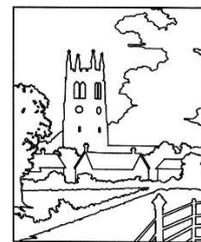




# Rippingale News

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## APRIL 2018

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### **Rippingale News – Editor: Mike Bronze & Deputy Editor: Jamie Petch**

Hello everybody, Jamie and I would like to introduce ourselves and offer our services to you. We hope we can follow the high standard of works set by Mary Morgan. I myself moved to Rippingale 2 years ago from a new town in Essex where most residents did not know their neighbours.

It is so refreshing and rare these days to find a village like Rippingale that has such a lovely close loving community.

If you have any topics or issues you would like to share with the village then please feel free to call us, equally if you have any ideas to add to the newsletter please call us and we will be happy to call round and discuss the details

### **Local Businesses**

If you would like to advertise in the Rippingale News Letter for a small fee please call Mike Bronze 07971 447528 [bronzeservices@live.com](mailto:bronzeservices@live.com)

### **St Andrew's Church News**

**Your Wardens:** Pam Bayliss 01778 440728 & Jonathan Newell 01778 441211

### **Future Services and Functions**

Easter Day Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Family Service 10.30am with Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Sung Eucharist 9.15am
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Family Service 10.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	St Andrews Church Coffee Morning 10.30am
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Grand Ceilidh 7.30pm

### **200 Club Winners - March 2018**

£20 No 99 Mrs Vaughan - £10 No 75 B Leonard - £10 No 194 S Harrison  
£5 No 98 J Guest £5 No 57 Mrs Wisker - £5 No 100 J Latham - £5 No 136 B Walker

### **March - Coffee Morning**

Fortunately, the snow had gone and attendance was excellent. A big thank you to all our supporters the event continues to prosper. An Easter Raffle was also held for Chocolate prizes, this enables us to put money in the pot for the roof and pay our monthly bills. Considering how bad the weather has been the quality of our local fresh vegetables continued to be first class. Our Supplier (Lords Farm Dovesby Fen) has recently been on BBC1 confirming how lucky we are to have such Quality Vegetables on our door step. We also continue to have numerous other Home-Made products for sale all making it a worthwhile visit not forgetting the social atmosphere at no charge.

### **Lent Lunch 14<sup>th</sup> March**

This was a first for us for some years not as many as we would have liked but for those of us there it was a great occasion. The soup and accompaniments were all fantastic many thanks to all our helpers and to our supporters. The background music played by Keith was the icing on the cake.

**Next Coffee Morning – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10.30am**

Any transport problems please don't hesitate to contact me 01778 441211

Jonathan Newell Churchwarden

## Parish Council News

**Chairman** – Cllr Chris Charlton; cramcharlton@aol.com Tel. 07908 540683

**Clerk** – Michelle Free; RippingalePC@Gmail.com Tel 07375 364742

### Jubilee Playing Field

**Out of Bounds** - Following last month's snow, frosts and rain, the already waterlogged playing field was further drenched following a burst water pipe in the Portacabin. We are currently working with the insurance company to get the work assessed, and if financially viable, the damage repaired.

The Council did not want to create a fixed boundary to prevent access to the area but is advising residents of the potential quagmire; we would ask residents to keep off the field to help minimise damage. Hopefully we will have a long spell of spring sunshine and some wind to aid the drying process.

**Play Equipment** – Work is continuing to obtain quotes for the various options. We realise this project will be expensive and we intend to commit spending based on affordability, prioritising on refurbishment and replacement where appropriate. We will continue to explore the various grant and funding options.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

Sadly, there are few individuals who seem to have a complete disregard for others and are incapable of conducting themselves in a socially acceptable manner. Yet again mindless vandalism resulted in the Middle Street sign being broken in two, hedges being damaged, broken items being thrown into gardens and dumped on the playing field.

Another despicable act was the partial burying of glass bottles on the playing field creating a trip hazard and potentially, if the bottles were broken, causing serious injury and damage to grass cutting equipment

If anyone has any information on these incidents, please report it to the Police via 101 under Incident No 167 9/3. To stamp out these types of incidents, and prevent them from escalating, please report minor incidents to the Police immediately.

**WWI War Memorial** - The cleaning of the War Memorial is now complete and hopefully, by the time you read this, the repairs will also be complete

### Village Website

Thank you to those who expressed their thoughts on changing the website to one hosted by LCC. I am pleased to report that the Council voted unanimously to make use of a LCC hosted website. This means that the domain licence for the RippingaleVillage.co.uk will not be renewed when it expires in July. This website has certainly served its purpose and put Rippingale on the digital map long before many other small villages. With changes in web design, and the need for the Council to be as transparent as possible, it has just become too complex to maintain, without the need for specialist help.

The new site can be found by searching Rippingale Parish Council or through the Local Democracy Tab on the Lincolnshire.gov.uk website. The new site is still a work in progress, but we would love to hear your ideas on what information you would like to see; the village clubs, events, activities and news are still planned to be published on the site. Although not all the old site can be transferred, it will be downloaded and saved as long as the data protection rules allow.

### Caretaker Retirement

The end of March sadly brought with it the retirement of our Caretaker, Mr Clive Boyfield. Clive has worked for the Council for many years and has always taken great pride in his work, keeping the public areas of Rippingale looking as neat and tidy as possible, becoming almost a fixture in the village whilst doing his rounds. On behalf of the Council and residents, I would like to thank Clive for his hard work, and the sterling contribution he has made to the village over the years. We wish him well for his well-deserved retirement and hope he can now enjoy spending more time on another green – maintaining his golf handicap!

*Cllr Chris Charlton, Chairman*

### Forthcoming Council Meetings:

12 April (End of Year Accounts Approval) Conference Room	10 May (Annual Parish & General Meetings) Main Hall at 7pm	7 June St Andrew's Church at 7.30pm (new date & location)
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Meetings usually take place on the **second Thursday of the month**, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. See the village Noticeboard and Website for the Agenda and details of any changes.

### **Personal Information – Are you happy to share?**

The recent burglaries have brought home just how much information regarding our movements is published in the public domain. As well as making sure your social media account is not telling everyone that you are going on holiday and your house is empty for the next 2 weeks, you also need to consider what information you are sharing via local publications.

By submitting an article to the Rippingale News you are consenting for the details within it (e.g. name, telephone, and sometimes address) to be published; the Newsletter is also uploaded onto the 'world wide web'. If you do not want your contact details on the website, please ensure that you specify this to the Editorial Team when you submit an article. Obviously contact details can be important to assist the running of an event etc. but we are behoved to ensure you understand that anything shared is a conscious decision.

*Cllr Chris Charlton, Chairman*

### **Be vigilant and don't make your property an easy target!**

Keep up to date with what is happening in and around our area, by signing up to police email or text alerts. Visit [www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk) or Telephone 01522 558 399.

### **Rippingale Garden Club**

The start of our 2018 year was a talk by Sandra Bright. Sandra was a finalist in the BBC2 Allotment Challenge television programme. She gave an entertaining and enlightening talk on the run up to the show and the challenges in taking part.

Sandra lives in North Lincolnshire where she runs a cut flower business "Peacock Cottage Flowers" Our next meeting is to be held at 21 Chapel Street, Haconby at 6.30pm. Cliff and Sharron will discuss what is looking good in the garden. Cost is £4 including refreshments for members. Please Contact Sharron White on 01778570302 to book

### **The open gardens are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

We would be pleased to have one or two more gardens taking part. We hope for good weather. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Chris Bladon on 10778 440499

### **Village Walk**

This month's walk will place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

The walk will start from the public car park in East Gate, Sleaford at 10.15 sharp. Any queries, please contact Derek Diess on 01778 440063

### **RAF 100 Celebrations**

Rippingale has had close links with the RAF over many years, and Lincolnshire is known as the "Home of the RAF". Thus, to mark the 100th anniversary of the RAF, the Bull Inn is to hold a RAF100 weekend on 5th and 6th May. Full details are yet to be finalised, but it will include an anniversary dinner on 5th May and a coach trip to The RAF100 Shuttleworth Collection air display on 6th May. Entry to the air display will cost £24 (children under 16 free) and the coach will cost about £15 per head (this will reduce if all the seats are filled). Please let Mike Hallas (440804) or John, at the Bull, know if you are interested as soon as possible. Further details of the dinner will be displayed at the Bull and around the village.

### **Rippingale Friendship Club**

Hopefully the weather will have improved by the time you read this!

The February and March meetings were enjoyed by members despite the very cold weather we enjoyed quizzes, bingo and the soup and rolls helped keep out the cold. Our first Coach trip of the year was to Doncaster Market on 27th March (report in May newsletter)

The meetings for April are 4th when we will be enjoying hot cross buns (£1.50) and 18th.

On the 2nd May we will be having musical Bingo which is very popular with the members, and 16th when we will be celebrating the Royal Wedding (£3). Our second Coach trip is on May 23rd and is a Mystery Trip so book your seats as soon as possible as it's always popular. Local pickup points Billingborough, Pointon, Rippingale, Morton and Bourne members £16 non-members £19 Ring Audrey on 01529 241358 to book your seat and for more information about our lovely friendly club.

Carol Mason

## Loose Ends craft group

Our meetings on Fridays are still going well and our fundraising for Dementia UK will have been boosted with our Time for a Cuppa event which due to the bad weather was cancelled on March 2nd but is due to take place on 23rd so I will be reporting on this next time.

We recently welcomed new member Natasha along with her baby daughter who kept everyone entertained! New members are always welcome so if you enjoy knitting, crochet felting, quilting or any other craft why not come and join us.....oh did I mention cake and coffee!? Friday 10-1pm in Rippingale Village Hall. For more information ring Carol 441386

Our next fund-raising event is joint with the village hall committee on 1st July so watch out for details which will be appearing very soon and keep the date free you won't want to miss it!

Carol Mason

### Village Hall 200 Club (Big) Draw Winners March 2018

£200 R Knibbs (87)

£50 D Sankey (180) £50 R Stubley (1) £50 A Gray (160) £50 I Burrell (26)

### GRAND CEILIDH

To boost funds for St Andrew's Church roof repairs

**Saturday April 14 – Rippingale Village Hall – 8:00pm - doors open 7:30pm**

Tickets £10:00 (£5:00 accompanied children) £25:00 family ticket (2 adults & 2 children)

Licensed bar – Ticket price includes Supper

Eight of Lincolnshire's top ceilidh musicians have come together and offered their services free of charge for this "one off" event.

This promises to be a fantastic night of top quality music and dancing to

### STAN DREWS ROOF RAISERS

Tickets available from:

Jonathan Newell – tel 01778441211 email [jonandchris60@googlemail.com](mailto:jonandchris60@googlemail.com)

Chris Petz – tel 01778440444 \* email [chrispetz@aol.com](mailto:chrispetz@aol.com)

## Residents Letters

### **An act of extreme kindness**

*I decided to have lunch at the 'Bull Inn' on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March with four other friends.*

*The person that served me was John the publican. He asked me how I was; I said fine but I had run out of heating oil, but could not get a delivery. John immediately Started phone calls to help. The next thing was that John disappeared. After the meal and a drink, I was walking back to my house in Middle Street. I was about half way down when John came up to me in his car, he stopped and said he had managed to get 100litres of oil and proceeded to put it in my tank. The cost was nearly £60.00. On trying to pay him after I gave him £80.00 to help with the petrol etc. John would not accept the extra £20.00 saying buy me a drink when you are in next time. How can you repay such kindness? We are lucky to live in this village.*

**Bob Wellman, Brook Cottage, Middle Street.**

### Rippingale Art Group (RAGS)

The new Rippingale Art Group (RAGS) is now well-established and meets on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30pm, at Rippingale Village Hall.

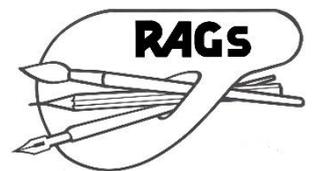
You can paint or draw in Pencil, Inks, Pastels, Acrylics, Watercolours... whatever you like!

Our members, whatever their skill level, enjoy what they do and are a very friendly bunch.

The subscription fee is £2.50 per evening, and teas & coffees are provided at no charge.

If you are interested in coming along for a free-of-charge 'taster session', or want to find out

more, please call Phil Rippingale on 01778 440204 or email Phil at [philrippingale@btinternet.com](mailto:philrippingale@btinternet.com)



**A burglar stole all the lamps in my house recently, I know I should be more upset, but I am absolutely delighted!**

**Statistics show that those people who have the most birthdays live the longest**

**May 2018 Newsletter – Deadline for Submissions is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Please submit entries to the new Editor: Mike Bronze at [bronzeservices@live.com](mailto:bronzeservices@live.com) or via 07971 447528

**Items for the Rippingale Village Website**

Please mark your email 'Website' and send to [RippingalePC@Gmail.com](mailto:RippingalePC@Gmail.com)

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