

# GREAT RINGSTEAD NEWS AND VIEWS

**Easter 2024**

  
HOLY WEEK

**St. Andrew's Church, Ringstead.**

The Church Family invite everyone to follow Christ's journey from His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem to the Cross and to celebrate His rising on Easter Day.

**Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. 9.00am.**  
Procession into Church and Holy Communion.

**Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. 10.00am**  
Holy Communion.

**Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. 10.00am**  
Reflection and Meditation.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Church decoration. 10.00am to Midday.

**CHRIST IS RISEN**

**Easter Day.**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March. 9.00am**  
Holy Communion.

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**RINGSTEAD  
LITTER PICK**

MEET AT VILLAGE HALL  
**SATURDAY 13th APRIL**  
**10am**  
Equipment Provided



PLEASE COME ALONG  
AND HELP  
KEEP THE VILLAGE TIDY

## RINGSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL - Chairperson, Bill Jacob

As the elected representatives of the village, Councillors are always keen to hear people's views. Council meetings are open to the public, and people are encouraged to come to meetings. The agenda provides time for people attending to speak and raise concerns. Agendas and minutes of meetings are displayed on the noticeboards by the Shop and on the Bus Shelter on Holme Road, as well as on the Parish Council's website at

<https://www.ringsteadpc-norfolk.info/>

If you have a concern or question do raise it with a Councillor.

The past three months have seen a key stage in the development of Ringstead's Neighbourhood Development Plan. However, the Council has also been dealing with routine matters.

The Council has received £9,912-65 from the Community Infrastructure Levy payable to the Borough Council for the development in Chapel Lane, which it was agreed to ring fence for capital expenditure for the benefit of the village.

We have approved our budget for 2024-5 for £19,000, funded by a precept from the Borough Council included in The Council Tax paid by residents. This covers the costs of employing a Clerk, which we are required to do, managing the Council's business, including maintaining open spaces and the Playing Field equipment, and providing road signs.

We have agreed to deposit the Council's archives, including minute books from its inception in 1895 in Norfolk Record Office in County Hall at Norwich, but Ringstead History Group has scanned the minutes, so a copy will continue to be accessible in the village.

The draft review of public and permissive footpaths in the village, undertaken in 2015, for the County Council's Definitive Map of walks, has recently been published for consultation. As an objection has been made it has been referred to the Planning Inspectorate.

We monitor road conditions in the village, and recently the County Highways Department have cleared the 'grups' (drainage channels) on the roads, which has helped to reduce surface water on roads. The Sam2 signs, monitoring speeding, have also been serviced. We are very grateful to Justin Aldis for looking after them.

Five planning applications from the village to the Borough Council have been commented on.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 in the Village Hall. Reports on the past year's activities and from all village organisations are made, and any questions or concerns may be raised. Do come along.

**RINGSTEAD VILLAGE HALL**  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 284104

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**FRIDAY 12TH APRIL**  
**DOORS OPEN 7PM**

**ENTRY £2** Join us for a fun night at our Quiz Night cash prizes for winning team

Teams of up to 6 people  
Individuals welcome to come and make up a team on night

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!**  
**Debbie Rice 07789 902575**  
**Melanie Hutchinson 07771 434616**

Bring your own drink.

### SINCERE THANKS TO MR STEVEN WARD

Mr Ward is retiring from the Village Hall committee after **43yrs.** He was a founder member of the Hall and he, and his family, have been the most fantastic supporters of the Hall and have contributed massively to its running and upkeep.

The Village Hall committee, and I'm sure the villagers, wish to thank Steve whole heartedly for the years of commitment and support he has given to an essential village facility.

### VILLAGE HALL REDECORATION PROJECT

Jane Barnett

In August 2023 Jane Barnett, Village Hall Trustee and Parish Councillor applied for a Borough Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grant and was successful in obtaining a grant to redecorate the interior and exterior of the Village Hall.

Quotes were obtained from 3 local decorators and the contract was awarded to James Everitt Painting & Decorating Home Improvements who began work on the internal work over the Christmas period. The hall reopened in Mid-January with the internal works completed, we are just awaiting new blinds which are due to be installed by the end of March. And as soon as it stops raining long enough the exterior work will begin!

If you have not had the opportunity to see the redecoration, please come along to the Quiz night on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and have a look.

### RINGSTEAD VILLAGE HALL Chairperson, Debbie Rice

The Village Hall has undergone a 'makeover' having been redecorated in December and Venetian blinds have been ordered for the windows and will be fitted later this month. Thank you to everyone who helped clean the Hall prior to reopening.

A Quiz Night has been organised for Friday 12th April. All are welcome!

The following regular activities take place in the Hall:

- Table tennis - Tues 7.30pm - 9.30pm
- Carpet bowls - Wed 2pm - 4pm
- Making time - 10am -12am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month

Please note, that if you are organising an event yourself, either at the Hall or your home, the Village Hall has an urn, crockery, tables and chairs and display boards available for villagers.

The hourly Hire Rates for the Hall are:

- Ringstead Residents £8
- Commercial £10
- half a day £25
- and whole day £40

To hire the Hall please contact our Booking Secretary Mr Roger Pincott on 525522

Tel 525505 mobile 07789 902575.

Email [debbierice55@btinternet.com](mailto:debbierice55@btinternet.com)



**RINGSTEAD HISTORY GROUP – Kate Bulmer**

Kate from Ringstead History Group takes another look at the Parish Council Minute Book 1911 to 1955. This time .....

**How many new houses does Ringstead need?**

Under the heading “The Better Housing Scheme” the Parish Council Minute Book records a meeting in April 1919 to discuss the need for new housing in the village. By the Housing Act of that year local authorities became responsible for developing new housing and providing rented accommodation where it was needed by working people. Ringstead PC being quick to comply, decided that 6 new cottages were necessary, and 3 possible sites were considered.

The need for more housing continued to be regularly discussed throughout the 1920s and ‘30s. In May 1927 the Parish Council were asked by Docking Rural District Council if there was a need for “working class dwellings at a rental of 5shillings and 6pence (27½p) per week, plus rates”. The reply was that “there is a demand .....for such dwellings...but...the rent mentioned was too high for working men to pay”. There certainly was need, in January 1933, 8 persons applied for the tenancy of one of the 6 new Council Houses to be built, in January 1935 there were 25 applications for six new council houses, in 1950, 14 applications for one property.

I think that the first 6 to be built were those on Holme Road. These were followed in the 1920’s and 1930’s by 6 more on Holme Road, 6 on Foundry Lane (listed as Council House East Lane in the 1939 Register). The Peddars Way (North) houses built in the late 1930’s, the first tenants moving in just before the start of World War 2. Those in Gold’s Pightle (or Golders as it is in the PC minute book) being built in the early 1950’s.

**“EDW: TOOKE MADE ME 1676”**

There were two churches in Ringstead in 1676. From St Andrew’s church register we know that Thomas Fysh was the Rector and R Granger the Churchwarden. There were 5 baptisms, one marriage and 4 burials. In St Peter’s, Timothy Swift was the Rector, Robert Creed the churchwarden. There were 2 marriages, one baptism and one burial.

This is the inscription on the church bell in St Andrew’s pictured here being lowered down the tower recently, the start of a restoration journey.

The wooden headstock and frame that holds the bell is to be replaced. A new clapper and chime rope to be fitted to allow the bell to be sounded without further damage to the bell. Work is also being carried out on the clock.

It is hoped this will be complete by Garden Sunday – watch this space.



*Words and picture by Kate Bulmer*

**A NEW SEAT FOR THE VILLAGE?**

The Parish Council has been considering the possibility of buying an additional seat for the village. There are already seats opposite the Jubilee tree at the junction of Docking Road, Burnham Road and Foundry Lane, at the bottom of the High Street, and by the village sign.

Members of the Parish Council would welcome people’s views on whether an additional seat is required, and if so, where it might best be positioned for the benefit of residents and our many visitors. Comments and suggestions should be made to any Councillor, or email Simon Lee, our clerk at [greatringsteadpc@outlook.com](mailto:greatringsteadpc@outlook.com).

## RINGSTEAD CARPET BOWLS

### Mo Covel

We've had another successful and enjoyable winter, playing through the cold and wet in the comfort of the village hall.

Many of our games are competitive and players are developing their skills to a higher standard, which adds to the excitement. We also manage to make the afternoon a social occasion as well as a sporting one, sometimes extending the tea break to enjoy each other's company.

The Christmas party went with a swing, and we discovered a variety of different ways to send the bowls to the other end of the carpet, as well as enjoying delicious food and drink!

Our experiment of playing throughout the summer was successful so this will continue, and we welcome anyone who would like to join us on Wednesday afternoon from 2-4. The cost is still a very reasonable £2 and includes a hot drink and a biscuit. Come along and give it a try.

For information contact Mo Covel on 07788 603957 or mo.covel@btinternet.com

## BOWLS CLUB – Roger Pincott

At the end of February, the Club held its AGM. All the usual suspects were elected in their usual positions apart from Richard Hendricks who has some family commitments coming up later in the year so stepped down from team captain. Ray Warne was elected. Due to the weather, we still have a mountain of maintenance jobs to complete before the start of the season. Like other years we will all get together and complete them. We are trying to have early role ups before the season starts in April. This year the format of the league has changed and there will be a couple more games. To this end we may need to find a couple more players to enable us to field a full team each match. DO YOU fancy having a go at Bowling? Or do you want to come back to bowling?

**Your village team needs you!** Watch the notice boards or get in touch with any of the players and we will direct to you when we are starting to arrange practice session, all you need to begin with is flat bottomed shoes. We are a friendly bunch, and maybe we should take our sport a bit more serious, but life is a bit short for that to happen. We came third in the league last year and is a position we hope to at least maintain, but it will not be a drama if we cannot. We enjoy our sport.

You can contact me on:

525522 or rogerpincott@btinternet.com



## RINGSTEAD OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024 – Jenny Martin-Smith

### CAN YOU HELP?

*Celebrating its 47th year Garden Sunday is a popular event not only in Ringstead, but it draws visitors from far and wide to enjoy the wonderful variety of gardens, delicious lunches and teas at the Village Hall, the tombola, the flower festival in the Church and the plant stall in Bridget Crowfoot's garden.*

*If you have not been asked and would like **to open your garden**, please do get in touch.*

*If you would like to **help on the day** we would love to hear from you – there is always plenty to do.*

*The Plant Stall would welcome any **plants or seedlings**. If you can save any whilst you are tending your garden over the next few months, we would be delighted to receive them.*

*Items for the **Raffle or Tombola** would be much appreciated. I am happy to collect, or they can be left at the Village Stores or with me at Ringstead Bury.*

*For further information or if you would like to be involved, please contact:*

**Jenny Martin Smith on 525384**

**07770 262546**

**[jennymartinsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennymartinsmith@hotmail.co.uk)**



**RINGSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Bill Jacob**

The Plan, after some four years' work, is now reaching its final stages.

The Parish Council are very grateful for all the work that people have put into its development, not least the people who have delivered leaflets and provided tea and coffee for the three public consultations and have come to the consultations and completed survey forms. This has helped to ensure that people who live in, and have an interest in, the village and are concerned for its wellbeing for the future have had opportunities to express their views at every stage of the Plan's development.

The 'Regulation 14' Consultation for the Plan took place between 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> March. A summary of the draft Plan, for which there have been two previous public consultations, was distributed to every residential property in the village. Notices were sent to eighty 'statutory stakeholders' and a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' along with a Survey Form were distributed to every residential property with a link to the full draft Plan on the Parish Council website.

About twenty people attended the Consultation in the Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Fourteen statutory stakeholders made comments and twenty-six people completed the Regulation 14 survey. Respondents included residents, second homeowners, landowners, business owners and employees.

The draft Plan will now be amended in the light of the comments received, and will be received and, all being well, approved at the Parish Council meeting on 15 April.

After approval at the Parish Council the plan will be submitted to the Borough Council who will undertake a further public consultation.

After the Borough Council's public consultation there will be a further opportunity for revision and the plan will then be submitted, along with details of the process for developing the Plan and all the responses received during the various consultation, to an Independent Examiner. If the plan is approved it will then be put to a referendum of all registered voters in Ringstead hopefully before the end of the year.

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**Good News!!** Our fledgling **Writers Group** is ready to fly!! It will happen once a month on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm, starting **Wednesday 6th December**.

Look forward to seeing you all then!

We have **Bounce & Rhyme** at 10.30am on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10am - lots of fun, singing, stories and bubbles for little ones!! Plus **Lego** on Saturdays - every week from 10.30am

**Colour Yourself Calm** is on a Tuesday from 4pm - with refreshments - autism-friendly and very relaxing.

**NEWS FROM THE ALLOTMENT - Tony Best**

Hi All,

Not much happening on the Allotment yet but it is all dug over and I have spread manure all over it in the Autumn,

I have got broad beans coming through which were planted in November, they grow so quickly. I have moved some of my green Gooseberry plants into my vegetable cage as something keeps eating them each year and I am pleased to see some buds and leaves on them.

The Garden is starting to look great with all the Spring bulbs flowering.

Next big job is to clear out the pond.

**KEEP ON DIGGING.**

Tony.

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As the clocks go forward it's time to extend our opening hours giving you more option and time to shop at your local village store. From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April we will be open Monday to Friday until **7pm**, Saturday until **6pm** with Sundays remaining the same 9am until 1pm. We will continue these hours right through until the clocks go back in October and evaluate its success.

Looking back over the winter it has been extremely tough and quieter than we expected; we ask now more than ever that you use us where you can throughout the year. That loaf of bread, bag of potatoes, washing up liquid... whatever you need we are here, not just for newspapers and no need to travel far!

We've established that the general perception of a local shop is that they can be expensive, or they might not have my item. We try as much as we can to keep our prices fair and low and our range is much bigger than you think. Our overall pricing is good value, come and have a look!

We have fantastic fresh fruit and veg delivered daily by a local company, alongside fresh bread from Redgate Bakery. We also bake in store every day. We have a great quality local butcher delivering to us twice a week and if there is anything that you require just let us know as we can order it for you direct so you don't have to. Put all that together with our huge home section, gifts, cards and one offs we are really proud of our local offering.

We will have been here 3 years this March and have plenty of ideas and exciting things to come but we can only do that with your support.

Thank you as always for your kindness, friendship and custom.  
 Nathan, Leah, Joshua, Lottie, Dolly & Mabel

## **BASIC COOKIE RECIPE FROM SUE**

### **Ingredients**

- 225g(8oz) caster sugar
- 110g(10oz) plain flour
- 225g(8oz)butter
- Flavouring of your choice
- eg spices, dried fruit, nuts, fruit zest, the choice is yours.

### **Method**

- Preheat oven to 170c(325f) gas mark 3.
- Cream butter until soft.
- Add sugar and beat until light and fluffy.
- Sift in flour, bring the mixture together to form a dough,
- Add flavour of choice,
- Using your hands, roll the dough into walnut sized balls,
- Place slightly apart on a baking tray (no need to grease or line),
- Flatten slightly with the back of a damp fork.
- Bake for 13-15 minutes or until lightly golden brown and slightly firm on top.
- Carefully transfer to a wire rack to cool.

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