

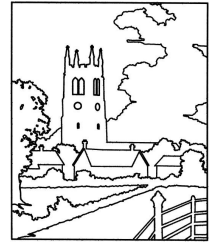


RIPPINGDALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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| SUN | 2 nd | BCP Eucharist | 6.00pm |
| | 9 th | Eucharist | 9.15am |
| | 16 th | NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S <i>[Check Notice Board opposite for other Services in the Group]</i> | |
| | 23 rd | BCP Evensong | 6.00pm |
| MARCH | 2nd | BCP Eucharist | 6.00pm |

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

CHRISTMAS 2013

First of all, a very sincere thank you to all the ladies who made our church look so beautiful for Christmas. The decorations and arrangements were truly spectacular. Once again, a magnificent tree, kindly given by Sean Charlton and collected by Brian Shields, graced the south aisle. A team of people, including Roy, Sue and Edith dressed it perfectly. Our Carol Service with lessons and carols on 22nd December was taken by the Ordinand, Les Batty. After the service, the congregation enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine to relax before the rigours of the festive season. The Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, conducted by The Revd Margaret Barton, attracted a good congregation, who celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. Our thanks to Les and Margaret.

Our Coffee mornings on the first Tuesday of the month continue to be successful, attracting many villagers who enjoy good conversation, with delicious cakes and biscuits. Once, again, many people were seen leaving the church with locally grown produce, cut the same morning. £72 was raised at the January Coffee morning. The next one will be on Tuesday 4th February 10.30am in the church.

Plough Sunday on 12th January was another memorable Group Service. With a vintage plough, loaned by Stephen Burt, inside the church and a modern tractor and plough, provided by Bert Atkinson, outside – the scene was set. The large congregation, assisted by the Morton Choir, were in good voice. The Revd Dr Lynda Pugh led the service, with Anthony Andrews and Les Batty participating. Refreshments were served – hearty soup, made by Sue Atkinson, and a "Ploughmans'" by Lorna Webb. I must also thank the PCC and the local community for their help and support – it was certainly a service to remember. Pam Baylis, Churchwarden

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| <u>200 CLUB</u> | Winners for January | £20 | Lisa Meakin [70] | |
| | | £10 | Sue Jervis [24] | Laurie Parncutt [22] |
| | | £ 5 | D Fuller [61] | A Wood [103] |
| | | | E Elliott [45] | A Burt [182] |
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VACANCY

St Andrew's Church has a vacancy for a Secretary. The current holder, after 15 years, has decided not to stand for re-election at the Annual Meeting in March. Out-of-pocket expenses will be covered. Ideally, anyone interested [male or female] should have access to a computer/word processor, preferably with Email facilities. Contact Mary Morgan in the first instance on 440897 or mary-morgan@sky.com for further information.

RIPPINGALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The January meeting of the Parish Council was postponed until 23rd, report to follow.

Billingham Surgery Transport: (Report from Cllr J.M. Hallas)

Unfortunately, lack of use of the free taxi service to Billingham surgery has resulted in a reduction of the service to Wednesdays only, and a stated intention by NHS England to cancel the service altogether from 1 April 2014. These decisions have been made with no consultation with the Parish Council and we have protested vigorously about the way in which the patients have been treated on this issue.

However, a recent approach to us by the Call Collect bus service may provide a solution, with the provision of a more flexible service designed to meet patients' needs. We have made initial approaches to NHS England about the use of this service, and we shall be entering into further discussions with the management of Call Collect and NHS England – watch this space!!

Dog Fouling

“.. I am disgusted to note the amount of (dog) excrement around the village on public footpaths, on verges in front of houses and on highway verges. You cannot walk anywhere around the village without coming across samples. The culprits appear to be owners of larger dogs (looking at the size of the excrement). ... From a resident who does use doggy bags and has a constant supply in her coat pockets....”

In response to this letter, the Parish Council is requesting more signs be supplied by the District Council; **HOWEVER** this will be of little use, unless dog owners/walkers comply with the Dog Control Orders in place. Anyone seen failing to clean up after their dog may be issued with a £75 fixed penalty which if not paid within 14 days results in prosecution with a maximum fine of £1000. Most people carry a phone with a camera – so if you see someone committing an offence, then take a photograph and pass it on to SKDC Waste & Contracts Team, customerservices@southkesteven.gov.uk (01476 40 60 80). The District Council takes this problem – which is antisocial and a risk to health – very seriously and asks for reports for investigation and action.

Once picked up, bagged dog waste should be placed in a black litter bin (or preferably taken home for disposal) and NOT left in the hedgerows/verges for our maintenance contractor to find. It is also worth mentioning that if someone is looking after your dog they should be told to clear up too – the law does NOT consider as a reasonable excuse:

- Ignorance of the law
- Forgetting to carry a bag
- Lack of 'No Fouling' signs.

(Editor's Note: On a similar subject – complaints have also been received about horses being ridden on the pavements – and the resulting mess left behind. As riders appreciate courtesy from car drivers, they in turn are asked to show courtesy to pedestrians!)

Lincs Alert – Lincolnshire Police.

Among notifications received are requests for information for local incidents:-

1. Theft heating oil (Dovecote, Rippingale) 12th January. Incident Ref. 195
2. Theft blue Nilfisk pressure washer (Graby) 17th December. Incident Ref. 142

The police ask that any information that may be helpful in their investigation be reported 0800 555111 or via Crimestoppers www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

3. Theft gas cylinders Morton Fen farm. White Iveco panel van Y543DDC involved. Be aware of this van and report sightings on Tel. 101, Incident 126, 14.01.14.

4. Mobile Phone Theft or Lost – Alert.

Every phone has a unique IMEI number which is how the phone can be identified to ensure it is disabled upon theft or loss. To find this number on any handset go to the dial screen, dial ***#06#** The IMEI number will be displayed on the screen.

This number can be registered on the Immobilise FREE website – the data base is accessed by all police forces when looking for stolen goods and also second hand property dealers such as Cash Converters and Mazumamobile. Follow the link to registered phone (and other) equipment:

www.immobilise.com

If the phone is recovered by ANY police force, second hand dealer or mobile phone seller, then the handset can be traced back to its rightful owner. When a phone is stolen during a crime there is a great chance of police recovering the handset and locating a suspect if the victim knows their IMEI number and it is registered on Immobilise.

Phone theft should always be reported to the local police (Telephone 101) so that they are aware of activity and crime patterns.

It's very pink and was found down the Fen! ...

It could be a child's pop-up tent which was blown away in the recent stormy weather after Christmas? If anyone wishes to claim it, please give the Clerk a call! (440200)

Sheila Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council, clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk; 440200

2014 Meeting Dates:

OPEN OFFICE – The Bull, 10.00 – 12.00, 7th March

PARISH COUNCIL – Village Hall, 7.30p.m., 13th March.

VILLAGE WALKS

Sunday 16th February 2014 @ 10.15am. Meet at the Village Green. Further information from Derek Diess on 440063. A Sausage & Mash Supper [or veggie option] Wednesday 26th February 7.00pm at The Bull Inn. Numbers are required so to confirm, please 'phone Mike Exton.

ALLOTMENTS

If you have ever thought of growing your own fruit and veg, then come and join us at the Rippingale Row Garden Allotments. We are a friendly bunch. All you need to do is contact me and I will put your name on the waiting list. Plots are limited, so don't leave it too long before putting your name down. Either telephone 440872 or email angela-adams@xln.co.uk.
Angela Adams

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

Rippingale WI now has a third generation member, when the President welcomed her daughter to the Group. Her Grandma is also a member. Members had a festive December meeting with the Rose Queen, Neave Warcup, distributing the Secret Santa gifts. We were truly entertained by Magician Paul V, who proved to be very funny whilst doing magic tricks. He also gave a brief history of magic and told us how a certain card trick is performed. This was followed by a delicious buffet supplied by the Committee. Members organised the January meeting, with a Soup Supper, followed by an eclectic mix of 60s and 70s music played by Chrissie and Gerry from Helpringham. We all enjoyed singing the final tune which was a jazzed-up arrangement of "Jerusalem". The next meeting, on 6th February, will be a "Cheesy Evening" with The Stamford Cheese Cellar. For further details contact Rebecca Main [President] On 440411 or rebeccamain1@yahoo.co.uk

HEARTFELT MESSAGE FROM JOYCE SIMM

Joyce and her family thank everyone for their cards and letters of condolence following the death of her beloved husband, Kenneth. They would also like to give special thanks to staff at The Willows Residential Home, who looked after Kenneth, and for the support she and her family received from them during and after his death.

AND FINALLY

Attending a Wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother,
"Why is the bride dressed in white?" He mother replied,
"Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life".
The child thought about this for a moment, then said,
"So why is the Groom wearing black?"



**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER
SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2014**

Items for the Group Magazine ASAP*
*** Deadline is Wednesday 12th February**

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