

GREAT RINGSTEAD NEWS AND VIEWS



**A very
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and best wishes for 2025 to
all our readers, both
residents and visitors.**



PARISH COUNCIL – BILL JACOB, CHAIR

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of every month (except August), in the Village Hall, at 7pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend and the agenda always includes an early item for members of the public to participate.

Members of the public are also encouraged to speak to one of the seven councillors for information or to raise questions or concerns. Names and contact details of councillors can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Parish Councils are funded by a parish precept included in each parish's Council Tax. This funds the employment of a part-time Parish Clerk, who administers the Council's business, including managing the funds and the budget, and liaises with the County Council for matters relating to highways and traffic, and is consulted by the Borough Council, as the local planning authority, over planning applications. The Parish Council recently drew up a Local Neighbourhood Plan to provide local policies and guidelines for planning applications in the village. The Parish Council also manages the Playing Field and its equipment, the bus shelter and the land around the village sign and the various seats and benches, and provides 'dog bins'.

Planning

Over the past three months the Council has commented to the Borough Council about an application to replace a two-bedroomed bungalow on Burnham Road with a large house, and also for an extension to a cottage in the Ringstead Conservation Area on the corner of High Street and Chapel Lane, and drawn to the attention of the planning authority the collapse of part of a farm building within the curtilage of a listed farm house in the Conservation Area.

Highways

A new 'gateway' sign has been installed on the Hunstanton Road, partly funded by a grant from the County Council's Parish Partnership fund and a grant from County Councillor Andrew Jamieson's Ward Members' Fund.

The 'Sam sign' which monitors traffic speeds in the High Street and Docking Road needs replacing, Councillor Jamieson has kindly agreed again to contribute from his Ward Members' Fund to the cost and we have applied for another Parish Partnership fund grant for 2026.

Car drivers may have noticed that Norfolk Constabulary have recently been monitoring speeds of vehicles through the village.

Services

Councillor Everitt has been pursuing the possibility of re-instating a bus service through the village. The County Library service have also been requested to arrange an additional stopping place for the monthly Mobile Library visit on Holme Road, as well as Docking Road.

Playing Field

Members of the Council check the Playing Field weekly, and empty the bins. A new, larger, bin has been installed, and the equipment has had its annual independent inspection, and all the equipment has been noted as 'low risk' or 'very low risk'.

Great Ringstead Allotment Charity

A member of the public raised concerns about the management of the Allotment Charity. This is managed under a Scheme granted in 2007 by the Charity Commission, and the Parish Council has no responsibility for it. However, the trustees of the charity circulated a report to members of the Council, to allay any anxieties among residents about its management.

Council Administration

The Council's policies and procedures are reviewed annually. The Council's website at <https://www.ringsteadnorfolkparish.gov.uk/> has recently been updated.

Council Members' Contact Details

The contact details for Councillors can be found at:

<https://www.ringsteadnorfolkparish.gov.uk/about>

RINGSTEAD ALLOTMENT CHARITY

Great Ringstead Allotment Charity was established by the Great Ringstead Enclosure Act of 1782 and endowed with land along the Burnham Road for poor people to gather 'furze' ie gorse, for fuel during the winter, and the Chalk Pit in the Downs, to provide chalk for repairing the parish's roads and buildings. The trustees were the Rector and Churchwardens. In the later-nineteenth century the trustees purchased coal, with income received for letting the Common to distribute to poor inhabitants. Under the Local Government Act 1894 management of such charities, including Ringstead's was transferred to trustees appointed by newly created parish councils. In the later twentieth century the trustees began making monetary grants instead of coal to people in need in the village. In 2007 a new Scheme for the management of the Charity was granted by the Charity Commission (No 1103778). The object of the charity is stated as to 'apply the income for any charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit,' ie the parish of Ringstead. There must be at least three trustees, who are co-opted, who meet three or four times a year.

The Charity's income currently arises from rent for the Chalk Pit (currently £12 a year from the Parish Council for use as a public amenity) and for the Common (currently £2,880 a year and £57 for a wayleave). In recent years grants have been made to between ten and thirteen applicants each year, and to the Parish Council towards a 'Gateway' sign, to the Village Hall trustees towards redecorating the Hall, and to the Bowls Club for work on green, and £908-80, temporarily lodged with the Charity for the Pensioners' Christmas Lunch fund, was returned). The Charity's annual report can be found on the Charity Commission website.

For inquiries and applications for grants, contact ringsteadallotmentcharity@gmail.com.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, RINGSTEAD -KATE BULMER, CHURCH WARDEN

All those who kindly contributed to the Hunstanton and District Food bank at the Harvest Thanksgiving will be pleased to hear that I received a very appreciative letter of thanks which I pass on to you all. Thank you.

It was good to see so many at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, thinking of those named from our village, and all those who have died serving this country, and, also thinking about and giving thanks for those who continue to serve and strive for peace.



Thank you to those who helped tidy the area around the war memorial, and those who cleaned in church and welcomed people in for refreshment and a chat. A huge "thank you" to Justin for getting the clock to chime at the correct time.



It is now the season of Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas. There are many Carol Services in the area throughout December, see posters on the church notice board, local publications, and social media. In Ringstead, do join us at 9am on 21st December when we sing carols and put the figures in the crib in readiness for the Christmas morning celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

I wish you joy this Christmas and invite you to the service on Christmas morning at 9am.

There is no service in Ringstead Church on 28th December, instead we join with the other churches in our benefice for Holy Communion at Holme Church at 10am.

Kate.

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Communion on Christ's Birthday

VILLAGE HALL – JANE BARNETT, CHAIRPERSON

Thank you to every one who supported the Race Night in October. The event made £1,115 for the Hall and will be used to keep the Hall running next year.

The Committee are hosting another village get together on Saturday 7th March 2026 and we look forward to seeing you there!

The Table Tennis Club meet on a Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9.00pm. All are welcome!

Carpet Bowls on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

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 that are available for villagers to use.

The hourly Hire Rates for the Hall are:
Ringstead Residents £10
Commercial £12
Half a day £30
Whole day £50

To hire the Hall please contact the booking Secretary, Mr. Roger Pincott on 525522

CARPET BOWLS – MO COVEL, 07788 603957, mo.covel@btinternet.com

We continue to meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 P.M.
We are a friendly group of people who get together for a gentle form of exercise as well as socialising over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit to keep up our energy levels!
To round off the year we are having a fun afternoon playing alternative games with chocolate prizes as well as the traditional games of bowls. All members are bringing a contribution of food to ensure the party goes with swing.
Mo Covell



RINGSTEAD OPEN GARDENS – MELANIE HUTCHINSON

A date has been set for next year's Open Gardens event
Sunday 7th June 2026
If you'd like to get involved, please let me know.
01485 52549

RINGSTEAD BOWLS CLUB – ROGER PINCOTT

The Bowls club held their annual Presentation evening at the King William. 16 players and partners enjoyed their time catching up and enjoying their meal.

The main event then took place with the presentation of the awards.

- Cedric Curry won the John Harvey cup for Men's single champion.
- Gill Birch won the D Pull cup for Ladies single champion.
- Cedric also won the Michael Meakin trophy as open singles champion.
- Gill received a small gift as recognition of all her hard work in maintaining the gardens that surround the bowls green



The Subsidiary trophy was also on show for those that could not play in the final, it will now go on display in the show case on the village hall, once it has been engraved.

Have a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.
If you are interested in playing next season you can contact me on 525522 or
rogerpincott47@outlook.com

LIME & COCONUT PANNACOTTA

This recipe provides a light dessert and keeps in the fridge for up to a week.

Ingredients (Makes 8 100ml puddings in small moulds)

- 400ml tin of coconut milk
- 400ml double cream
- 5 tbsp castor sugar
- 3 limes
- 4 leaves of gelatine
- A few chopped pistachios

Method

- Put the coconut, cream and sugar into a pan. Gently bring to the boil, stirring occasionally, and simmer for a minute.
- Add zest of 1lime and juice of 1.5 limes.
- Put aside to cool a little.
- Submerge the gelatine leaves in a bowl of cold water. Leave for 5min to soften.
- Remove the leaves from the water and squeeze out any excess liquid.
- Add the leaves to the warm cream mixture and stir well.
- Pour into 8 100ml moulds, cool and put in the fridge until needed.

To serve, dip the moulds briefly in hot water and turn out.
Sprinkle with grated lime and chopped pistachios.

Delicious served with chopped or pureed mango or any other fruit.





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Open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day

Our Café has been open for nearly 5 months now and we have been so pleased to see lots of the village coming in for food or coffee, thank you! Our soups have been a huge hit, and everyone is talking about our cheese scones! Our social media has had interest as far as the south coast with friends telling people to come and see us! As always, we can only be here if you use us but we are off to a strong start. We will be introducing some special offers in time for the new year too. Our shop is always the heart of everything and we will continue to focus on our range and price in the new year to ensure we are stocking the right products. But for now, the most important thing as small business owners during these tough times is adapting to every challenge that comes our way, welcoming our customers everyday with the best value we can offer and producing great quality food and drink in the café.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much, wish you a very merry Christmas and healthy 2026.

Nathan, Leah, Joshua, Lottie, Dolly, Mabel & Luna



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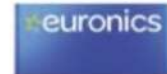


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Ringstead

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