

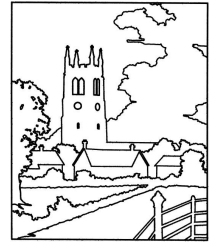


RIPPINGDALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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46a High Street, Morton, PE10 0NR
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SUN	1 st	BCP Sung Eucharist	6.00pm
	8 th	Sung Eucharist	9.15am
	15 th	NO SERVICE @ ST ANDREW'S <i>[Check Notice board in the High Street for other Services in the Group]</i>	
	22 nd	BCP Evensong	6.00pm
	29 th	LES BATTY's Ordination as Deacon at Lincoln Cathedral <i>Please pray for Les as he approaches this most important event in his life, and support him on the day at the Cathedral.</i>	10.30am
	29 th	GROUP SERVICE @ Kirkby Underwood	6.00pm

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

COFFEE MORNING

The next one is on Tuesday 3rd June @ 10.30am in the church.

<u>200 CLUB</u>	Winners for May:	£20	Mrs L Webb [186]	
		£10	Mrs M Jessop [189]	Mrs C Charlton [50]
		£ 5	Mrs D Gearing [193]	Mrs L Doncaster [5]
			Mr/Mrs M Hallas	Mr F Morgan [174]

THE GREENWOOD QUIRE

The Greenwood Quire is a large group of singers based at Aslackby. They sing and play choral items, including West Gallery pieces that were popular in the church of the 19th Century and earlier, some uniquely from music masters who travelled around the local area and brought compositions to villages nearby. Their performances usually include readings etc. from the Thomas Hardy era. The Greenwoods evoke an experience of the time: an agricultural community, un-mechanised and largely unchanged for hundreds of years, and the music helped to express the religious sentiments of farming people. They will be performing in St Andrew's Church at 8.00p.m. on Friday 27th June. The cost is £6.50, which includes a Glass of wine/juice and light refreshments. Everyone welcome.

VILLAGE WALKS

The next Village Walk will be the Feast Walk on Thursday 19th June @ 7.30pm, starting at the Village Green. This walk will be followed by a BBQ in someone's garden. Bring your own wine and glasses.

ALLOTMENTS

If you have ever thought of growing your own fruit and veg, then come and join us at the Rippingdale 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

Parish Council News:

Clerk: Sheila Scholes, 440200, clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

New Councillor:

Councillors welcomed Mrs. Lynne Hall who was Co-opted to serve on the Parish Council at its meeting on 15th May, following the resignation of Dr. Peter King (see Chairman's report below). Lynne has lived in Rippingale for most of her life, is a former W.I. Chairman and has served/is a member of several local organisations: the Village Hall Management Committee, Village Design Committee, former school P.T.A. and Rippingale Feast Committee. As her interests include exercise and walking - usually accompanied on her walks by her dogs (and clean up bags!) – Lynne will be an accessible member of the Council for residents to contact.

The Parish Council would also like to thank the unsuccessful candidate for this post for interest shown and hopes that this interest will be carried forward to stand for election or co-option again in the future.

South Kesteven Local Plan – Adoption of Site Allocation & Policies Development Plan Document.

The above Local Plan was adopted by SKDC on 17th April - a copy of the Adoption Statement is displayed on the Notice Board and gives details of Council Offices where the documents may be inspected by the Public. The Plan covers the whole of South Kesteven (apart from Grantham) and sets out site allocation for future housing and employment development, as well as detailed policies to guide development up to 2026.

Details are also to be found on SKDC website – www.southkesteven.gov.uk; 01476 406080 or planningpolicy@southkesteven.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS under consideration and results:

(1042/HSH) Single Storey Rear Extension, 13 Doctor's Lane, Rippingale (previously circulated) & Amended Description received 02.05.14. No objections raised, SKDC informed.

(0951/FULL) Amended version of previously approved scheme to regularise as built: Conversion of barns to form 2x dwellings, Farm Cottage, Fen Road, Rippingale, PE10 OTG. (In circulation)

(1313/HSH) Two Storey Rear Extension, 11 East Street, Rippingale, received 16.05.14.(In circulation).

Lincolnshire Energy Switching Scheme

SKDC have sent notice that the Energy Switch opportunity is being repeated – average savings of £167 per household on energy costs are possible. Householders need to register their details (from an existing bill you need current tariff and energy consumption details) on www.southkesteven.gov.uk/switch or (01529) 301990. Closing date to register is 9th June.

The information received says that everyone who pays for gas or electricity can register and potentially save money – whether they own or rent their home, are on dual fuel, electricity only or have a prepayment meter.

After 9th June energy companies are invited to bid for the combined business of all who have registered and the lowest tariff is then offered. Residents then have 4 weeks to confirm that they wish to switch supplier.

Theft of Lawnmower, Rippingale (Incident Ref 275 11/04/14).

Further to the recent theft in Rippingale, Lincs police suggest that lawnmowers be security marked "STOLEN FROM (Post Code) – (House Number). There is the offer of a PCSO attending to security mark your mower by contacting PCSO Sandra Brommell 07939 887 863.

Annual Parish Meeting: 8th May, 2014.

Unfortunately, the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting, due to illness. An extract from his report, read to the meeting by Cllr J. Latham, Vice-Chairman of the Council follows.

"Once again we have retained most of our elected Parish Councillors throughout the year providing us with an experienced and hard-working team. Bev Machin was co-opted to the Council early in the year and she has proved a valuable addition. More recently, regretfully, I accepted the resignation of Peter King who decided that it was time to retire. The Council has thus lost a highly valued member of the team, and his wise words are sadly missed. I can announce that Lynne Hall has been successful in her bid to be co-opted as the replacement for Peter King, and we look forward to benefiting from her local knowledge and experience.

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

- ensuring that the council works to a clear set of objectives;
- 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 various groups of residents;
- improving liaison with the police and council authorities;
- continuing to implement improved methods of communications with the villagers; and
- maintaining a timely, accurate and secure accounting system.

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

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: We have worked together to agree the overall aim of the Council and its supporting detailed objectives. These have been fully documented and will be laid before the Council for formal approval at the AGM on 15 May. Such objectives ensure that the Council clearly identifies its responsibilities and priorities.

2. TRAINING: Councillors have attended courses appropriate to their responsibilities and the Clerk to the Parish Council has continued her studies for the Certificate in Local Council Administration. Her studies have proved highly valuable to the Council in providing improvements to our systems and procedures. The studies involve a great deal of hard work and we are grateful to Sheila for her dedication.

3. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Attendance rates by all councillors have been excellent. The attendance register can be viewed on request to the Clerk to the Parish Council. We held formal meetings every 6 weeks, but decided, recently, to hold formal meetings every two months with working group meetings in the intervening months, as required. This has resulted in a further reduction in the work load and enabled formal meetings to be conducted more efficiently. The situation will be reviewed in 6 months time.

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. We are encouraged that other Councils are to adopt Rippingale's initiative in this area.

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

4.1 **Open Office:** We have continued to hold public surgeries to encourage members of the public to call and discuss issues of concern. Public interest has been sparse but we will continue with this facility. The Parish council wishes to thank Sue Atkinson for allowing us to use the premises – and for providing coffee!!

4.2 **Young and Old:** Regretfully we have made little progress in the involvement of the young people in the village. Revising the Rose Queen competition was a great success and this year's Rose Queen has proved a valuable asset to the village, taking part in many village events. We are still concerned that there are older people in the village who need some assistance but are still unwilling to use the services of Age Concern's "First Contact". We will continue to try to identify those in need of help.

4.3. **Village Shop:** The village shop had provided a welcome solution to our communication problems. Sadly, the shop has closed and it is not known if it will reopen in the near future.

4.4. **Rippingale News and Website** We continue to make extensive use of the Rippingale News as our main communication with the village, and the Clerk works in partnership with Mary Morgan's – to whom we are most grateful to produce the monthly newsletter. We are similarly grateful to John Warman for his efforts to keep our part of the village website up to date. The website is now used extensively and is a valuable aid to the Parish Council.

5. LIAISON WITH POLICE AND COUNCIL AUTHORITIES:

We have worked closely with the police throughout the year although we have been fortunate that the crime rate has been very low in the village, limited to a few minor incidents.

6. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM:

After some operational problems with the new accounting system, it is now running as it should and proving a valuable tool. We have appointed a new internal auditor who is experienced in council methods.

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

7.1. **Grass and Hedge Cutting:** The dry summer ensured that we were able to carry out a full programme of grass and hedge cutting.

- 7.2 **Allotments Group:** The Parish Council, in conjunction with members of the former allotment group's committee, prepared a draft lease agreement between the group and the Parish Council. There were some areas of concern when the draft was put to the allotment group membership, and we asked for proposals and further discussion. Several months have passed and we have received nothing from the group. We will be pressing for action as a matter of urgency.
- 7.3 **Playing Field:** Initial meetings of a group, which will form a playing field committee, have taken place, and we are awaiting proposals from them as to the purpose of the committee and its future actions.
- 7.4 **Planning applications:** Councillors have dealt with 4 applications during the year and no objections were raised.
- 7.5 **Surgery Transport:** After many hours of work and negotiation, the taxi service was introduced on 1 April 2013. However, due to lack of use, and after only a short trial period, it was gradually reduced and eventually withdrawn on 1 April this year. We again spent many hours in negotiations to try to retain the service but to no avail. We are now in the process of trying to develop a service in conjunction with Call Connect, but unfortunately progress is slow.
- 7.6 **War Memorial:** After a further 12 months we are no further forward in obtaining a grant for the repair of the memorial. We are concerned at its deterioration and are currently examining the need to use some of the reserve funds to at least start the main repairs.
- 7.7 **Annual Feast:** We were delighted to be able to support the revival of the Annual Feast, through the efforts of a group of villagers who formed a Feast Committee working with the Parish Council. The weather was kind to us and the Feast was a great success. Work on an even bigger event for this year is well advanced. We wish to thank Chris Petz, and his group, for their time and hard work in organising the event.

This has been yet another busy year for the Parish Council and we are grateful for the support we have received, from all quarters. 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 again give particular thanks to our Clerk, Sheila Scholes, without whose extremely hard work much of what we have achieved would not be possible." J.M. Hallas, Chairman, May, 2014.

Date of Next Meetings:

Open Office 4th July, 10.00 – 12.00noon, The Bull Inn.

Parish Council Meeting **PROVISIONAL 14th, JUNE -DATE & TIME TO BE CONFIRMED**

PLEASE CHECK NOTICE BOARDS/WEBSITE

RIPPINGALE FEAST 19TH/20TH JULY 2014 YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU !!!!!

The Village Feast is to be held on 19th July on the Playing Field and we have been asked to find volunteers to man or run side shows. DON'T PANIC !!! as we will provide the games, materials and prizes – all we need are some smiley faces and helping hands on the day. You can volunteer as an individual, a couple or as a family, but please, please help if you can. NOW here is the good news – we are aiming to have enough volunteers so that you don't have to man the stall all afternoon. Give us a ring on 440406 [Janet] or 440434 [Megan] for more details. *Feast Committee.*

WARTIME MEMORIES

You'll know by now that this year is the Centenary of the start of WW1 and that there'll be many National and local events commemorating the Anniversary on 4th August. We mustn't forget either the other important anniversary – Remembrance Sunday – commemorating the end of WW1 on 11th November 1918. Many memories of both World Wars will be shared during this period and the Feast Committee is considering two events which you might enjoy and find absolutely fascinating. The first is a Glen Miller Dance Night at the Village Hall on Saturday 9th November – more details on this later. The second will be an evening called "Not Forgotten", on Saturday 15th November in the Village Hall. Some of you may have already seen the exhibition about the 10 young men from Rippingale, killed in both World Wars, remembered on our Memorial and heard the talk by Jim Latham about their personal histories. Even more material has since come to light – three new names of local lads to be added to our Memorial, once we can get funding for its refurbishment

sorted out. Another name has also emerged – a Lancaster bomb-aimer who lived in Pinfold Close – another amazing story. There'll also be two extraordinary short documentary films about WW2 pilots, never seen before – you'll need a box of tissues to watch these. As part of this evening, Jim Latham is appealing for any material still held in the village – letters from the front lines, more photos of those who died or who survived, official records, medals and also any material which may give clues about the effects of both wars on our community. What was life really like in Rippingale during those awful times? What was the impact of losing so many young men? Anything which can be copied and preserved. Please contact Jim Latham if you have anything like that.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The meeting to be held on 11th June @ 7.00pm is a visit to the garden of Steve and Karen Bourne, Home Farm, Little Casterton Road, Rhyall, Stamford PE9 4HA. There is an admission charge for a Charity Donation of £3 per person.

RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI

At the May meeting Emma Richardson, a Specialist Nurse in Organ Donation from Lincolnshire Hospital Trust urged members to encourage their families and friends to make their wishes regarding organ donations known. Many donors' requests are not fulfilled due to families not being aware of these wishes. A lively question and answer session, with much discussion, ensued. After coffee, Christ West guided us through a hands on jewellery making session. We all wore our bracelets home! Many dates were booked, including Crime Scene Investigation at the Forensic Science Dept. Lincoln University, also Lunches and Strawberry Teas. At the June meeting, Patricia Rayners topic will be "The History of the Japanese Garden". For further details, please contact Rebecca Main [President] 440411 or E-mail rebeccamain1@yahoo.co.uk

WI CENTENARY BATON

President, Rebecca, invites everyone to welcome the WI Centenary Baton on the Village Green on Monday 9th June @ 11.00am as it carries on its journey around the country, in celebration of 100 years next year. Tickets can also be bought for a "Jazz, Strawberries and Fizz Afternoon" in Bourne Corn Exchange @ 2-4pm on the same day for a fantastic party and a chance to pass the Baton. Tickets are £3 – please contact Rebecca Main.

CAT CALLED "SMUDGE" MISSING SINCE THE END OF APRIL

A 7-year old, black and white, short haired female and is loved dearly. Came from an RSPCA Centre aged 12 weeks and has been a massive part of our little family ever since. She has a sister from the same litter, who is missing her and is now very clingy in her sister's absence. We are absolutely devastated and just want to find out what has happened to her, even if it bad news! If you have any information at all, please contact Danielle Benbow/Robert Fleckney at 24 High Street. Tel: 0771 7754 275.

RIPPINGALE OIL CONSORTIUM

Fuel Delivery Comparison Prices – in pence per litre EXCLUDING VAT.

Chandlers ROC	50.65	500+ litres	Delivered	10 May 2014
Chandlers [Web]	52.55	2000	Quote	"
Boiler Juice	50.24	1000	"	"
Fuel Fighter	50.00	1000	"	"
Home Fuels Direct	51.87	1000	"	"
Direct Oil	55.65	1000	"	"
Value Oils	64.60	1000	"	"

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

Useful telephone numbers:

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

RIPPINGALE-ALE BEER FESTIVAL

We have started to plan this year's Festival which will be held on Friday 29th August [1800-23.00], Saturday 30th [12.00-23.00] and Sunday 31st [12.00-16.00ish]. Following last year's successful Beer Festival, where we managed to raise a total of £1,700 for local good causes and charities:

£500 > L.I.V.E.S
£500 > Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance
£500 > Rippingale War Memorial refurbishment fund
£200 > St Andrew's Church, Rippingale.

As you are all aware, last year we had a particular problem with some mindless vandalism, which we have not experienced in the past. Therefore we are looking for additional help with the setting up of the event, such as putting up and taking down the tents, also sleeping over in the tents, guarding the beer! If you are interested in helping out, we are hosting a couple of "Meet and Greet" sessions on Thursday 12th June and 3rd July, at 19.30-20.30hrs at The Bull [Bar]. In order to establish a Friends of the Beerfest" Group. We would like you to come along and leave us your names and what support you are prepared to offer. We are primarily looking for support with the following activities:

Tents raising: Monday 25th August From 10.00am
Guard Beer Overnight 26/27/28/29/30 August
Tents down: Sunday 31st August From 4.00pm

Thanks for your anticipated support and help, helping us to continue to run the Annual Beer Festival. If you are unable to attend either of these "Meet & Greet" sessions, then you can always drop an E-mail to either Gail or Andrew Hyland at the following address: arhyl64@aol.com
Ripping-Ale Beer Festival Committee

BUNTING BABES

The Bunting Babes have made 550+ knitted poppies to date to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War 100 years ago. We have made some of them into wreaths and banners for the Church Cenotaph. Our intention was to make 400 and we have excelled ourselves – well done everyone! The poppies will be displayed at the Feast weekend and anyone who would like to buy one can do for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal funds. After the Feast, the wreaths and poppies will be displayed in the Church for all to see and enjoy. A big thank you to all the Babes and outsources who helped us get to our target. If anyone still has any poppies completed or nearing completion, please ring Judith Tyler for collection on 440129. The Bunting Babes have a new project in sight for the village and will be communicating shortly with our exciting ideas!

AND FINALLY:

A police recruit was asked during the exam. "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" "Call for backup". He replied

**DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER
SUNDAY 15th JUNE 2014
Items for the Group Magazine ASAP
Email me at:
mary-morgan@sky.com**