

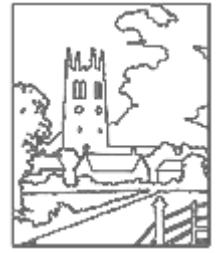


RIPPINGALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

SUN	3 rd	Eucharist [BCP]	6.00pm
	10 th	Eucharist	9.15am
	17 th	NO SERVICE	
		<i>[See Notice board in the High Street for other Services in the Group]</i>	
	24 th	Evensong [BCP]	6.00am

MARCH

SUN	3 rd	Eucharist [BCP]	6.00pm
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GIFT DAY [November 2012]

The final amount donated was £230. Thank you for your support.

COFFEE MORNING

The next one will be held on Tuesday 5th February @ 10.30am in the Church. Everybody welcome.

DONATION

The Parochial Church Council were delighted to receive a £200 Donation from the Ripping-Ale Beer Festival, held last year, for which we thank them. A Report from the Festival Committee can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS 2012

Our church was beautifully decorated for Christmas: festive flower arrangements adorned the porch, alcoves, font and pulpit. A magnificent tree was kindly donated by Sean Charlton, collected by Brian Shields, put in place by Neil Morgan and expertly dressed, once again, by Kelly Millis and her mother Janet Hirshfield. Not an easy task with a fifteen foot tree! Our sincere thanks to everyone involved. For the first time since our school closed several years ago, we held a Christingle Service, enjoyed by children and parents alike. A team comprising Lorna Webb, Chris Bladon, Bryony Harrison, Peter Pugh and the Churchwarden "assembled" the oranges, candles and tape – easier said than done! The Carol Service was well supported with people singing enthusiastically. When it came to Away in a Manger most of the congregation stopped singing. A young child who knew all the verses was singing beautifully, there was not a dry eye in the church. For the first time in three years we managed to organise Midnight Mass. Marijke Harris played the organ and it was thanks to Marijke that we were able to arrange the Service as we have struggled to find an organist in the past. A large congregation, including two teenagers, supported the lovely Service taken by the Revd Dr Lynda Pugh. I am also pleased to report that the models of the Three Wise Men with their gifts made their way to the Crib with a little help from Neil Morgan! Our Coffee mornings will continue in Church on the first Tuesday of the month commencing on Tuesday 5th February @ 10.30am. The mornings provide a valuable source of income for the church. Finally, if there is anyone who would like to join me as a Churchwarden, please get in touch on 440728 or pamela.baylis@me.com We also urgently need Bell Ringers.
Pam Baylis, Churchwarden

NOTE: Further news from St Andrew's can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

RIPPINGALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

RIPPINGALE SURGERY CLOSURE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

From J.M. Hallas, Chairman:

Although the Parish Council and the Action Group will continue the fight to keep a surgery in Rippingale, we have to accept that, as it stands, the surgery will close on the 31 March 2013. Patients will remain registered with The New Springwells Practice, where they can see any Doctor at the Billingborough surgery. There are however a number of patients who have no means of transportation to Billingborough.

On 10th January representatives of the Parish Council and the Rippingale Surgery Closure Action Group met with the Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust and the New Springwells Practice to discuss the setting up of a free taxi service between Rippingale and Billingborough surgery for those patients having transport or mobility problems.

The following scheme was agreed:-

Rippingale Transport Provision

Following the closure of Rippingale Surgery a free transport service will operate between Rippingale and the Billingborough Surgery for patients who experience transport difficulties.

- The free taxi service will operate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings
- Patients wishing to use this service must complete an application form to register with the scheme
- The service is for patients who have genuine transport difficulties e.g. non- availability of private transport or personal mobility problems.
- Forms will be available from reception at Billingborough Surgery (and Rippingale Surgery until closure); the village shop; and the Clerk to the Parish Council. Availability of the forms will be notified as soon as possible.
- The taxis will leave Rippingale village shop at 10.30am and return to Rippingale when all patients have seen the Doctor and collected medication, if appropriate. Arrangements have been made for patients to wait inside the shop until the taxi arrives.
- There will be no need to make an appointment prior to using the transport as the duty Doctor will be available to see patients in order of arrival.
- If patients wish to see the Nurse, they will need to make an appointment with the surgery and let reception know that they are using the transport from Rippingale.
- The free taxi service will not operate at any other time.
- In adverse weather conditions e.g. snow fall that are considered a Health and Safety risk, patients should contact Springwells Surgery reception on 01529 240 234 to check if the service is operating.
- The transport system will be under regular review by NHS Lincolnshire/Leicester and Lincolnshire Local Area Team and Rippingale Parish Council.
- The Rippingale Hospital Car Service will NOT be available to transport patients from Rippingale to Billingborough Surgery unless previously agreed exceptional circumstances apply.

Home Visits

These will continue as prior to Rippingale Surgery closing. All home visit requests are assessed by a Doctor who will respond according to individual patient requests.

Telephone Consultations

Telephone consultations are available every morning. Patients wishing to speak to a Doctor should inform the receptionist who will arrange for the Doctor to call back following morning surgery. Telephone consultations are particularly useful for test results and medication queries.

Doctors and Staff

All Doctors, Nurses and staff currently working from the Rippingale Surgery will transfer to the Billingborough Surgery from the 1 April 2013.

Medication

Prescriptions can be obtained by collection from Billingborough Surgery or by the existing delivery service. The delivery service is available to all patients. Further information and an application form can be obtained from Billingborough Surgery Dispensary (01529 240888), Rippingale Village shop, or the Clerk to the Parish Council. Repeat medication can be ordered by telephone, on-line, by fax (01529 240520) or, from 1 April, by leaving a prescription order form at the Rippingale village shop.

ALLOTMENT LAND

At present, there is a waiting list of Rippingale residents wishing to take an Allotment plot and arrangements are in hand to make more land available. For those who may not be aware, Mr. S. Charlton has rented and farmed some of the 11 acres owned by the Parish Council when allotments were not popular and Rippingale's were unused. The Parish Council is grateful to Mr. Charlton for maintaining the land – and village asset – in good order for many years.

As interest in taking allotments has increased over the past few years, sections have been made available for villagers' use. Any further residents who are interested in "growing their own" should contact in the first instance the Clerk (440200). Rippingale Allotments, known as "Row Gardens" were set up in the 1920's and there is interesting historical information to view on the village website. The Parish Council is pleased that this village amenity is again thriving (!) and supported with enthusiasm by the Row Gardens Allotments Group.



The Clerk continues to receive useful local information from the police under this system and the Parish Council is looking at the best means of getting relevant information out to Rippingale residents quickly and efficiently. It is planned to set up a website link, but the Council is aware that not all residents have internet access or interest and are looking at additional means of alerting residents. Any suggestions or offers to help would be appreciated.

Sheila Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council
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2013 Next Meeting Dates:

OPEN OFFICE – The Bull, 10.00 – 12.00, 8th March

PARISH COUNCIL – Village Hall, 7.30p.m., 14th March.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

PLOUGH SUNDAY

The 13th January was our very well supported annual Plough Sunday Service at St Andrew's Church. The congregation enjoyed the traditional Service taken by the Revd David Creasey and the Agricultural Chaplain for Lincolnshire, the Revd Canon Alan Robson. The Morton choir were in good voice as always. A vintage plough, kindly provided by Stephen Burrft and transported by Brian Shields and Mike Mills, was the focal point. The Blessing of the Plough symbolises all the machinery and tools used on the farm. Young people were invited to bring forward their toy tractors. Outside the church a modern tractor and plough provided by Henry Louth from Stainfield, took pride of place in its reserved parking place. Refreshments provided by Neil Morgan, Lorna Webb and others were served after the Service. We were pleased to welcome a photographer from the Stamford Mercury/The Local, who took a delightful photo of the vintage plough together with young William Green [aged 9] with his toy tractor, which appeared in the papers on Friday the 18th issue. *Pam Baylis, Churchwarden.*

<u>200 CLUB</u>	Winners – December	£20	Mary Morgan [150]	
		£10	David Sankey [51]	Chris Dady [141]
		£ 5	I Flatters [81]	Julia Lister [176]
			Mr Boyes [59]	Maxine Jessop [34]
	Winners – January	£20	Mr J Tyler [17]	
		£10	Mr/Mrs I Burrell [152]	Robert Jessop [69]
		£ 5	Maxine Jessop [15]	Cath Schiavi [91]
			Jim Latham [100]	Mr/Mrs Headland [155]

The February Draw will be 1 x £200 and 4 x £50. The people who only paid for the half-year will be asked to continue their Subscription.

RIPPING-ALE BEER FESTIVAL 2012

Money from the BBQ has been given to the Allotment Society to assist them with projects that they are doing in the village. The Billingborough Scout Group kept the money raised from the sale of sweets. £200 is going to the toddler group in the village, £200 to the church, but the main donations were £500 to L.I.V.E.S and £500 to the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. The Committee felt that this year we have invested in our lovely village and that this was the best way to give back to people that live here. Our Festival this year will take place the Weekend of Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September. We hope to have lots of sunshine, music, BBQ food and, of course, BEER! Can we remind people we have a Facebook page that will keep you up to date with what we are planning [RippingAle Beer Festival]. Thank you once again for everyone's support, whether you were Sponsors, a helper or you just helped with the Beer consumption! I hope we can count on you again this year.

Gail Hyland, Ripping-Ale Beer Festival Committee Member.

ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS GROUP

After the great success of last year's Disco there will be another Valentine Dance and Disco on Saturday 16th February 2013 @ 7.30pm in Rippingale Village Hall. Tickets are £5 Adults, £3 Children [15 and under], £15 Family ticket [2 Adults and 2 Children], available from Trevor on 07866 268415 or Doreen on 440046. Tickets include a Pie & Mash Supper. We will be sharing the profits from this event within the village community and your support is always appreciated. We would like to thank 70-80 villagers who came along to the New Year's Eve Family Disco, which enabled us to share the profits raised with "Talking Books for the Blind" and have forwarded a cheque for £100 to the "RNIB". Don't forget, if anyone is interested in having a Plot to contact Angela on 440872.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2013

The plan to re-instate Rippingale's annual Village Feast is now, well and truly on the way.

A well attended first meeting was held on 10th January where it was decided to go ahead and arrange The Feast on the weekend of 20/21 July.

The Feast will begin with a Ceilidh on Saturday 20 July then the whole of Sunday 21 July will be a "Party on the Playing Field". There will be games, competitions, displays and, just as was intended on last year's Jubilee Sunday, a grand family picnic with (hopefully) good sunshine, this time!

Pre-feast events are being planned and there will be more details about these later. You can also keep up to date on feast progress on the Village Feast's face book page and the Rippingale website.

If you would like to help with the planning of the Feast, please come along to the next meeting which will be at the Willows Training Suite on Tuesday 5 February at 7:30pm.

Alternatively, if you would like to offer help in other ways, contact either Chris Petz (01778 440444/chrispetz@aol.com) or Sheila Scholes (440200 / clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

We really want to make this new Village feast a great Community event and will need everyone's support

Leading up to the re-instated Rippingale Feast, the monthly Sunday **Quiz** is being re-introduced. These proved so popular last year and are to be brought back with the first one planned for SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY in the Village Hall.



...Is the theme for the February Quiz! Doors open at 7:00pm with the quiz starting at 7:30pm.

Entrance Fee is £10.00 per Team (maximum of four members).

Quiz prizes: 1st ... £10:00, 2nd ... £5:00 & 3rd ... ???(mystery). There will also be a raffle and the usual "roll-over" competition. As before, bring your own snacks and there will be a licensed bar..

VILLAGE WALKS

The next Village Walk will be on Sunday 17th February @ 10.15am. Meet at Burton Le Coggles Church [near Corby Glen]. For further information call 07768632189. Mike Exton

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

Fuel Delivery Comparison Prices – price in pence per litre EXCLUDING VAT:

Chandlers ROC	56.95	500 + ltrs	Delivered	10 th January 2013
Chandlers [Web]	58.05	2000	Quote	8 th January 2013
Boiler Juice	57.33	1000	Quote	8 th January 2013
Fuel Fighter	57.40	1000	Quote	8 th January 2013
Home Fuels Direct	66.66	1000	Quote	8 th January 2013
Direct Oil	59.00	1000	Quote	8 th January 2013
Value Oils	70.10	1000	Quote	8 th January 2013

For up-to-date local comparisons and deliveries go to www.RippingaleVillage.co.uk/oil and follow the links.

AND FINALLY

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, *Dylan, how on earth do you expect to get into Heaven?* The boy thought it over and said, *Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St.Peter says "For Heaven's sake Dylan, come in or stay out!"*



DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2013

Items for the Group Magazine ASAP

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