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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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SERVICES FOR JUNE

SUN	2 nd	Sung Eucharist [BCP]	6.00pm
	9 th	Sung Eucharist	9.15am
	16 th	<i>NO SERVICE [Check Notice Board in the High Street for other Services in the Group]</i>	
	23 rd	Evensong [BCP]	6.00pm
	30 th	GROUP SERVICE HACCONBY	10.30am
JULY	7 th	Sung Eucharist [BCP]	6.00pm

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

At the Annual Parish meeting of the Parochial Church Council, the following were elected:

Churchwarden:	Mrs Pam Baylis	
Chairman:	The Revd Dr Lynda Pugh [Priest in Charge]	
Treasurer:	Mr Peter Pugh	
Secretary:	Mrs Mary Morgan	
Council members:	Mr Michael Exton	Mr John MacMillan
	Mrs Bryony Harrison	Mr Neil Morgan
	Mr Eric Jessop	Mrs Lorna Webb

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 4th June @ 10.30am in the church. Everybody welcome.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

St Andrew's Church is a central and vital part of our village community. Families come to us when they want to celebrate Weddings and Baptisms, and bring these happy events before God for His Blessing. At other times, when we travel a sad and lonely road, because of the death of a loved one, we want our Church to offer us pastoral support and honour our loved one in a Funeral Service, where we can commend them to His keeping. At St Andrew's, we manage to balance the books, most years, in terms of our day-to-day expenditure, but we have little left over to develop our outreach into the local community and support the wider life of the church. We would really struggle if the Church building needed major repair works. This is where YOU come in. Obviously, we'd really love to see you in church on Sundays, but, in addition to this, if you could make a small donation on a monthly basis [say, £5] and give us a Gift Aid declaration [assuming that you are a tax-payer] this would really help us to continue our Ministry here at St Andrew's, and serve all those who live in our beautiful village.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you'd like more details, please contact our Treasurer, Peter Pugh on 571841 or peter.pugh@hemscott.net Thank you. *More information from the church elsewhere.*

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH Continued...

FEAST OF CHEESE & WINE with ORGAN MUSIC

SATURDAY 15th June 7/7.30pm in the church. A good variety of cheese and accessories with a good choice of Wine. St Andrew's organ is considered to be the best in the Group and to hear Mr Hugh Goodliffe-Wayman make it "sing", is not to be missed. There will also be a Raffle with many prizes. Come and join us for a wonderful evening. There will be some well known music and chance to sing. It maybe wise to bring a cushion to sit on! Looking forward to seeing you all.

Mary Morgan, Church Secretary

200 CLUB – Winners for May:

£20	A Jones [144]	
£10	R Main [9]	C Petz [7]
£ 5	M Jessop [34]	Mr/Mrs Wood [67]
	S Atkinson [72]	Mrs Warcup [116]



RIPPINGALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Stan Stewart announced his resignation from the Parish Council - he and Sylvia are returning to live in Scotland. Stan has been a very active and supportive member of the Parish Council since his election in 2011 and will be greatly missed. Parish Councillors would like to join others in the village in sending good wishes for Stan and Sylvia in the future. The Stewart's move is happening more swiftly than anticipated, and Stan will hand over "unfinished business" for the Parish Council – regarding refurbishments to the Playing Field – and will no doubt be checking to ensure that those remaining have seen his plans carried through!

Everyone hopes that Sylvia and Stan have a happy and fulfilling retirement back "home" – and that they will keep in touch with their many friends in the village.

As a result of this resignation, a "**Vacancy for Councillor**" notice was published on 9th May and – assuming that no Election is to be called – Councillors may co- opt a qualifying Ripplingale resident to fill the vacancy.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Generally a person is qualified to be eligible for office if:-

- they are a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic,
- they are over 18 years of age
- they are an elector.
- they have been resident in Ripplingale parish or within 3 miles of it, for the past 12 months.

Generally a person is disqualified from being a member if:-

- they hold a paid office or other place of profit on the council.
- they are an undischarged bankrupt
- they have within five years been convicted to not less than three months imprisonment (whether suspended or not).

A person may also be disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

With the possibility of there being more than one applicant for the advertised vacancy, to enable the Parish Council to make a constructive decision – interested residents are asked to complete Application Form – available from the Clerk (01778 440200, clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk).

Closing date for applications will be FRIDAY 21st JUNE, 2013.

Annual Parish Meeting 16th May, 2013.

Chairman's Report 2012/2013

"We have retained our elected Parish Councillors throughout the year providing us with an experienced and hard-working team. It is only in the last 2 weeks that I have regretfully received the resignation of Councillor Stan Stewart who is moving back to his home territory north of the border.

My aim for the year was to provide efficient and effective Council giving opportunities for all residents to have a say in matters concerning the council. This included:-

- ensuring that Councillors continued to receive appropriate training;
- reviewing and updating various policy documents required to be published by the Council;
- continuing to review the conduct of meetings to ensure objectivity and the control of time spent;
- establishing contact with organisations which can provide assistance to elderly residents, such as First Contact;
- improving liaison with the police and council authorities;
- continuing to implement improved methods of communications with the villagers; and
- Implementing a computerised system for the Parish Council accounts.

We have had some success in the above areas as follows:-

1. Parish Council Meetings:

The Clerk to the Parish Council is now studying for a Certificate in Local Council Administration, the completion of which will enable the Parish Council to take on additional responsibilities. Her studies have helped to clarify several administrative issues, and have greatly improved the format of the Council minutes.

We have continued to hold formal council meetings every 6 weeks, which has greatly reduced the administrative burden on the Clerk. Additionally, several Councillor working groups have been held and attendance rates by all councillors have been excellent. The attendance register can be viewed on request to the Clerk to the Parish Council.

An open meeting was held to enable residents to give their views on the calculation of the annual precept. Unfortunately, attendance was poor but those who did attend made a valuable contribution. It was with regret that the precept had to be increased for the first time in over three years.

2. Open Office:

We have continued to hold public "Surgeries" to encourage members of the public to discuss issues of concern to them. These have been held every 6 weeks at the Bull Inn. Public interest has been sparse but we will continue to encourage people to attend. The Parish council wishes to thank Sue Atkinson for allowing us to use the premises – and for providing coffee!!

3. Communications:

We continue to explore ways in which we can involve the younger residents in village activities, but we have been hampered by legal and bureaucratic barriers, such as the Data Protection Act. We are making progress but it is extremely slow. We hope that involvement of young people in the Village Feast may give us a welcome start. We have had close cooperation with the First Contact organisation, and we are looking forward to further meetings with them to make older residents aware of the services they can provide.

In March we received the new "Jubilee" notice board, funded from money raised by the Jubilee Committee. This allows more information to be displayed and, together with facilities provided by the village shop, has improved communications greatly.

4. Liaison with police and council authorities:

During the year we had several serious cases of anti-social behaviour reported to us, which necessitated working closely with the police and representatives from SKDC. The meetings resulted in satisfactory resolution of the problems and an improvement in working relationships with the police. The Parish Council is now on line to the Lincs Alert system which gives early notice of criminal activity in this area.

5. Rippingale News and Website

We continue to make extensive use of the Rippingale News as our main communication with the village, and we are eternally grateful to Mary Morgan's patience in dealing with our last minute contributions. We are similarly grateful to John Warman for his efforts to keep our part of the village website up to date.

6. Accounting System:

We purchased a computer accounting system specifically designed for Parish Councils. It has worked well during the year but has created some minor problems in producing the Annual Statement of Account which we will need to resolve prior to inspection by the auditors.

Other areas of activity, including those which are the responsibility of individual Councillors, are reported as follows:-

1. **Grass and Hedge Cutting:** Grass and hedge cutting has been delayed due the bad weather over the past 12 months, but progress is now being made.
2. **Allotments Group:** There is now a waiting list for allotments. The Parish Council has issued the required 12 months notice to its tenant to release a further strip of land to meet the demand. The Council has also inspected the dykes and is proposing work on them to ease the flooding problems on the allotments.
3. **Playing Field:** The container is now in its final position and work is in hand to organise the interior to allow for greater flexibility in use. Work on refurbishing the changing rooms has been completed, and the problems with the use of the tennis courts seem to have been resolved.
The Rippingale football team formed last season has decided not to continue into the new season. This follows problems with the pitch being unusable for long periods. The Parish Council has budgeted for improvements to the drainage in the current year.
4. **Planning applications:**
Councillors have dealt with 10 applications during the year and no objections were raised.
5. **Rippingale Surgery:**
Regretfully, after over 3 years of fighting, the surgery closed on 31 March. Our final appeal to the Ombudsman was rejected, and we have to accept defeat. However, the free taxi service for patients to Billingborough is now in operation, and regular reviews of its activities will take place. Our first meeting will take place on 22 May at the New Springwells Practice. I have also volunteered to sit on the Patients Panel at the New Springwells Practice, to look after the interests of Rippingale patients.
6. **War Memorial:**
After many hours of detailed work by Councillor Latham his application for a grant for repairs to the memorial was turned down on a technicality. This means that he has to start again, and we are concerned that the delay will mean another winter without proper protection for the memorial.
7. **Flood Protection:**
Flooding problems, particularly on the Dovecote, have taken up a great deal of Councillor Flatters' time. We have received cooperation from LCC and work is progressing to solve most of the problems. Local farmers have conducted dyke clearing operations which have eased the problem, and we are grateful for the assistance received from local residents at the height of the flooding problems.
8. **Jubilee Celebrations;**
In spite of the weather the jubilee celebrations were a great success, and we are delighted that a committee has been formed to bring back Rippingale Feast in July. The committee is working very hard to ensure its success. The Parish Council extends its gratitude for the work of the committee.

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council and we are grateful for the support we have received from various villagers, particularly those who have had the patience to sit through our meetings. We have tried to listen to what people expect of the Council, and we hope that we have met those expectations.

I must make a personal "thank you" to all the Councillors for their excellent attendance at meetings and their efforts throughout the year. However, I must give particular thanks to our Clerk, Sheila Scholes, without whose extremely hard work much of what we have achieved would not be possible.

I conclude by extending my personal thanks to Councillor Stan Stewart for his service on the Council and for his work for the village over the past 2 years, and I wish him, and Sylvia, all the very best for the future in their new environment."

J.M. Hallas, Chairman, Rippingale Parish Council.

NEW SPRINGWELLS SURGERY:

Patients are encouraged to make use of the **FREE MEDICINES DELIVERY SERVICE**, available to **ALL** registered Rippingale patients. There are various ways to order medicines – including a secure "Drop Box" in the Village Shop – and regular home deliveries. You will need to register with the Surgery before using this facility.

FORGED £20 NOTES IN CIRCULATION.

LincsAlert reported (10th May) of forged £20 notes in circulation in the Bourne area. Notes carry the serial number **AH03258333**. Any information on this fraud should be reported to Lincs. Police on telephone number 101.

Date of Next Meetings:

Open Office 5th July, 10.00 – 12.00noon, The Bull Inn.

Parish Council Meeting 11th July, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.

VILLAGE WALKS

Thursday 20th June @ 7.00pm. Meet at Morton Church. For further information ring 07768632189.

CHEEKY MONKEYS' PARENT AND TODDLERS

We will be holding a Table Top Sale in Rippingale Village Hall on Saturday 8th June 1pm – 5pm. Stalls are £5 each. Please contact Julie on 440059. We are also having a Raffle and will be very grateful for any prizes. Thank you. *Julie Maxfield.*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12th June @ 7.00pm, when the Club will continue the season of visits. This month we will be visiting Casey Horton's garden at Heggy's Cottage, 23 Hall Road, Hacconby, Bourne PE10 0UY, where the Club members will be assured of a warm welcome.
Elizabeth Forman

ALLOTMENTS

If you are interested in "Growing your own" Fruit and Veg and haven't, as yet, put your name down on the Allotments' Waiting List, then please contact me to do so ASAP. We should be getting an extra strip of land at the end of the year and Plots will be limited, so you need to get your name on the list if you are interested or you may find you are too late! These will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so make sure your name is down if you would like one. Plots will be of various sizes, both large and small, depending on demand. *Angela Adams, Allotments Secretary*

RIPPINGALE CRAFT FAIR

Rippingale presents its first Annual Craft Fair on Sunday 23rd June from 1.00pm to 4.00pm in Rippingale Village Hall. Admission is free. There will be light refreshments available and a Raffle made up of quality handcrafted items. Come along, browse the range of things for sale from jewellery, bags, bears, stained glass ornaments etc. Bag a unique purchase and relax with a cup of tea and cake. What better way to spend a Summer afternoon. Calling all local Crafters, if you craft at home and would like to book a table for selling your items, at £5 per table, please contact Doreen Hilton. [Setting up from 12 noon]
Happy Crafting. *Doreen Hilton*

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

After the last delivery it looks as if Chandlers have got their pencil sharpeners out again:

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

Chandlers ROC	54.79	500+ litres	Delivered	30 April 2013
Chandlers [Web]	58.45	2000	Quote	"
Boiler Juice	55.31	1000	"	"
Fuel Fighter	56.95	1000	"	"
Home Fuels Direct	58.62	1000	"	"
Direct Oil	55.70	1000	"	"
Value Oils	64.10	1000	"	"

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

MISSING – Perry the Cat Tabby with four white socks and a white bib, pink and white nose. He lives at 1a Middle St and is often seen in the churchyard. He doesn't wear a collar but is microchipped. Kirsty & Ivor
Please help if you can!

MOONWALK 2013 *From Bev Francis*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village who sponsored my taking part in this year's Moonwalk. For those who are not aware of what this involves, it is a 26.2 miles walk and walk only through the streets of London during the night, in aid of Breast Cancer. This event has been going now for 16 years and there were around 18,000 people walking, either the full marathon or half-marathon, known as "half-moon". We started at Battersea Park and our group left at midnight to do the full marathon. The weather was unkind. As we arrived, the heavens opened but, thankfully, stopped by the time we started to walk. I'm pleased to say we crossed the finishing line at 7.57am in bright sunshine, somewhat tired, but, thankfully, no blisters!

I, personally, have raised over £500 and it looks like the three teams which involved 15 people, have raised over £6,000 for this worthy cause. Thank you all for your sponsor money and great texts on the night to keep me going. *Bev Francis, Pinfold Close*

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

You will have read in the Parish Council news that Cllr Stan Stuart and Sylvia are moving away. Sylvia has been delivering the Newsletter in Pinfold Close for over 6 years – whatever the weather! There are 21 properties in Pinfold Close this, of course, excludes my own address and that of my immediate neighbours [ie Nos. 16 and 20]. I'm therefore looking for a volunteer to deliver the Newsletter in Pinfold Close each month. The Newsletters are delivered to the Distributor in plenty of time for them to be delivered by the first Sunday in the month. I look forward to hearing from you and, personally, wish Stan and Sylvia a successful and "smooth" move to their native Scotland. *Mary Morgan, Rippingale Newsletter Editor.*

AND FINALLY:

A gang of Teddy Bears got a job as labourers on a building site. They started work on the Monday and everything went well. The next day they turned up for work in the morning and worked until lunch time, when they "knocked-off" for lunch. After lunch they went to start work again and found all their pick axes had disappeared, so the leader of the gang of Teddies went to the Foreman and told him what had happened. The Foreman thought for a minute and said, "*What day is it today?*", The leader of the Teddies said, "*Tuesday*". The Foreman said, "*I know what's happened*". "*What's that?*" said the Teddy. The Foreman replied, "*Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picks nicked!*"



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Items for the Group Magazine ASAP
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