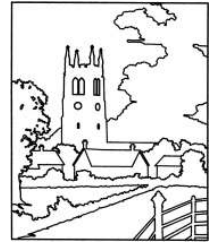


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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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SUN	6 th	BCP Sung Eucharist	6.00pm
	13 th	Sung Eucharist	9.15am
	20 th	Group Memorial Service	6.00pm
	27 th	BCP Evensong	6.00pm

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

COFFEE MORNINGS Our Coffee Mornings on the first Tuesday of the month continue to be successful, raising much needed funds for the church. DO come and join us for coffee, cake and good conversation. The next one is on 1st October @ 10.30am in the church. Also, a special thank you to Sheila Scholes for organising the chairs that now reside in the church and which are being well utilised. *Pam Baylis, Churchwarden.*

200 CLUB

By the time you receive this Newsletter, hopefully, all current members of the 200 Club will have been asked to renew their Subscription of £13 for the year 2013/14. We already have some vacancies owing to people moving away etc. Anyone interested in joining for the first time, or current members wishing to have more numbers, please contact the church Secretary, Mary Morgan [details above]. The September Draw will take place after the PCC meeting on Wednesday 9th October.

WANTED – “Newshound”

In past years the Rippingdale Village Website was the “home page” for many villagers as they knew that they would always find out what was happening in the village by going to the “What’s On/Events” diary, or just looking at the “ticker”. Sadly this is no longer the case as the news often does not reach the website until the last moment, or not at all. SO, Rippingdale is in need of a “Newshound” to hunt down all the planned events that happen around the village, as well as the reports and write-ups of the meetings and outings etc. after they have happened, so that they can appear on the village website and in the Rippingdale Newsletter as well as the local press. The post could be covered by more than one volunteer and would be well suited to a youngster who would like a bit of journalistic experience, as well as anyone – young or old – with some time to spare who would like to do something for the village. If you think that you could help, please E-mail newshoud@RippingdaleVillage.co.uk, or call John Warman, Jim Latham or Sheila Scholes for more information OR visit RippingdaleVillage.co.uk and follow the links.

VILLAGE WALKS

The next Village Walk will be on Sunday 20th October @ 10.15am. Meet at Osbournby Church. For further information ring 077 686 32189.

VILLAGE HALL – CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 17th November, 1.00pm – 4.00pm. More information in the November Newsletter. If you would like to book a table at a cost of £5.00, please call Angela on 440121.

Free Taxi Service to Billingborough Surgery

Councillors Hallas and King, and Mr Derek Diess (representing RPC) attended a meeting with NHS Lincolnshire and the New Springwells Practice to review the working of the taxi service to the Billingborough surgery. The NHS Lincolnshire representative expressed concern at the low usage of the service and suggested that he would need to consider a reduction in its frequency. R.P.C. objected strongly to this suggestion on the basis that the scheme had run for only 5 months through the summer, and stated that no changes should be made until the winter months had been assessed. However, it was agreed that some refinements are needed to improve the service and make it more accessible to the less mobile patients.

R.P.C. objected to the Hospital Car Service being used as an alternative to the taxi service. Councillor Hallas outlined three possible future options for the operation of the service and asked NHS Lincolnshire to evaluate each and report back in 1 month's time.

In the meantime it is essential that patients eligible to use the service inform RPC of their views about it and any problems encountered, by contacting Mike Hallas or Derek Diess.

War Memorial

A further Grant Application is to be made to the Lottery Heritage Fund towards repairs, and the Parish Council is greatly impressed by the village's rapid response in helping raise funds towards the restoration project. Not all parts of the work are covered by LHF grant aid and thanks to date must go to Rippingale & District Gardening Club and the Organisers of Rippingale Table Top Sale for their donations. These monies are to be used exclusively in the War Memorial restoration work.

As part of the Grant Application process, Jim Latham would be very grateful to learn of any relevant photos, memorabilia, documents – and memories - that could be useful in his research. In particular, more background or family information about the young Rippingale soldiers commemorated on the Memorial would be welcomed. Thanks to the P.C.C., Rosetta Atkinson, Pat Cottam and Eva Patrick for their help so far.

There will be a display of Rippingale information gathered as part of the Remembrance Service in the Church on 10th November.

**** Something for Local Organisation Secretaries Programmes 2014?**

Jim Latham will be pleased to give an informal talk to local groups on how the Great War and subsequent conflicts have affected our community.

Jubilee Playing Field

The Parish Council wants to take forward the work begun by Cllr Stan Stewart of looking at the amenities and best use of the Playing Field. With this in mind a Steering Group – comprising Councillors and non-Council members is being formed to look at how the Jubilee Playing Field can be improved and managed. In 2009 residents completed a questionnaire as to how the JPF should be used, and this will be a useful starting point for the Steering Group. Residents will be consulted throughout the project, and kept informed of the Group's progress. If you have any Early Days thoughts/views on this matter please contact the Clerk clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk / 01778 440200.

Allotments

The Parish Council is meeting with Row Gardens Allotment Association Officers to re-examine the whole of the current relationship with RGAG and produce ideas for revised agreements and working arrangements. These **could** include the following:-

- The RGAG to become an Allotments Management Committee (AMC) to operate in a similar way as the Village Hall Management Committee in the village.
- The AMC would be responsible for the management and administration of all matters relating to the allotments, including collection of rents, and the terms of the tenancy agreements.
- The AMC would enter into a Tenancy Agreement for the whole of the land currently occupied by their tenants and would be charged an annual rental based on the total of the allotments area occupied by them. Such an agreement would stipulate the conditions under which the allotment land could be sub-let and managed. The Parish Council would retain the right to inspect the land to ensure compliance with the agreement.
- The land currently leased to Sean Charlton and the related agreements would remain the responsibility of the Parish Council, as would negotiations for release of additional allotment land.

It has to be stressed that these are just basic ideas and before moving to the next stage they need detailed consideration by the Parish Council and RGAG. Both the Parish Council and RGAG members have agreed that further discussion on this proposal should be held by Councillors and RGAG Officers – who will report back to their respective organisations for approval of any proposed action. Both organisations are keen to work to a mutually satisfactory agreement.

Anti- Social Behaviour (Motor Bike) & Police Matters.

The Council has received complaints regarding a motor bike in the village being driven in an anti-social manner, which has been passed on to the local police. The following LincsAlert report indicates the action the police have taken in a similar situation in Bourne and the Council is informed that the Rippingale situation is being monitored in a similar manner.

"...The Neighbourhood Policing Team ... have seized a motor bike from a driver using it in an anti-social manner – and also issued a warning to another moped rider.

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Door to Door Sellers " ... numerous calls received regarding people selling door to door in the Morton & Billingborough area resulted in three males having their goods seized and being reported by the Police for selling door to door without a pedlars' licence "

This report was dated 10th September and since then there has been similar activity in the village. Again, the information has been passed on to the police. PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE & MAKE USE OF THE POLICE LincsAlert INFORMATION SHARING SCHEME – details on village website or from the Clerk (440200).

Litter Pick. Thanks to residents who turned out to Litter Pick on 7th September. Village support of this Annual Event is always appreciated, and it is encouraging that each year the amount of litter seems to get smaller. Bagged dog mess is still a problem however. Please don't fling it into a hedgerow: dispose of this in a black litter bin – or take it home.

The next Open Office session is 4th October, 10.00 – 12.00noon, The Bull and date of next Parish Council Meeting is 17th October, following Public Open Forum (7.30p.m.). All are welcome to attend.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>200 CLUB</u> Winners for September:	£20	Wilf Wand [37]	
	£10	Pam Woodcock [146]	Chris Wootton [174]
	£ 5	Phil Rippingale [123]	John Warman [40]
		Cynthia Hallas [86]	Sean Charlton [41]

The VHMC express their thanks to Mary Coddington for the kind donation to Village Hall Funds.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club met on Wednesday 11th September for the final meeting of the current programme and began with the AGM. The Chairman, Sharron White was able to report a highly successful year with officials and members working hard for the general ethos of the Club, which had enjoyed a wide range of knowledgeable speakers and excellent garden visits. The Treasurer, Margaret Ayres, gave her report with comment, confirming that the Club is also in good heart financially. The Secretary, Elizabeth Forman, congratulated Chris Bladon and all "Garden Openers" on another very successful Open Gardens Weekend. Thanks went, also, to Janice Diess and her willing team who provide refreshments for every meeting and work hard for Open Gardens. Thanks went also to Joan Curtis, ably assisted by Cliff Curtis, who run the raffle with consummate skill. The meeting was followed by a talk on "Late Summer Perennials" given by Gerald Sinclair from the Nursery Further-Afield, Mixbury Oxfordshire, which developed into an amusing and entertaining talk with excellent advice given to achieve the stunning borders evidenced in his slide presentation. The talk was enjoyed by a good attendance of current and new members. The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when the new season of talks begins with Joe Whitehead speaking on "Over the Garden Wall" – with reference to his current restoration project at Blatherwycke Walled Garden. New members are always given a warm welcome.
Elizabeth Forman, Secretary

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the September meeting an old fashioned evening of a "Beetle Drive" was quickly arranged due to the booked Speaker not arriving. Much noise and laughter was created followed by eats and drinks. A trip to "Behind the Scenes" at The Royal Opera House has been organised for the beginning of October. The Speaker for the October meeting will be Dorothy Wood, a mature student in Garden Design. Her topic will be "From Bus Pass to Student Card". For further information, contact Rebecca Main.

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

Chandlers E-mail out to subscribing customers, the delivery price a day or so before the start of the group deliveries and the oil price comparisons are usually posted on the village website the same day, sometimes within minutes of them being sent [but not guaranteed as **JW** does go out sometimes!]. Members who have placed an order with Chandlers can cancel and order with a cheaper supplier if they wish, providing they contact Chandlers straight away, so do go on-line and check before your next delivery.

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

Chandlers ROC	58.10	500+ litres	Delivered	3 Sept 2013
Chandlers [Web]	60.90	2000	Quote	"
Boiler Juice	58.90	1000	"	"
Fuel Fighter	58.14	"	"	"
Home Fuels Direct	59.91	"	"	"
Direct Oil	58.90	"	"	"
Value Oils	64.60	"	"	"

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

Useful Telephone numbers:

Chandlers Oil	0845 20 20 10
Boiler Juice	0800 321 3275
Fuel Fighter	On-line only
Home Fuels Direct	01642 700 725
Direct Oil	01666 511 245
Value Oils	09058 890 100

AND FINALLY

An elderly Nun, who was living in a Convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways. She decided she would take her lunch and sit with them, so she put her sandwich in a brown paper bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating. Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and asked, "*Any of you men know Jesus Christ?*" They shook their heads and looked each other, very confused. Then one of the workmen looks up into the scaffolding and yelled out, "*Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?*" One of the steelworkers yelled back down, "*Why?*" The worker yelled back, "*cause his mum's here with his lunch.*"



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