

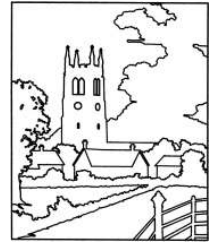


RIPPINGDALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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SUN	1 st	St Andrew/Advent Service	6.00pm
	8 th	Sung Eucharist Christingle	9.15am 5.00pm
	15 th	NO SERVICE [Check Notice Board for other Services in the Group]	
	22 nd	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols	6.00pm
TUES	24 th	MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30pm

JANUARY

SUN	5 th	Sung Eucharist [BCP]	6.00pm
	12 th	GROUP PLOUGH SUNDAY	10.30am

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

Services:

The following Services are especially suitable for children who are always welcome at any of our Services.

Sunday 8th December – Christingle @ 5.00pm and
Sunday 22nd December – Carol Service @ 6.00pm

Coffee Mornings:

Our Coffee Mornings on the first Tuesday of the month continue to be successful, raising much needed funds for the church. The November one raised £48. Do come and join us for Coffee, Tea Cake and good conversation. The next one is on Tuesday 3rd December @ 10.30am, with a Christmas theme. The January Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday 7th January @ 10.30am.

Remembrance Service/Act of Remembrance:

On a beautiful crisp morning, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the 1st Pointon Baden-Powell Scout Group mustered at the Village Hall and, led by Steve Warcup the Group Scoutmaster, marched to the church with the Piper. Canon Brian Osborne officiated at the Service and blessed the Standards presented by the Group. Two minutes silence was observed at the War Memorial and the appropriate words spoken by Gordon Ball. Sue Atkinson read out the names of the fallen from both World Wars. Mike Hallas, Chairman of the Parish Council laid the Wreath on behalf of the Village. After the Service, refreshments were provided by Cynthia Hallas and her team, on behalf of the Parish Council. A very sincere thank you to everyone involved, especially John MacMillan and Neil Morgan who sponsored the Piper. Pam Baylis, Churchwarden

<u>200 CLUB</u>	Winners:	September	£20	Mrs B Thompson [27]	
			£10	Mrs L Wisker [57]	Mrs Lorna Webb [186]
			£ 5	Mrs Pam Baylis [166]	Mr Eric Jessop [164]
				Mrs D Morgan [11]	Mrs J Gibbons [32]
		October	£20	Mr S Hall [183]	
			£10	Mrs M Jessop [34]	Mr Davey [118]
			£ 5	Mr/Mrs I Jones [158]	Mrs I Dobson [86]
				Mr T Floyd [14]	Mrs C Bladon [63]

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT – 200 CLUB IS NOW FULL

Annual Good Wishes & Thank You's ...

The Chairman and all Councillors send every good wish for a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2014 to all residents. This is the Council's annual opportunity to thank Mary Morgan and her team of volunteers for providing – without fail - this monthly Newsletter. The Newsletter plays an important part of the Council's communication with parishioners. The efficient and willing manner in which this publication is produced, edited and delivered to every home in the village is greatly appreciated.

In the area of communications, thanks are also due to John Warman and his assistant Diane Powell . John and Diane not only maintain and update the Rippingale website, but are always looking out for ways to enhance and improve www.rippingalevillage.co.uk.

Finally, thanks to our Car Service volunteer drivers/escorts. They provide not only transport for residents attending hospital appointments, but also support and companionship for users. The Parish Council is rightly proud of Rippingale's HCS service.

Free Taxi Service to Billingborough Surgery:

The future of the free taxi service to Billingborough is in doubt due to lack of use by patients. The service has already been cut, arbitrarily, to two days per week by the NHS, and is likely to be cut further or, indeed altogether, unless it is used more frequently. The Parish Council is fighting vigorously to maintain this valuable service, and to improve the way in which it is operated. However, to succeed we need your maximum support.

It has come to our notice that some approved patients are choosing to use the Hospital Car Service for appointments at Billingborough surgery, instead of the free taxi service. This has been a major factor in the reduction of the frequency of the taxi service. It has to be stressed that the Hospital Car Service is approved for hospital visits only and must not be used for surgery appointments. Patients wishing to make appointments at times outside those provided via the free taxi service must make their own transport arrangements. Patients who, for medical reasons, cannot use the taxi service should request home visits by a doctor or nurse as appropriate.

In the meantime we will continue to negotiate for improved appointment times and pick-up arrangements for the taxi service. **We must stress that the taxi service is for the benefit of Rippingale patients who have no access to transport facilities – and we must not lose it!!**

LincsAlerts Information from Lincolnshire County Council, working in partnership with Lincolnshire Police.

FIRST CONTACT

First Contact aims to help older people get the support they need to stay safe and independent in their own home through just one point of contact. The service is available for anyone aged 60 and living in Lincolnshire.

By completing a simple First Contact check list, people can get help and advice on a range of issues such as money and benefits, home and fire safety, housing, social care, preventing falls, healthy lifestyles, local clubs and activity groups, caring for friends or relatives, energy efficiency, domestic help, transport and volunteering.

Checklists can be completed with a trained member of staff such as a Police Officer or PCSO, on the phone, or online. Customers indicate on the checklist what information and advice they want. First Contact then asks the appropriate organisation to contact the customer with information and advice within 28 days. We work with a wide range of trusted professionals from local public and voluntary services. For general enquiries, to complete a checklist over the phone, or to order copies of the First Contact checklist, contact 01522 782171, email firstcontact@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Recent Lincs Police Alerts included:- “During the afternoon of 23rd October two sheep have been injured while in a field in Doctors Lane, **Rippingale**. It is suspected that this relates to a dog attack as a large, muddy, black/purple REPELZ-IT dog coat, which was still fastened by the buckle/clip, was located in the field amongst the sheep.

... If anyone has witnessed this alleged attack which has left two sheep with possible life threatening injuries, or recognises the description of the dog coat, please call 101, quoting 241 23/10/13.”

“CALLCONNECT UNWRAPS “SANTA SUNDAYS’ SCHEME”

For the first time ever, the demand-responsive service will be operating each Sunday in December. For four Sundays (starting December 1, 2013) CallConnect passengers can travel to festive events throughout the area, do their Christmas shopping or see friends and family members in the run-up to the big day.

The ‘Santa Sundays’ initiative will bring a further seasonal boost to the service which recently announced that calls and emails to its Booking Centre had risen by nearly 2,000 per month compared to last year.

CallConnect is a vital service to our rural communities and market towns. After more than ten years of rising passenger numbers and national acclaim, CallConnect is always on the lookout for new ways to help customers meet their travel needs, especially in rural or remote communities throughout Lincolnshire.”

SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 9.30a.m. – 5.30p.m.

CALL 0845 234 3344 for further details.

The Sunday service will operate from 23rd November.

Reports of the Precept and Parish Council Meetings (21st and 28th November) will be carried over to the January 2014 Newsletter. The next Open Office session is 20th December 10.00 – 12.00noon, The Bull and date of next Parish Council Meeting is 2nd January, 2014, following Public Open Forum (7.30p.m.). All are welcome to attend.

RIPPINGALE FEAST 2014

All activities and business connected with the 2013 Rippingale Feast have now been concluded. From feedback received, we can safely say that the event was a great success and there has been great encouragement for the tradition to be continued.

The Rippingale Rose Queen, Neave Warcup, has been kept busy attending a host of village functions – many thanks go to the organisations who have welcomed her to their events.

In financial terms The Feast accounts for 2013 closed with a balance of £1,401.82. This is to be carried forward to assist in the running of Feast 2014. There has been a full meeting held and a draft Constitution approved – this puts the organisation on a more formal, official footing.

Feast 2014 is to be extended to cover two days –**Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July.**

Saturday’s events are to be a car boot sale on the playing field, with a Feast Ceilidh in the evening, followed by the main Feast day on the Sunday with more attractions. As before, the Feast is to conclude with a special service in our parish Church.

A lot of thought was put into the suggestion that there should be a beer tent at the Feast. The conclusion was that we would not make that provision as the village already has a very successful annual beer festival which the Feast should not encroach upon. Also, the Feast has the potential to become the major family event for the village – we want to build upon the “family picnic” aspect of the Feast where people are welcome to bring beer, wine etc to help their afternoon along.

Once Christmas has passed, arrangements will proceed with a vengeance but we have already “streamlined” events leading up to the grand weekend.

The first event was a sell-out concert with Flossie Malaviale “entertainer extraordinaire!”

Other events planned include a single “**Winter Warmer**” **quiz night on Sunday 19 January**, a dance with New Faces winners “Son of a Gun”, a pre Feast **car boot sale on 6 April**, a Thomas Hardy concert with readings in St Andrews Church and a Barbecue & **Late Night Ghost Walk on Friday 4 July.**

All in all, things are looking good for 2014. We’ll keep you posted through all the usual channels but, for the present, mark on your kitchen calendar for 19 & 20 July.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST ...

THERE ARE A FEW “**RIPPINGALE**” **Tee-shirts** left which would make good Christmas presents (and cheap to send through the post!).

These are reduced from £6.50 to just **£5.00** each – available from either Judith or me (440444).

VILLAGE WALKS

The next one will be on Sunday 15th December @ 10.15am. Meet at The Ship Inn at Pointon. Val and Nigel have kindly agreed to lead this walk.

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

Fuel Delivery Comparison Prices – Chandlers Delivery 6 November 2013

Chandlers ROC	54.80	500+ litres	Delivered	6 November 2013
Chandlers [Web]	56.40	2000	Quote	"
Boiler Juice	54.98	1000	"	"
Fuel Fighter	54.65	"	"	"
HomeFuels Direct	56.79	"	"	"
Direct Oil	55.85	"	"	"
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
HomeFuels Direct	01642 700 725
Direct Oil	01666 511 245
Value Oils	09058 890 100

HOMEFUELS DIRECT STEP INTO THE BREACH

Most of the village will know by now that Chandlers have reneged on their agreement to make more deliveries over the Winter months. They are, in fact, doing just the opposite and are not doing a Consortium delivery in December this year, or in December 2014. In spite of a number of E-mail exchanges, Chandlers refused to honour the agreement made by David Hindmarch in early 2011. This, of course, left many members who could not take delivery in November high and dry for December. The good news is that HomeFuels Direct are happy to fill the gap, giving similar conditions and service to that of Chandlers. **At the same time, this gives Rippingale a second string to its bow for all future deliveries.** By the time you read this, orders will have been taken for December deliveries. However, if you need oil you may be able to tag on to the Consortium shirt-tails if you are quick. All of the Rippingale Oil Consortium members have been contacted, either by E-mail or in writing, and to date [14th November] more than a third have had their names added to the HomeFuels Direct contact list, most needing a delivery in December. *[If you are a member and have not received the notifications, please check your "spam" and or contact John Warman Tel: 440139, E-mail ROC@RippingaleVillage.co.uk]*

ROC – Add your name to both Chandlers AND HomeFuels Direct

As you have read above, the Rippingale Oil Consortium now has a second supplier under its wing. This means that from now on we have proper competition for our oil supply which will ensure a better price and service. We will be monitoring HomeFuels Direct deliveries in the same way we monitor Chandlers. Many members are reluctant to leave Chandlers, after all we have been with them for some 12 years, and up to about three or four years ago we got good service and prices. However, there is no need to leave Chandlers to add your name to the HomeFuels Direct contact list. In fact we all need to be on both lists to maximise the competition. If you are a member and have yet to give permission for your details to be passed to HomeFuels Direct, we would suggest that you contact John Warman at your earliest convenience. Tel: 440139 or E-mail ROC@RippingaleVillage.co.uk If you are not a member of the Rippingale Oil Consortium and would like to join and add your name to the HomeFuels Direct contact list, then please contact John Warman and we will add you to our ranks.

A MESSAGE FROM ROSETTA ATKINSON

I would to thank all who made enquiries and sent cards during my 8 weeks in Grantham Hospital. Everybody was most caring and kind. I cannot praise Grantham Hospital enough, the Doctors and the Nurses were superb. *Rosetta*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club was delighted to welcome Linda Smith on 13th November, co-proprietor with her husband Phil, of Waterside Nursery, Shamford, Leicestershire, a family run business which specialises in pond plants and plants for moist gardens. They were exhibitors and Gold Medal winners in 2013 at Chelsea, NEC Gardeners World and Tatton. Linda gave a very measured and informative talk on how, after determining aims for a pond, the procedure for selecting a suitable site. She went on to describe the ground work necessary and type of liner in preparation for planting. Her power point presentation showed an amazing range of plants differing in colour, form and texture to add to and enhance a garden, attracting wild life of great diversity. She was keen also to point out the correct oxygenating plants to employ and warned against thugs and banned species. The talk was well attended. The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th December in the Village Hall when Jackie Searl will give "A Personal View of Japanese Landscapes". The talk will be followed by Christmas Drinks and Canapés. *Elizabeth Forman*

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

The Pub Night Rippingale's Way at the November meeting was a friendly, relaxed event with music by the Norwegian Blues, singing many folk songs about Lincolnshire. A Quiz and games with Spritzers and nibbles added to the theme. Members brought food, stamps and bottle tops for the various charities. A request was made for knitters to make poppies for displaying in Rippingale Church at the Centenary of the First World War in 2014, then selling them later for The Poppy Appeal. Theatre trips, film shows and many other events have been arranged. On 5th December, magician Paul V will entertain during the Christmas party, also the Rose Queen. For further information please contact President Rebecca Main: E-mail rebeccamain1@yahoo.co.uk

RIPPINGALE SHOP

You will have noticed by now that the Village Shop re-opened on 19th October – and it's a revelation. The quality of the fruit and vegetables – on display in a unit which opens onto the street – and the meat are superb. Many prices are well under local supermarket levels, milk deliveries every day – which I know will please many people – wonderful, and bread so fresh it's still warm when delivered. A new waist high freezer cabinet has changed the interior look of the shop and holds some amazingly cheap ready meals and there are shelves of fresh ready-to-eat meals, as well and a cabinet of hot snacks. National and local newspapers will be there every day. Please, PLEASE, give it a try – I know you'll be pleasantly surprised by the changes – and we've said it before – the value of a Shop like this to our village is incalculable and if we don't use it! Well.....

FROM THE EDITOR

Once again a big THANK YOU to the Distributors of the Newsletter.

AND FINALLY

I wish you all a happy and enjoyable Christmas and good wishes for 2014.

Whilst celebrating this Christmas, just remember:

One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila FLOOR!



DEADLINE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2013

Items for the Group Magazine ASAP

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