

**RAMPTON '77 COMMITTEE**

**Rampton Revue & Dinner** – a very big thank you to everyone who starred in the show and to all the volunteers who helped with the show and the meal, and also to Louise Adams, who took on the huge task of co-ordinating it all. We hope that everyone enjoyed their evenings.

**Rampton Trail: A Space Odyssey**, Rampton Village Hall – Sunday 26th April 1.30-4.30pm

Can you find our Aliens, Planets and Spacecraft? Follow our fun village trail, solve the clues and win a lovely chocolate prize. Not just for children! Additional prize for everyone who arrives in space-themed fancy dress. FREE entry to delicious refreshments, cakes, bottle stalls, gifts, games, space photos, and our famous Grand Spring Raffle with fabulous prizes. Raffle tickets available in advance from The Black Horse, Rampton Motors and last minute at the Space Odyssey Trail on 26th April.

**ADVANCE** timed-entry tickets £3.50 (£6.00 for 2) from [www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk), £5 on the day.

**Save the dates!** More info nearer the time or via Rampton Village Hall website [www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk)

Tea on the Green – Saturday 7th June 2026 from 3pm

Rampton Relay – Sunday 8th September 2026 from 2pm

**FREE CPR TRAINING**

The Rampton Fairies are holding two free Community CPR training events this year.

One on 18th April 2-4pm – this session is for people aged 16 and over.

And, 9th May 2-4pm – this session is for families including children aged 5 and over. At least one adult must attend with their child/children.

You will learn how to recognise and respond to a person in cardiac arrest with knowledge and life-saving skills such as CPR and using an automated external defibrillator (AED).

More information can be found here <https://www.communitylifesaver.com/>

It is free to attend but please contact Greta Evans on 07711 022453 or [gretaevans57@gmail.com](mailto:gretaevans57@gmail.com) to book a place as they are limited.

**RAMPTON CULINARY CLUB**

January's Culinary Club was quiche and it was a fantastic night. Thank you and well done to all who took part as there were multiple entries of high quality quiches as we continued to raise money for charity. A big thanks to our judges Doug, Sue and David who sampled them all and unanimously decided that the outstanding winner was Lucia's Leek and Stilton Quiche! Well done Lucia! The Culinary Club on the 25th February was cheesecake – the winner to be announced in the next Newsletter. The next Culinary Club will be 25th March, look out for the posters in the Black Horse for the dish of choice and bring it to the pub from 7pm with judging starting at 7.30pm. £2 per entry with money raised going to charity. Any questions or queries message Helen 07957835111

Is your baking the best in the village?

Do you make the greatest gateaux?

The top quality quiche? Stunning scones? Perfect pâté?

Challenge your friends & neighbours at

**CULINARY CLUB**

**LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**Meet at 7pm**

The tasting panel begins judging at 7:30

£2 donation to The Black Horse charity of the month

Winner sets the next session's theme AND joins the panel!

**UP COMING CLUB DATES**

**25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH | 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**RAMPTON CHRISTMAS FAIRIES**

**Prize Bingo on Friday April 17th** – in the Village Hall. Doors open 6.45pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks, snacks and dabbers!

This is a fun family event with fantastic and quirky 'age appropriate' prizes for all our winners.

This is a popular event so if you wish to book a table please email [ramptonfairies@gmail.com](mailto:ramptonfairies@gmail.com) or contact Greta Evans on 07711 022453

**FRIENDS OF RAMPTON CHURCH 2026 EVENTS**

Quiz & Curry 7th March SOLD OUT

Cream Tea 9th August

Wine Tasting 24th October

## TEA CLUB

Rampton Tea Club meets at the Village Hall 2.30 to 4.30 on alternate Tuesdays with a talk being held once a month. It is open to all adult residents of Rampton and neighbouring villages. There is no requirement to attend every meeting, just come when you wish.

Tea, coffee, cake/biscuits served at meetings.  
Entry £3.

## VILLAGE DIARY 2026

### March

**Tuesday 3rd** Tea Club – tea and chat

**Friday 6th** Mobile Library 3.10-4pm

**Friday 6th** Blue and green bin

**Saturday 7th** Quiz and Curry

**Tuesday 10th** Parish Council meeting

**Friday 13th** Black bin

**Saturday 14th** Repair Cafe

**Sunday 15th** Choral Evensong

**Tuesday 17th** Tea Club

**Friday 20th** Blue and green bin

**Wednesday 25th** Culinary Club

**Friday 27th** Black bin

**Saturday 28th** Village Litter Pick

**Sunday 29th** Community Allotment Social

**Monday 30th** Blue and green bin

### April

**Tuesday 7th** Tea Club

**Friday 10th** Black bin

**Tuesday 14th** Tea Club

**Friday 17th** Bingo!

**Friday 17th** Blue and green bin

**Saturday 18th** CPR training

**Friday 24th** Black bin

**Sunday 26th** Rampton Trail

**Tuesday 28th** Annual Village meeting (RPC)

**Wednesday 29th** Culinary Club

## GREATER CAMBRIDGE WASTE NEWS

### Weekly food waste collections begin this year

Weekly food waste collections will be introduced in phases throughout 2026. Rampton collections begin in **April 2026**. You'll receive a letter in March with details and caddy delivery information. Closer to the time, you'll see collection dates appear on your bin collection schedule.

### Street Cleaning Schedule

The road sweeper will next be in your area between:  
**20 Apr and 1 May**

Dog poo and litter bins are emptied every **Tuesday**

Note that schedules are subject to change.

## ALL SAINTS' RAMPTON

All Saints, Rampton is open every day for prayer. Services are held at the church at key festivals.

There will be a Choral Evensong on Sunday 15th March at 6pm to mark both Mothering Sunday and Lent. The All Saints' Cottenham with Rampton Church Choir will lead us in some beautiful music.

During Holy Week, there will be a service of compline at 7pm at All Saints' Cottenham on Mon, Tues, and Weds (30th Mar, 31st Mar, 1st Apr); a Communion Service with foot-washing at All Saints' Cottenham on Maundy Thursday (2nd Apr) at 7pm.

There will be a Reflection on the Cross at All Saints' Rampton at 3pm on Good Friday (3rd Apr); and a service of Family Communion at All Saints' Rampton on Easter Day (5th Apr) at 9am.

All are welcome to services at both Rampton and Cottenham churches. We are one parish - two churches.

Do check out the church website:

[www.allsaintsrampton.org](http://www.allsaintsrampton.org)

The parish church for both villages, All Saints Cottenham with Rampton, has services at 8.30am and 10.30am each Sunday to which all are welcome.

Please contact Revd Lynda Davies, 01954 583651 to talk about baptisms, weddings or funerals, or just to chat.

Lynda Davies

Rector of Cottenham with Rampton

The Rectory, 6 High St, Cottenham, Cambridge CB24 8SA

## COLIN'S RAMPTON RAINFALL DATA

**Dec 2025** 46.75mm (1.83 inches), wettest 18th with 11mm

**Jan 2026** 68.5mm (2.69 inches), wettest 7th with 18.5mm

## Rampton Village Hall

To hire the hall enquire directly through the website ([www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk)) or email [ramptonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:ramptonvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Rampton Newsletter

The next edition will be **May/June 2026**, please send items for the Newsletter by **15th April, 2026** to: [newsletter@rampton.org](mailto:newsletter@rampton.org)

## **Rampton Parish Council – a note from your Chair**

As winter grips with long nights and bad weather, it is a rather depressing time of the year. So too, for Rampton Parish Council; it sometimes appears that many approaches and comments are negative. But as with news media, bad news is relished whilst good is soon forgotten. So, here are some more positive items.

The Parish Council continues to maintain good relationships with our adjoining villages through the council clerk network. We are also fortunate to have elected County and District council representatives who live in the village. We maintain green spaces in the village and provide support to many of the groups whose activities make the village a pleasant place to live. We also support the production of the Newsletter that you are reading.

We continue to find and build relationships with departments such as Highways and Planning, to ensure that we can represent your interests effectively.

The Parish Council has limited powers itself. However, its voice is that of all 447 parishioners and thus exerts greater influence on the authorities, than that of an individual.

We endeavour to take forward and resolve complaints, as well as promote friendly dialogue between those in dispute. Should you have such a complaint, contact the Parish Clerk preferably by email to [clerk@ramptonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ramptonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or in writing to the Clerk (address available on request). Please do not use social media as this is not an official, monitored channel for correspondence.

We are an open organisation and welcome constructive criticism adhering to the Nolan principles of governance and conduct. We encourage ideas and suggestions which may benefit the community. Council meetings, which are open to the public, but often poorly attended, have minutes which are displayed on several forums.

2026 Meeting dates – 10th March, 28th April (Annual Village Meeting), 12th May (AGM), 14th July, 15th September, 10th November. Start at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council presently has a vacancy. If you wish to help your community by serving as a councillor, please let either the Parish Clerk or myself know.

*Cllr Peter Dunkley*

*Chair of Rampton Parish Council*

### **Updates:**

**King Street** - Following concerns regarding the highway's verges primarily in front of Nos 76 to 82 King Street, we wish to provide an update of the situation.

At this point in King Street the road is quite narrow, almost single carriageway, and provides the only access to the properties of several long established Rampton businesses including surrounding farmers.

When cars are parked on the south side of the road it effectively requires larger vehicles such as lorries and tractors etc, to run over the grass verge. During the winter months this destroys the verge and has resulted in deep hollows that are full of water.

We have contacted Cambridgeshire County Highways department, who are responsible for the road, pavement and part of the verge. Highways informed us they would not widen the road.

We have however had an on-site meeting with our Local Highways Officer to review the road condition and are looking at possible alleviations:

- 1) Highways contractor to dig out verge in front of Nos 80 and 82, flatten and fill with planings. This will only be a (very) short term solution.

- 2) Dig out verge in front of Nos 76 to 82 to some depth, line with terram, fill with compacted hard-core and grass seed on a thin top layer of soil. Highways to investigate whether this will work and be permitted. Also to advise formally whether the Parish Council can undertake these works (as opposed to their own contractors), albeit we have not budgeted for this.
- 3) Install double yellow lines along opposite section of road to Nos 76 to 82. Our LHO advised this is not likely to get approval and at best will take possibly up to two years to investigate due to the number authorisations required. Will double yellow lines be observed, who will “police” this?
- 4) Widening the entrance opposite No 82. This is probably a non-starter as it requires moving an electricity supply pole. Permissions unlikely and costs prohibitive.

We await a full response from Cambridge County Council Highways as to if we can proceed with Action 1 or 2 above. In the meantime, we would request that residents and visitors to King Street park responsibly to allow continued access for those larger vehicles required for running a business.

The businesses involved have also been asked to drive responsibly and avoid all verges whenever possible. Additional clean-ups of King Street have also been requested and to date the Council road sweeper has attended twice since our request.

**Verge Parking** – parking on verges, particularly around The Green continues to be a problem, although we note that members of the Light and Life Christian Church have been monitoring their own parking and using cones around the Cow Lane / High Street junctions.

Most recently cars parked adjacent to the war memorial are particularly disrespectful. Our intention is to purchase and plant additional half barrel planters along the North side of the green and around the war memorial to deter parking, we await approval as the verges are Highways owned.

Should we receive approval we will be seeking additional volunteers to water, particularly during the summer months. If you would be happy to be allocated a barrel, please email [clerk@ramptonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ramptonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Continued thanks go to the Rampton Garden Gnomes who plant and maintain the barrels.

**The Pond** – thanks go to Sustainable Rampton who undertook a pond tidy up at the end of last year. Since then, the Parish Council has had the overhanging branches and shrub at the rear of the pond removed, thus allowing much needed light in. The council has also purchased snowdrop bulbs to be planted on the rear bank, late for this year but should be a great addition for next year.

Once the weather improves the bench that was destroyed to the left-hand side of the pond will be replaced, allowing a place to sit with a view of the pond and the war memorial.

**The Old Rectory / 14 Church End** – we continue to provide photographs and updates to the Council’s building control team about the dilapidation of both buildings and the failing integrity of the brick wall adjacent to the church path. To date they do not deem the problem to be of immediate concern.

We also continue to report the tree at 14 Church End which overhangs the Highway. As with the properties they are privately owned and as such the remedial actions remain with the owners.



## Sustainable Rampton - Activities update

### **Action on Energy - Home Upgrade Grant (2) 2024/5 - Solar panel Issues?**

We have been made aware that some residents who had panels fitted under the scheme have been experiencing some problems and/or may not be receiving an income from the extra electricity their panels generate. If you would like some help in resolving these issues please contact **Dave Harvey**, email: [mdfharvey@gmail.com](mailto:mdfharvey@gmail.com); tel. 07485 701970.

### **Rampton's 3rd Repair Café - Saturday 14 March, 11:00am - 2pm**

Join us once again for repairs, conversation and treats from Rampton's finest bakers.

#### **Booking your repair slot**

We recommend booking in advance but there will be some walk-in slots available on the day. To book a repair slot, please complete our simple booking form:

<https://sustainablerampton.org.uk/repair-cafe/>

If you don't have access to the internet please call Sharon to book your repair  
tel. 07587 284562

Let us know as much as you can about the item and what the problem is, as this will help us advise what's possible, match you to a repairer with the right skills and ensure we bring the correct tools and spares.

This year, we will be accepting:

- Bikes (broken, or in need of a tune-up)
- Clothes and other textiles (stitching, patches, buttons, zips etc.)
- Computers/laptops/phones (software\* and some hardware problems; not broken screens)
- Items needing sharpening (garden tools, kitchen equipment etc.)
- Electrical/mechanical/other items (appliances, clocks, toys, items in need of gluing etc.)
- Jewellery
- Sewing machines.

**Please Note:** Additional items may be accepted on the day at our discretion, but priority will be given to those who have not already had an item repaired.

#### **\* Windows 10?**

If you have a computer still running Windows 10 and would like to discuss your options going forwards, we might be able to help. This might be actual assistance with an upgrade to Windows 11 on the day, configuring Extended Security Updates to allow you to keep running on Windows 10, or even considering other Operating Systems. Because of the nature of this type of work we would need to get in contact with you before the Repair Cafe event to discuss your specific requirements. Just complete the booking form with as much detail as possible about your computer and our repairer will be in touch.

**Repairs are free but we welcome donations** to help cover the cost of any spares used in the repair, our insurance, hall hire and refreshments for the repairers.

While we cannot promise to fix everything our repairers always do their very best.

## **Spring Litter Pick, Saturday 28 March from 2pm**

Calling all **#LitterHeros!** Let's celebrate the end of winter by tidying up our village in anticipation of the longer days to come. Help us collect all those discarded bottles, cans and general rubbish that are disfiguring our village and endangering wildlife so that we can all enjoy a healthier environment.

**Meet up at the Green at 2pm** to collect litter grabbers, high-vis jackets, gloves and rubbish bags. We'll finish up at the village hall afterwards for a chat and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, including children who always make very enthusiastic and energetic litter pickers!

*Please note that children need to be under the close supervision of a responsible adult.*

## **Sunday Social at the Community Allotment, Sunday 29 March from 11am**

Pop along to the community allotment, Rampton High Street, from 11am onwards on to see what's going on and have a chat.

The team is looking forward to another productive growing year and welcoming new members to enjoy the fruits (veg) of their labours.

This is a '**no-dig**' **pastime**, enjoyed in the company of others who appreciate the benefits gained from spending time in the fresh air as well as free food. By using raised beds to grow the crops and being part of a team we've taken all the hard work out of running an allotment but none of the pleasure.

All ages are welcome. No experience or equipment necessary, just enthusiasm and an hour or 2 a month.

Suggestions for food to grow this year are very welcome.

We will be giving away sunflower and wildflower seeds for you to grow in your own garden.

So why not come along on Sunday 29 March to find out more about what's involved? or, if you can't make it on the day, contact Dave at [sustainableRampton@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableRampton@gmail.com), tel. 07485 701970.

**You're guaranteed a warm welcome - whether or not you want to be involved - as well as a cuppa and some cake!**