Hall (facing the High Street). If needed please dial 999 and you will be provided with an access code once you have quoted the postcode which is shown on the casing. At the same time an ambulance will be despatched,

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VILLAGE CLUB – Elaine Pincott

As reported in the previous newsletter I am unable to continue as club organiser after Christmas so this will be my last report. If anyone feels they are able to take on this role please contact me on 01485 525522 and I can pass on club information and other materials of interest that may help in the future. We have not had a good presence of club members since we started again in September and while I do understand concerns regarding Covid and health issues it is very difficult to arrange speakers when we have so few members coming to meetings and we cannot always rely on visitors. Bridget has agreed to support a plant sale in May. I would like to thank all members for their support since I took on this role and particularly Pat Nevin for her support with publicity and the ladies that provide tea and coffee each month. I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

BOWLS CLUB – Roger Pincott

During November we held our presentation evening at the Gin Trap. Trophies were presented to Debbie Rice winner of the Ladies singles, me for the men's singles and Peter Gyton for the Club open singles. Instead of plastic keep sake trophies each were presented with a bottle of beer or a small bottle of wine (can you see why we don't win many league matches?). Gill Birch, our gardener, was presented with a chocolate Father Christmas for her huge effort in maintaining the flower beds. No expense spared in this club. The winter green preparation is well under way, it has been scarified, mechanically spiked and sprayed to help stop moss. Hope you all have a good Christmas and a much better New year.

RINGSTEAD CARPET BOWLS - Mo Covell

Ringstead Carpet Bowls meet every Wednesday 2 pm to 4 pm, We are a friendly group of people who enjoy whiling away the winter months and taking part in gentle exercise as well as socialising with people from Ringstead and surrounding villages. If you are interested in joining us, the cost is a mere £2.00, which pays for the hire of the hall and we also provide tea and biscuits for the half time break!

For further information contact Mo Covell 525775 mo.covell@btinternet.com

VILLAGE PENSIONERS – Roger & Elaine Pincott

First of all I would like to thank all the hearty souls who attended our recent Bingo session on 4th November. The turn out was low in numbers but I would like to think we had a good time. Second I want to thank all the people who donated some wonderful prizes for the Bingo, again without their invaluable help we could not run the fund raiser. I would especially like to thank the Ward family who provided us with a huge bag of prizes.

26 Silver tops attended this years Christmas meal on December 2nd. I want to thank the Gin Trap for putting on such a wonderful meal and the front of house staff were brilliant.

I want to thank David Lamyman for again enabling this annual dinner to go ahead. Since September Elaine and I have had 3 meetings with David & Sophie, the last on the 8th November, 4 days after our last Bingo. At this meeting David stated that he wanted to support the village in some way. He then offered to provide the meal free of charge, not only for this year but coming years. After some deep thought Elaine and I accepted his offer. The money we collected at our recent Bingo and what we have in the Christmas meal fund will be used to provide a first drink for the attendee's of the meal next year.

I realise some people may not be happy with this arrangement. If you have comments to make then please contact me by phone or email. Constructive comments please, especially on fund raising.

If you have never been to the lunch it is never to early to contact us . Please contact Elaine on 525522 if you are 60 years young for you girls and 65 for the old wrinkly boys, it is free to all providing you are a full time resident of the village.

RINGSTEAD HISTORY GROUP 2022 - Bill Jacob

We have had an eventful period since March 2020 owing to Covid 19. All being well we will be able to recommence meetings in 2022. Depending on the changing situation relation to Covid it may be possible to hold a couple of meetings in the first quarter of the year, one of which at least to be an opportunity to update people on research undertaken over the past twenty-one months. I also hope that in the spring and early summer we might have a couple of guided walks - one in Hunstanton Park and another to look at the building history of Ringstead, from the outside of buildings. This would be useful in our project for a map of the village's buildings and their inhabitants through the ages. Not many people have yet come forward with photographs of their houses. We are keen to hear from you, however new, and stories about past residents or owners. Soon our present will be history.

Please pass on photographs and stories or information for the map to Bill Jacob and for information about forthcoming meetings also contact Bill Jacob on 01485 525394 or wmjacob20@gmail.com

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A FEAST FOR THE EYE' - Helga Jeurgens, David Lendrum and Barbara King



Our exhibition at the village hall really was a 'feast for the eye' and we would like to thank all of you who came by to see it. As advertised we each had 'pop up' studios in which to work providing an opportunity to discuss techniques and ideas with visitors and friends - old and new - as well as showing our latest paintings. These included David's medium to large scale paintings inspired by the Norfolk sky; Helga's paintings in pastel, acrylic, and watercolour driven by colour and form and Barbara's expressive, textured paintings of the wild flowers found in and around Ringstead.

An event like this is much more than an opportunity to sell paintings, it is a focal point for local people to meet, especially when it is instigated by villagers as in this case where all three artists live and work in Ringstead. A forum to discuss art related topics, to share and celebrate aspects of our mutual environment, to make new friends and contacts and it was well received by all who came to see it. It takes a lot of effort, time and money to put on a show like this and it is intended to be entertaining for all visitors whether or not they want to buy paintings.

Unfortunately, someone doesn't agree! Four of our posters which we had put up in the village to promote the event were ripped down and stolen. Other events in the village, including fund raising events, have suffered similar losses. We have no idea why they do this but would urge them to stop because if an event cannot be advertised it is wasted opportunity for everyone.

If you have any comments or questions arising from the exhibition or would like to see more works by any of the artists, please contact them through their websites: www.davidlendrum.co.uk www.helgajoergens.co.uk www.barbaraking.co.uk

UPDATE FROM WALES - Cathy and Tim Roberts

A Merry Christmas to you all.

We are very happy in Wales and are embracing all that the weather has to throw at us. Now we are retired we can pick our days and times to go out, we try and get out for a walk every day. There are so many beautiful places to visit, and also some great local walks. We are enjoying spending time with Cathy's family and are making up for lost time with outings, lunches and shopping trips.

We think about Norfolk and our friends, and do miss you all. If you want to keep in touch you can follow us on Instagram where we post pictures of places we have visited. And you can send messages via the app. We are [cath_tim_wales](https://www.instagram.com/cath_tim_wales)

We hope you are all keeping well and have a merry festive period, and we wish you a happy and healthy new year.



SEASONAL RECIPES

Winter 2021

MEATLOAF WITH CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS - A Betty Hendricks recipe kindly given by the family

Ingredients

Coarsely mince - overall approximate weight 3 to 4lbs or 1360 to 1815 grammes

Brown meat of turkey 4 sausage
A few pieces of bacon leftover ham

Mixed together

1 onion bread 2 eggs half a pint of milk

Season with

Sage dry mustard Worcester sauce

Tuck Away

Mould 3 hard boiled eggs, 6 x 1" cubes of cheese or some stuffed olives into the centre of the loaf.

Frosting for top

Tomato ketchup or your favourite sauce

Alternative frosting

1 tbs mayonnaise, 2 tsp Dijon mustard, pinch Cayenne pepper

Method

Heat oven to 180c fan oven or gas oven 4. Total cooking time 1 hour.

Tear bread into large mixing bowl, add milk, egg, and seasonings. Mix and allow bread to soak the milk up.

Add the meat mix thoroughly. Form lightly into loaf or loaves and place in a shallow baking pan. Bake and after forty minutes add frosting if using and cook for a further twenty minutes.



CRANBERRY AND ORANGE SPONGE PUDDING - Jenny Mann

This is a good substitute if you don't like Christmas Pudding.

Ingredients

50g butter melted
175g castor sugar
3 tbs sugar
175g self raising flour (if gluten free 175g of Doves Gluten Free Flour and 1/2 tsp Zantac Gum)
1 tsp baking powder
Zest of one orange
2 eggs
200g cranberries
Flaked almonds

Method

Cook the cranberries with the 3 tbs sugar until soft, put flour sugar, baking powder and orange zest in a bowl, add the eggs and melted butter. Mix well. Put half of the mix in a tin, spread with cranberries, pot the other half of the mix on top. Sprinkle with flaked almonds.

Cook at 160c fan oven for 1 hour.



Winter 2021

YOGA CLASS - Gail Hodgson

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RINGSTEAD ART CLUB - Lois Carrick / Pauline Atkinson

The Ringstead Art Club meet on Thursday afternoons 2-4 pm in Ringstead Village Hall. On the first Thursday of the month we plan to have a visiting artist to lead us in a workshop or demonstration from 10 to 12 noon.

Jane Brun ran a still life workshop in November and is planning further workshops for the New Year, one of which will focus on the mixing and use of colour. Village artist Barbara King will lead a workshop 'Painting Figures' in May. Dates are being considered by other visiting artists.

The cost for each art club session will be £4 per person. The price may vary for a visiting artist session but those interested in the topic will be advised in advance.

We welcome new members and if you think this is something you would like to investigate turn up and participate in the first session for free but please do bring along your own materials.

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HISTORY OF COMMUNITY LIFE - Bill Jacob

One of the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire was people's appreciation of community activities in the village, including the Bowls Club, Carpet Bowls, the Art Group, the Village Club, as well as the resources of the Gin Trap and the Shop.

The History Group's preliminary investigations of the resources available about the village's past has brought to light much information about a vibrant community life in the village from the late Victorian period, when the population was at its optimum, and working hours began to be regulated, and before there was public transport to take people out of the village and radio and television to focus leisure in the home. From the 1890s Ringstead had thriving football and cricket clubs, playing and winning in local leagues, After World War 1 the Village Hall was built and the Bowling Green laid out and branches of the Women's Institute and the British Legion established. Holding office in these groups gave lots of village people, women as well as men, experience in running small organisations.

The village hall provided a venue for whist drives, dances and concerts – it had a stage when built - all run by volunteers, and a branch of the County Library. There was a 'silver band' and some Ringstead men formed dance bands. The church and the chapel each had choirs and women's activities – a Mothers' Union for the church and a 'Bright Hour' for Methodists, as well as fund-raising activities. There were also two well-patronised pubs – the Compasses, now the Gin Trap, and the Crown, on the corner of Foundry Lane. Many of these activities are documented in minute and account books and back numbers of local newspapers, available online at the British Newspaper Archive. Most of these activities disappeared in the 1960s with changing patterns of agriculture and more opportunities of work for women and changing patterns of social life, and with a far wider choice of leisure activities available to people. It was no longer necessary for entertainment and leisure activities to be home-grown.

THE GENERAL STORE - Nathan, Leah, Joshua, Lottie, Dottie (The Cat) & Mabel (The Dog).



The General Store, Ringstead

As we draw to the end of 2021 and look forward to Christmas, we would like to thank everyone for their support and shopping with us. It means a great deal to us as we continue to evolve your village store with more to come in 2022.

Our first Christmas late night event on the 24th November was a great success and an evening full of festive spirit. Whatahoot distillery were on hand to showcase their fabulous gin and some of our local traders came along too proudly talking about their handmade products. It was great to see so many of you there and it has us thinking that next year will be bigger and better!!

There's still time to shop with us this Christmas! We have a huge range of Christmas food, snacks and biscuits available with some fantastic bakes from Redgate bakery. We also have everything you will need for Christmas Lunch/Dinner from fresh vegetables to butchers pork pies from EH Priors. We hope you can pop in and have a look before the big day. If you want to order anything ahead, we will gladly get it all together for you and take the stress away. You can order meat, bread and vegetables by 12 noon for next day.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas time and a healthy 2022.



ALLDOGS MEADOW - James, Laura and Jane



You may be wondering – what is happening with “the dog field”, well we have finally made a start on 24th November! The car parking area is well underway and fencing planned (weather dependant) in December / January. We are still waiting for a date from the council to do the “road entrance” and until this is done, we cannot open. The good thing about the delay is that the grass is having chance to grow, as for many years the field was arable.

ALLDOGS MEADOW is being set up by James Young of East End Farm, Laura Rogers of ALLDOGS a local dog walker / trainer, and Ringstead resident Jane Barnett. The meadow will be for people who do not have appropriate gardens or suitable safe spaces to exercise their dogs. This includes but is not limited to; owners of rescue dogs or nervous dogs who need an enclosed area without worrying about other dogs or members of the public, owners that wish to train their dogs to recall or owners who are unable to exercise their dogs due to being incapacitated.

The field will be available for private hire for the sole use of the hirer to enable dog owners to allow their dog(s) to have off the lead exercise and recreation in a safe and enclosed environment. It will be open to members of the public, who have pre-booked and been granted a unique access code.

A maximum of 4 dogs and 2 vehicles will be permitted to use the field per session.

We will update you as soon as we have an opening date, but we are aiming at “early Spring 2022”. James, Laura and Jane



ANY IDEA WHERE THIS SCENE IS?



This picture was purchased at auction in Kings Lynn in the 1960's by Mr. Cousins father. On the back it reads 'Near Ringstead' which means a landscape near Ringstead. Assistance is being sought to identify the view. Could it be the church at Old Hunstanton? Further information is also sought about the artist J Morris, who has featured the farm animals in the painting.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS ONE AND ALL- Reverend Kirsty Allen

This time of year can get very busy, but as I became more involved with church, I realised that the simpler things in life are what matter and it eased the pressure. Becoming Reverend four years ago then altered what Christmas looks like for ever, as I now work Christmas Day. When I was a teacher and the list of things to do got longer and more stressful, I found this poem rebalanced our chaotic household and put things into perspective.

I pray you find it helpful and wish you every blessing for a peace filled Christmas.

Christmas 1 Corinthians 13

If I decorate my house perfectly with tartan bows, strings of twinkling lights and shiny baubles, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtimes, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the food bank, carol in the nursing homes and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of Christmas parties and sing in the church choir, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug a child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas China and table linens.

Love doesn't shout at the children to get out of the way but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.