

RINGSTEAD NEWS AND VIEWS



Photograph taken by the late Phillip Young

RINGSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL - Chairperson, Bill Jacob

The Parish Council met in July and September and undertook its routine business of monitoring the Council's finances, maintenance of the Playing Field, highway maintenance, and commenting on planning applications received by the Borough Council.

On finance, the Council agreed to increase the annual grant to the Village Hall Committee from £600 to £800. On the Playing Field the Council continues to seek a contractor to undertake maintenance on some long-standing equipment. The Council is seeking to identify the 'grups' which drain surface water off roads, so they can be cleared by the Highway Authority to avoid flooding. The possibility of providing a notice board on the Holme Road bus shelter is being explored.

Footpaths

Subsequent to the submission in 2016 for registration of two additional permissive footpaths in the village, the Council has recently been informed that progress is being made on the submission and we should shortly be informed of the outcome of the submission.

Planning applications

The Council has commented on five planning applications since June, including an extension at 48 Docking Road, infill of a claypit at 17 Chapel Lane, building works at 34 Docking Road, an extension at 62 Docking Road, and a member of the public raised concerns about the progress of the development in Chapel Lane.

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday in the month at 7pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and ten minutes are allowed for members of the public to raise any issues they wish.

RINGSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - NEXT STEPS

The draft Neighbourhood Plan was submitted for comments to the Borough Council in March 2023 and received a positive response but, following a recent policy change, Natural England required a strategic environmental assessment of the site of the proposed social housing on Peddars Way North. To fund the assessment to be undertaken by AECOM, a grant was required from Locality, the government agency set up to support neighbourhood planning, which we applied for. However, Locality did not receive its grant from the government to enable it to fund such grants until August, when we were awarded a grant.

We have now met with a Principal Environmental Planner from AECOM and the strategic environmental assessment of the site, which is a largely paper exercise, is underway, and should be completed by the end of the year. All being well, we will be able to hold a further public consultation on the final draft of the Plan early next year and revise it in the light of any further comments for submission to the Borough Council. They will undertake further consultation, in the light of which it could be further revised, before being submitted to an independent examiner. In the light of the Examiner's comments, it can be submitted to a referendum of voters in the village. All being well we may achieve the Plan by the end of 2024.

RINGSTEAD ALLOTMENT CHARITY GRANTS

Ringstead Allotment Charity (Charity Number 1103778) is a small charity run for the benefit of residents of the village, and to assist in providing projects for the wider benefit of the village community. It is endowed with the Chalk Pit in the Downs and also Ringstead Common on Burnham Road, which is leased to Court Yard Farm, the rent from which provides the Charity's annual income.

Recently the Trustees have made individual grants to pensioners resident in the village and towards the cost of the Gateway and 30 mile per hour signs on the roads into the village which makes the roads safer for pedestrians.

The trustees are keen to receive applications for grants from residents in the village including people who may need assistance with housing costs, heating costs, primary, secondary, or higher education, or training, childcare costs or long-term medical conditions or bereavement issues.

If you, or somebody you know, falls into any of these categories, or if you are affected by the current cost of living increases, please contact us in order to be considered for an award. Please include your full name, address, the reasons for your application, and any additional details you may feel will help us in reaching a decision. All applications will be treated in confidence. Closing date for applications for this year is 13 November 2023.

Email us at ringsteadallotmentcharity@gmail.com, or send a letter to Ringstead Allotment Charity at 62 Docking Road PE36 5LA before 13 November.

RINGSTEAD CARPET BOWLS

Mo Covel

This summer the members decided to have an experiment!

Usually, we take a break over the summer months but some of us decided we did not want to give up our Wednesday afternoons as we look forward to them every week. The experiment was a success, and we will continue to meet every week throughout the year.

This not only benefits the members by providing a continuous exercise and social occasion but also provides more funds for the upkeep and management of the village hall.

A quote from one member of the club,

"I look forward to Wednesday. It's my favourite day of the week!"

**The club meets from 2-4pm each Wednesday.
The fees are £2 a session and include a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.
All welcome.**



*** ROAD CLOSURE ***

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (WTRO4249) affecting the C89 Sedgeford Road from 150m north of its junction with C103 Ringstead Road for 60m northwards in the PARISH OF RINGSTEAD to facilitate kerb installation works.

The road will be temporarily closed (except for access) between
07:00 and 18:00 from 23rd to 27th October 2023 (Weekdays Only)
for the duration of the works expected to be about 5 days within the period.

Alternative route is via: C89 Sedgeford Road, C93 Docking Road/Ringstead Road, C93A Thornham Road, B1454 Docking Road, C89 Ringstead Road/Sedgeford Road.

RINGSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has had a quiet summer, with only the Table Tennis and Carpet Bowls Clubs continuing to meet on a regular weekly basis.

Committee members met on Saturday to give the Hall a thorough clean and general tidy up and are now planning a fund-raising Race Night on Saturday 21st October. All are welcome and tickets (£3) can be obtained from the Village Shop or myself, so please join us and help raise funds towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Village Hall.

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

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 284104

BOWLS CLUB Roger Pincott

Our season has finished, and we came a creditable third out of six teams. As you may be aware we held an open green on garden Sunday and we managed to pick up a new player, which was helpful, especially as Neil has played before and he has settled in well. Along with Neil we also persuaded John Mason to play a couple of games, but he is only available when he is not playing golf, on holiday or having dinner at the Gin Trap, it's a hard life. We will be holding our presentation evening in November where the winners of our internal competitions will receive their trophies.

Now the hard work starts with preparing the green for next year. We have ordered the materials and we just need the weather to play its part then we shall be up and running. We are still looking for players for next season so give me a call (525522).

Making Time
Why not make time to meet friends, neighbours and visitors over Coffee, Tea and Cake?
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RINGSTEAD PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH Janet Woodford

Soon we will be contacting David Lamyman the landlord of the Gin Trap Inn to plan and arrange this year's meal.

In previous years he has generously sponsored the event.

If you have never been to the village Christmas lunch and would like to attend this annual get together and meal, please contact me on 525136.

You must be over 60 for ladies and 65 for men and you need to be a full-time resident in the village.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, RINGSTEAD
John Crofts

We continue to be grateful to our excellent retired clergy who are officiating during this period of vacancy between permanent clergy. Indeed, during October, we will have four different priests taking our Holy Communion services as well as one Morning Prayer service led by 'the local team' all at 9am before finishing on the 5th Sunday in the month (29th) for a whole Benefice service at Titchwell at 10.30am.

During August members of all the churches in the Benefice (which stretches from Hunstanton to Burnham Deepdale) were invited to meet with a Counsellor from the Diocese to discuss past events and their hopes for the future, sometimes this was as individuals and sometimes as a group discussion, but all who attended felt it was worthwhile and we look forward shortly to more information from the Bishop & Archdeacon of Lynn about the confirmed way forward.

Recently we celebrated Harvest Festival with a team coming in to prepare the church, a pleasing number of gifts (which have been given to the Hunstanton Foodbank) and a thoughtful service of Morning Prayer on the Sunday. Thank you to all who were involved.

Our next major service will be on 12th November to mark Remembrance Day. We will follow our recent pattern of gathering at the War Memorial at 10.50am and as ever it would be good to see many attend. Afterwards those who wish are warmly welcome to join us for a service in church to continue the theme of remembrance, peace and reconciliation.

We will mark St Andrew's Day (30th November) and in December there will be two Carol Services to mark the start of Advent and then the Sunday before Christmas, both will be at our normal time of 9am, as will be our Christmas Day Family Holy Communion service.





The Hunstanton and District Foodbank

Whilst all donations to the foodbank are always greatly appreciated, below is a list of the basic items that help to make up the food parcels that are given to the people who are in need and who have been referred to the foodbank.

- Breakfast Cereals
- Tinned soup
- Baked Beans / Spaghetti Hoops, etc.
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta, Rice and Pasta sauce
- Tinned Meat / Vegetarian alternatives
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Rice Pudding / Tinned Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits
- Tea / Coffee
- Long Life Milk
- Long Life Fruit Juice

Other items might include:

- Marmalade, Jam, Sauces
- Chocolate, Sweets

Donations of other food items that can be stored in a dry cupboard are also welcomed to help supplement the above basic provisions.

Also needed are:

- Toiletries, Toilet Paper,
- Laundry Products, Washing Up liquid and Other Cleaning Products.





Many thanks to those that contributed to the Harvest Festival FoodBank collection.
 Picture by Kate Bulmer

RINGSTEAD OPEN GARDENS 2024
 The annual open garden event will take place on
Sunday 9th June 2024
 If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact.
 Jenny Martin-Smith
 01485 525384

A BASIC ALL IN ONE SPONGE RECIPE

A prize-winning recipe from Ringstead's Coronation Bake-Off

Ingredients

- 6oz Self Raising flour, sieved
- 6oz cake/baking margarine (at room temperature)
- 6oz brown castor sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 3 tablespoons milk
- Flavour of choice e.g., vanilla/almond essence /coffee/cocoa powder (substitute for an equal amount of flour)



Method

- Place all ingredients in a bowl and beat together enough to make a smooth mixture (Do not over beat)
- Divide mixture and put in two greased and floured 7inch round tins
- Bake on the top shelf @170/180degC in a fan oven for approximately 20 mins or until a skewer comes out clean
- Cool on wire rack
- Fill and decorate to your choice

RINGSTEAD AND WORLD WAR 2: THE WELCOME HOME COMMITTEE – Bill Jacob

As Remembrance Sunday approaches a little notebook and bundle of letter in the Parish Council archives shows how gratitude was expressed to the forty-four people who served in the armed forces and support services during World War 2.

As demobilisation was a slow process, lasting from September 1945 until March 1947, a great event was inappropriate. Instead, a Welcome Home Committee began raising money to give everyone who had served, or the families of those killed, £5 (about 2 weeks' wages).

The Committee with John Young, as chair, Mrs Jacob as secretary, Mrs High, the Head Teacher of Ringstead School, as treasurer, and seven others, all women of course, mostly wives of farm workers. The target was £215. Everyone knew those for whom they were raising funds. They were their neighbours' husbands, sons and daughters. Mrs High and Mrs Jacob had taught most of them at school. Fundraising began in June 1945 with an appeal for donations. The better-off gave between £1 and £10; the less well-off between 2s 6d and 10s. [1s=5p, 2d=2.5p]-There was a house-to house collection, and collections at the pubs. The Crown collecting £1 3s 3d the Compasses, (now the Gin trap), 16s 6d. Fundraising was urgent, for people began returning in September.

In July 1945 there was a Whist Drive, prizes were 2s Savings Stamps and a 5s Voucher for groceries, and an auction: £6 4s was raised. Later that month Stanhoe Concert Party gave a concert in the village hall (then with a stage). Between 70 and 100 people crowded in: tickets were 2s 6d, 2s, and 1s 6d. A bus was hired, for £2, to bring people from other villages. Early in September another Whist Drive, raised £13 11s 0½d. Later in the month a Whist Drive and Dance, raised £14 3s 0½d, including £2 9s for bus fares, the band being paid £3-3s. Whist Drives and Dances became the major money-raising events, with six between November 1945 and December 1946: tickets were 2s 6d each. There was usually a raffle – in November 1946 of a parcel of groceries, raising £1 11s, and an auction of a cushion cover, raising 12s. Cakes were sold, bought from Mr Wagg, the Docking baker, or Dougie Smith, the Ringstead baker, when he got back from the War in February 1946 at 1d or ½d each. Prizes included vouchers for 5s, given by shopkeepers – the Thornham grocer, the Westgate Library and Guises, greengrocers in Hunstanton and a Sedgeford tobacconist. Snettisham Women's Institute's Choir's concert In November 1945 proved less popular than Stanhoe Concert Party, even with a bus provided, only making £5 6s 1d. Children's Christmas presents were in short supply after the War, so in the autumn of 1945 a new venture began - making dolls. In August dolls faces were bought from Greenwoods of Ilford, with patterns for making dolls, and filling and hair. People provided their own wool or material. Dolls were sold at 4s 6d each which raised £6 0s 3d.

All this effort, with no doubt much enjoyment, raised £216 14s 2d. Between September 1945 and March 1947 Mrs High sent £5 each to forty-one people who had served in the forces and returned, and the families of the three men who were killed on active service. Twenty-six, being well brought up, wrote letters of thanks to Mrs High and the Committee.



Another Summer has been and gone and we have been getting some great feedback on the shop front and freshly baked bread from a lot of our returning holidaymakers and locals alike, all taking advantage of the additions to the store. We are starting to get some great reviews on Google too making us feel very pleased and confident we've made the right changes so far. Lots of people from the surrounding villages are also now using us regularly for their everyday products, essentials, and Norfolk Tea! We now sell more Norfolk Tea than PG Tips!!

As we approach the Autumn and Winter months, we are continuing to add more value and choice to The General Store and really need local support more than ever.

We have just started to introduce some extremely competitive special prices and savings across big, branded products. These are called Shop Locally deals and are exclusive to independently owned businesses. They are clearly identified in the store so look out for the great savings.

We have taken delivery of another new oven and heated display! This now means we can start to offer hot food to takeaway. We will initially offer good quality sausage rolls, pasties, and bakes all freshly cooked every day and ready for mid-morning. This range will evolve further following the launch as we ask for feedback and find out our best sellers.

Now onto planning and launching the next big thing...Christmas!

Thank you as always for your kindness, friendship and custom.

Nathan, Leah, Joshua, Lottie, Dolly (Cat) & Mabel (who everyone knows).

WHATS ON / DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parish Council Meetings every second Monday of the month except August

Tuesday

Table tennis – Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

Wednesday

Carpet Bowls - Village Hall - 2-4pm

Thursday

Ringstead Making Time - Village Hall - Every first and third Thursday 10 am to 12 noon.

Winter Newsletter Issue deadline Friday 8th December 2023
Please send contributions to Melanie.hutchinson@hlh ltd.co.uk

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