

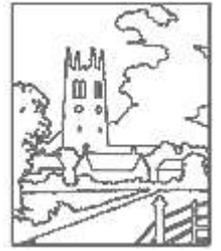


RIPPINGDALE NEWS

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JANUARY 2013

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Priest in Charge The Revd Dr Lynda Pugh - lynda.pugh@hemscott.net.uk
46a High Street, Morton, PE10 0NR

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

SUN	6 th	Sung Eucharist [BCP]	6.00pm
	13 th	GROUP PLOUGH SUNDAY	10.30am
	20 th	NO SERVICE	
		[See Notice board in the High Street for other Services in the Group]	
	27 th	Evensong [BCP]	6.00pm

FEBRUARY

	3 rd	Sung Eucharist	6.00pm
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Always check Notice board in the High Street for any changes.

FLOWERS

Thanks to everybody who decorated the church. The Christmas tree looked magnificent with its twinkling lights and the flowers were magnificent.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

A record collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal totalled £230.26.

GIFT DAY

A wonderful £180 was donated to church funds, but, because people were willing to put their name and address on the envelopes, St Andrew's was able to claim the tax. The grand total was, therefore, £215.

Thank you to all who contributed.

COFFEE MORNING

These are proving tremendously successful, with all the income going into much needed church funds.

November totalled £81.13 and December £97.15. Thanks to everyone who supported them. Next one is Tuesday 5th February at 10.30am in the church.

200 CLUB

The December Draw will take place at the PCC Meeting in January.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 15th June 2013 – *A Feast of Cheese, Wine and Organ Music in the church.* More details will follow and posters will be displayed.

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

This is a message from Lincolnshire Alert Information sent on behalf of Lincolnshire Police.

Microsoft Windows Internet Scam Once again, we are getting reports from members that this Internet scam is, again, in Lincolnshire. You receive a 'phone call stating that you have corrupt files or viruses on your computer and that you should allow access, after making a payment, to enable the caller to remove these files. When you pay the fee, the caller simply hangs up after not actually doing any updates to your computer. PLEASE do not allow ANYONE access to your computer, unless you have actually asked for assistance. Once you allow remote access, the caller will be able to copy all the details that you have stored on your system without your realising. ACTION ADVICE If you receive such a 'phone call, simply replace the receiver and do not enter into any conversation. Once they know that you will talk to them, they will either keep calling back or pass your details on to other scam callers. To report any incidencies, please call Tel: 101. For further advice on Winter crime please refer to this link:

<http://www.lincs.police.uk/About/Departments/Local-Policing/Safety-Advice/Crime-Reduction-Advice/Seasonal-Advice-Winter.html>

RINGSTONE PLAYERS

Present "Peter Pan" based on the novel by J.M.Barrie. Music & Lyrics by Piers Chater-Robinson. Friday 11th January 2013 @ 7.30pm, Saturday 12th January 2013 @ 2.30pm and 7.30pm at Edenham Village Hall. Tickets: £10, Children [12 yrs and under] £5. Available now from "Spice of Life" Health Food Shop in the Burghley Centre, Bourne.

VILLAGE WALKS

The next Village Walk will be on Sunday 20th January 2013 @ 10.15am. Meet at Toft [Toft Hotel]. There will be a Sausage and Mash Supper at The Bull Inn on Wednesday 23rd January. Meet @ 7.00pm. Anyone interested in walking is welcome. Mike Exton

REVIVAL OF RIPPINGALE FEAST

Rippingale's Diamond Jubilee celebrations were such a great success, bringing so many members of our community together. Once the celebrations were over, the general feeling was that efforts could be made to repeat that weekend of "Fund & Friendship" so, with this in mind, the Parish Council has approved an attempt to revive Rippingale's traditional Village Feast. The proposed date for The Feast is the weekend of Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st July. More details will follow as arrangements are confirmed. In the meantime, if you would like to be involved in the planning of The Feast or would be willing to offer assistance in any way, please contact either:

Chris Petz [440444] E-mail CHRISPETZ@AOL.COM or
Sheila Scholes [400200] E-mail clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>200 CLUB</u>	Winners for November	£20	George Batt [109]	
		£10	Jill Gray [169]	Brenda Lambert [141]
		£ 5	Martin Hill [2]	Pat Morton [97]
			Sheila Scholes [45]	David Rouse [55]
	Winners for December	£20	Angela Keen [39]	
		£10	Chris Tarrant [49]	Andrew Flatters [69]
		£ 5	David Rouse [55]	Annette Harris [93]
			George Batt [109]	Nancy Needham [148]

AND FINALLY

Taken from the Daily Mail on 19th December – well, you've got to laugh!

One afternoon, nearing Christmas, a five-year-old daughter returned from school. On being asked what she had done that day, she replied in a matter-of-fact way, "We've been learning about the Urgent Mary and the baby cheeses."

*I hope you all had a good Christmas and all the best for
2013.*



**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2013**

Items for the Group Magazine ASAP

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RIPPINGDALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS JANUARY, 2013

RIPPINGDALE SURGERY CLOSURE

From J.M. Hallas, Chairman:

The Parish Council regrets to inform patients that formal notice has been given, and accepted by the Primary Care Trust, to close Rippingdale Surgery on 31 March 2013. We are extremely disappointed that the 3-year fight to keep the surgery open seems doomed to end in failure.

However, the Parish Council and the Action Group are continuing to take the case to higher levels on two major issues:

1. The refusal, by the Primary Care Trust, to reveal the reasons for closure, despite a request under the Freedom of Information Act. We will appeal this undemocratic decision to the Information Commissioner, on the grounds that we are unable to argue our case if we are refused the information on which to base it. We are also concerned that the reasons used for closure are those put forward by Dr. Parry three years ago and which were not accepted by the Primary Care trust at that time.
2. The Primary Care Trust informed us that the Board's decision included a requirement for 6 months' notice of closure. They since allowed closure on the receipt of only 4.5 months notice without any reference to the Parish Council. We have made a case to the Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee to reverse this decision, and we await the outcome.

The Parish Council and the Action Group are still attempting to have the closure decision reversed, including the possibility of a reduced service in the village, but the chances

of success are becoming increasingly slim. Therefore we are now in negotiations with the PCT and the New Springwells Practice regarding the provision of transport to Billingborough for qualifying patients who are unable to provide their own. The PCT have agreed funding for such a scheme, but we will need to resolve many practical issues before it can be implemented. It appears that such a scheme would be the first in the country as a result of a surgery closure.

Although we now seem unlikely to achieve our ultimate aim, we are somewhat reconciled by the fact that the surgery will have been kept open for 3.5 years, and at least we will have provided some safeguards for those patients unable to transport themselves to Billingborough.

PRECEPT 2013 - 2014

The Parish Council presented its Budget Forecast at an Open Meeting on 22nd November. A Precept of £17,590 will be requested which includes a provision (£3,000) towards Playing Field Development costs.

POLICE MATTERS

1. . Following a further meeting with local police officers, additional police presence in the village has been requested in regard to the problems of anti-social behaviour and dangers of children riding bikes without lights or regard to their own safety. We understand that safe bike riding is now "taught" as part of the school curriculum under "Street & Pavement Safety". If anyone has suggestions for a "Cycle Proficiency" scheme that the Parish Council could arrange in the village, please let the Clerk know.



2. The Parish Council has registered with the "Lincolnshire Alert" community messaging scheme which enables the police to give information on community safety and crime reduction to registered members. Members can use the service to provide information to the police. Relevant alerts are sent by text and e-mail and have already proved useful:-

**** THEFTS FROM CARS ***** Reported in Dowsby and Kirkby Underwood (overnight, 12th December). In some instances the cars were unlocked. The police re-iterate the importance of removing items of value from your car when parked up, and to remember to lock your car – and check that you have locked it.

Any resident wishing to report a matter of concern should contact in the first instance the Clerk. Rippingale's "Neighbourhood Watch" Scheme is also registered with LINKSALERT – Contact being Barry Flatters 01778 440823; 07952 565 671; barry.flatters@rpcouncil.co.uk

3. The Parish Council passes on reports sent to the Clerk regarding anti-social behaviour; however the police have again stated that they are hindered when following up "3rd party" reports, and that residents must be prepared to identify themselves to the police regarding their complaints and concerns. The Parish Council will offer its support to residents and liaise with the police, but the police alone can take action.

WINTER WARMTH HELP

There is funding available to assist vulnerable people in SKDC area to keep warm this winter.

Full details are available from 0845 606 456

Or www.responderstowarmth.co.uk

This programme gives advice and practical help – anything from hot water bottles to complete boiler replacements, FREE OF CHARGE, to qualifying residents of Lincolnshire.

Eligibility criteria are straightforward – combined annual income below £23,500 and savings below £10,000 or ill health and/or disability conditions or dependency on state benefits.

Last winter the scheme helped over 500 households and 2,000 individuals – if you know of anyone who might be able to benefit from this scheme, please get in touch. ***Those most likely to need the help are often least likely to ask for it – please help promote this service to anyone you think might benefit.***

Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council
December 2012.
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2013 Meeting Dates:

OPEN OFFICE – The Bull, 10.00 – 12.00

25th January

PARISH COUNCIL – Village Hall, 7.30p.m.

31st January.