



RIPPINGALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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SERVICES FOR MARCH

SUN	3 rd	Eucharist [BCP]	6.00pm
	10 th	Eucharist	10.45am
		DEANERY BCP Evensong	6.00pm
	17 th	NO SERVICE	
		<i>[See Notice board in the High Street for other Services in the Group]</i>	
SUN	24 th	BCP Evensong	6.00pm
SUN	31 st	Eucharist [Easter Day]	9.15am

ALWAYS CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE HIGH STREET FOR ANY CHANGES.

EASTER FLOWERS The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 30th March.

COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee morning held on 5th February raised £97. Thanks to everyone for their support. The next one will be held on Tuesday 5th March @ 10.30am in the Church. Everybody welcome.

<u>200 CLUB</u>	Winners for February	£200	Mrs V Manderson [125]
		£ 50	Fred Gibbons [62] Pat Page [149]
			Mrs J Elliott [36] Nick Williams [56]

KEEP THE DATE!! Feast of Cheese @ Wine with organ music – **Saturday 15th June** – in the Church.

VILLAGE SHOP – USE IT OR LOSE IT!

What will it cost YOU to keep our Village Shop?

If you shop there, just for a few things every week, it will cost you very little, if any more, than getting all your shopping from the supermarkets, other than the effort of dropping in and meeting some very friendly people. If you only shop there in emergencies or when it snows, it will cost you The Shop! In order to stay open The Shop needs regular trade, otherwise their losses will be too great and we will lose it again. Apart from being there when we need it, it's re-opening last year made a significant difference to the value of our houses. All this will be lost again if we do not support it. So, PLEASE, do your bit and use The Shop as much as you can. Anon

HAVE YOU LOST A CAT ???

A cat turned up in my garden on New Year's Day and I have been feeding it since then. It is someone's pet as it has a collar on. The gender is unknown. If this cat belongs to you, please ring me, Jean Redding, on 440630.

COUNTRY EYE – WINTER DIARY

The Country Eye Winter Diary 2012/2013 can be found at www.CountryEye.co.uk along with diaries and wonderful pictures since 2004.

VILLAGE WALKS

The next one will be on Sunday 17th March [third Sunday] @ 10.15am. Meet at Corby Glen. For more information ring 07768632189.

RIPPINGALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Rippingale Surgery

Mike Hallas, Chairman,

R.P.C.

The fight to keep our surgery open goes on!!

After many weeks of requesting from Lincs NHS the reasons for the decision to close the Surgery we are, after a formal appeal, in possession of the papers used by the NHS Board to arrive at their decision. Having examined these papers, we can now appreciate why they did not wish to disclose the contents.

It is apparent that the Board made the decision to close the surgery without any real supportable evidence. The extract from the minutes of their meeting, 26 September 2012, does not include any reasons as to why the decision was made, or any details of the factors considered to arrive at the decision. In fact, papers produced to the Board for consideration at the meeting dismissed the arguments originally put forward by New Springwells practice, stating that NHS surveyors had found the surgery adequate for the number of patients using it. It appears that the decision to close was based on the problems of the long-standing dispute between the New Springwells practice and the owners of the surgery building, and possible legal action by solicitors for the practice.

The Parish Council and the Surgery Action Group have written a joint letter to the Chief Executive Officer of NHS Lincs. stating our total dissatisfaction at the way in which the surgery case has been handled, and demanding a complete reconsideration of the issues involved. We have copied the letter to the Health Minister; our local MP Nick Boles, and the Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee. Should we get a negative response, we will appeal to the Health Ombudsman.

Watch this space!!

Taxi Service to Billingborough Surgery

The New Springwells Practice has published details of the service, to operate from 1 April 2013, in its Practice Newsletter available from the surgeries and Rippingale Village Shop.

It is essential that those wishing to use the service complete an application form available from the surgeries (Rippingale and Billingborough) as soon as possible. However, in cases where a form has not been completed but use of the service is necessary, please use the service and complete a form on arrival at Billingborough.

Any patients who consider that the taxi service will not cover their transport needs should contact Rippingale surgery or the Chairman of the Parish Council (Mike Hallas 440804).

Planning

(S12/3234/LB/IVW) Alteration of Listed Building (amendments to previous consent for conversion to habitable room) Received 30th January, 2013, no objections raised and SKDC advised accordingly.

Aged 60 .. or more?



The Parish Council is helping to promote Age UK's "Firstcontact" Scheme – which helps anyone aged 60 or over, living in Lincolnshire to receive support to stay safe and independent in their own home – through just one point of contact.

Often there are "too many forms" which discourage people from getting the help they are entitled to. This is one leaflet with a simple checklist to identify the information and advice available from many sources. Help covers a range of practical issues such as money and benefits, home and fire safety, housing, social care, preventing falls, healthy lifestyle, local clubs and activity groups, caring for friends and relatives, energy efficiency, domestic help, local transport and volunteering opportunities.

The scheme is monitored by Lincolnshire County Council and is supported by Lincolnshire police. The Check List leaflets are available at the Village Shop and from the Clerk. Help to complete the form if needed, is available from the First Contact Coordinator 01522 782172, or firstcontact@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Often however, those in need of help are those least likely or able to come forward to ask, so the Parish Council is making this early plea to residents:-

If you know of anyone in the village who could be helped by this service, please let them know about it and offer to help them complete the checklist – or make their families aware of the service. The Parish Council is grateful to those who gave practical help to Rippingale residents whose homes and gardens flooded recently. It is really encouraging that by virtue of a few phone calls, willing helpers turned out in their wellies to help - and an example of the Community Spirit we are often told is dead!

Internal Auditor

The Parish Council is most grateful to Brian Hutchison who has for several years carried out the Council's Internal Audit. Unfortunately, Brian is unable to continue to offer his services and the Parish Council is looking to engage a successor from the new financial year (1st April).

As with so much else, the role and responsibilities of the Internal Auditor have increased and the Parish Council is looking for someone who can work with the Clerk and Council during the year to oversee the way in which the Council's finances are managed, report to the Council on a quarterly basis and complete the Annual Governance Statement that "... public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently and effectively."

As Clerk I am reluctant to describe this job in too much detail in case it puts off likely candidates! The work – for which a small honorarium is payable – would not be onerous, and could even be enjoyable and I can recommend the Councillors as good hard-working colleagues. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact me (440200), clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk and we could meet to informally discuss this appointment in more detail.

The Parish Council hopes that it will be possible to fill this vacancy from within the village.



Police representatives regularly attend Parish Council meetings to report to the Council and Public. A monthly "Crime Reported within 1 mile of Rippingale" map is brought to the meeting. The "LincsAlert" scheme is proving successful in passing on local information and awareness of crime, and the police are encouraging more residents to take part in the scheme and receive knowledge of "real time" criminal activity, road accident and weather problems and current "scams". Police alerts are sent by text or e-mail and can be shared with neighbours, friends and work colleagues. Looking at the Rippingale group contacts, there are gaps to be filled, particularly in Pinfold Close, High Street, Doctors Lane and Station Street.

It is easy to sign up at www.lincsalert.co.uk or by asking the Clerk for a paper application form – the more people subscribing, the more effective the service can be.

Recent information and advice received includes the following:-

- Alarm company "cold calling" to sell intruder alarms. The company is asking various questions about the home security – is the house left unoccupied? do you have a dog? The company may be genuine – though very "pushy" - but householders are advised NOT to deal with cold callers or telesales enquiries. If you have doubts about the legality or sales techniques, contact Lincolnshire Trading Standards for advice – 01522 782 341. Any company promising police response to their fitted alarm must be included on the Lincs. Police compliant alarm company list and registered with national inspectorate bodies. You can check if an alarm company is inspectorate approved by telephone 01626 637512.
- Thefts of catalytic convertors, diesel and household fuel are also being reported as an increasing problem. Owners are asked to securely park 4x4s, vans and vehicles where the catalytic converter is easily accessible.

- Theft of grass cutter and tools from outbuildings and vehicles in Rippingale and nearby villages. A DVD on Rural Crime , “Closing the gate on criminality” is part of the police information available, as is the “Lincolnshire Horsewatch” programme The Clerk has copies, or contact 01522 558399 (Watchline Administrator). Businesses and farms are encouraged to register with LINCALERT – info@lincsalert.co.uk

The Old Pinfold – Station Street/Dovecote.

This little piece of land has always been considered as belonging to the parish and the Council is currently going through the process of registering village land with the Land Registry. No Deeds or Titles regarding ownership seem to exist and any local knowledge or information would be appreciated. Please contact the Clerk if you can help. Thank you.

Sheila Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council

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2013 Meeting Dates:

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

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

RIPPINGALE OPEN GARDENS

The Garden Club are pleased to announce that the annual Open Gardens event will be held on Saturday 18th May 2013 from 2.00pm to 5.30pm and on Sunday 19th May from 11.00am to 4.30pm. There will be approximately 12 gardens open. Teas will be available at two gardens. The sale of plants and produce at one garden and, hopefully, the Allotments. We will be pleased to welcome the residents of the village and elsewhere to come and see the fruits of the labours of our members , and you might pick up some useful tips.

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

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

Chandlers ROC	61.30	500+ ltrs	Delivered	6 th February 2013
Chandlers [Web]	65.05	2000	Quote	“
Boiler Juice	62.72	1000	Quote	“
Fuel Fighter	61.75	1000	Quote	“
Home Fuels Direct	63.97	1000	Quote	“
Direct Oil	63.40	1000	Quote	“
Value Oils	72.10	1000	Quote	“

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

WANTED – LAND [3-4 acres]

Charlie Moseley of 9 East Street would like to enquire if anyone in the village would consider selling 3-4 acres of land in the surrounding area. The condition of the land does not matter and the use of the land would be for grazing. Anyone kind of heart who is willing to help, please contact me on 440240. Your call will be gratefully received.

1st POINTON BADEN-POWELL SCOUT GROUP

I would just like to correct last month's Newsletter regarding the Ripping-Ale Beer Festival. It was, in fact, the 1st Pointon B-P Scouts that ran the sweet stall, with the sweets/drinks being mainly supplied by Tesco's Bourne, and we raised just over £60 for our group funds.

I would like to personally thank all of the Scout Group that turned up for the Remembrance parade in the village. The positive feed back from the local community has been fantastic. We will be holding another parade in the village to celebrate St George's Day and this will be on Sunday 21st April @ 2.00pm. A big thank you goes to Mike Exton, Sue and her Christmas customers at The Bull, and our Group Treasurer, Brian Burgess, who between them have managed to get over £700 donated to our Group to enable us buy 5 new flags and associated equipment. The Scout Group is based at St Gilvert's Primary School in Pointon. In May this year we will have been running for 2 years. In our Group we have 8 uniformed leaders, 5 parent helpers and around 60 children. The Group has 3 sections, Beavers [5-8yrs], Wolf Cubs [8-11yrs] and Scouts [11-14yrs]. All sections are for boys and girls. For more information you can go to our Facebook page or the Association website

at www.traditionalscouting.co.uk If anyone is interested in joining or can help out at Pointon, please call me on 440704 or E-mail pointonscoutgroup@btinternet.com

BUNTING BABES

The Bunting Babes have started meeting again. We are intending to make vintage crafts for the Rippingale Feast craft stall to sell, all proceeds going to buy items for the village. If you are interested in joining us, please ring Judith Tyler [01778] 440296 for any information on how you can help and also to find out venue and times of next meeting.

CHEEKY MONKEYS

This parent and toddlers group would like to say a big thank you to the Ripping-Ale Bear Festival committee for their donation on £200. We are really pleased, as funds are always needed, mainly to pay our rent. Also a big thank you to The Shop for the lovely gift of Christmas biscuits, which the children loved. We are getting back to normal now after the Christmas break and the snow and have welcomed a few new faces, including a couple of new babies. We hope, as usual, to continue during the school holidays and parents are welcome to come along and bring older children as well. We would love to see any new faces – everyone is always made very welcome. We are in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon.

RIPPINGALE FEAST – 20/21 JULY

YES!! After a break of too many years, the Rippingale Feast is being revived. Originally, the Feast was an “open house” weekend where every household laid out a grand table of tasty morsels and the entire village met in the streets to dance, drink and visit each other's houses for a bite to eat before going back to the party. There was also a serious end to the Feast Weekend when both a Church and Chapel Service of Thanksgiving was held. This year's Village Feast will be a way of celebrating the enjoyment of living in Rippingale by, once again, taking part in a weekend of “Fun and Friendship” similar to last year's Jubilee celebrations. The FEAST will begin with a Barn Dance in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th July, then it will continue on Sunday 21st with an afternoon of traditional events and competitions on the Playing Field. The Sunday Fun will be a Grand Parade of Classic Cars, Morris Dancers and the local Scout Group, starting outside the Pub and leading up to the field where the entire village is invited to bring their own picnics and take part in all that is on offer – we are attempting to negotiate with high authorities to make sure there will be no rain this time !!! One of last year's Jubilee Events was the monthly Quiz which, by popular demand, is being held again, to lead up to the FEAST. The first Quiz was on Sunday 24th February. There will be much more information to follow in the next few months but you can keep up-to-date with developments by visiting the Rippingale website www.rippingalevillage.co.uk or going to the FEAST Facebook page on www.facebook.com/groups/rippingalevillage. *Chris Petz*

AND FINALLY

When I was young [a long time ago] I always wondered why my parents got so excited saying “its thorrying! Now I can understand that they meant “thawing”.

I heard on the radio the other day about a chap who liked the snow! He said his garden looked just as beautiful as his next door neighbours, and his children loved playing in it – giving him a chance to have a go on their Playstations!

Keep warm.



**DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2013**

Items for the Group Magazine ASAP

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