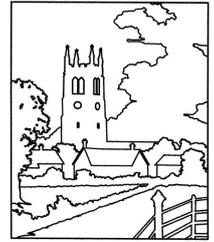




RIPPINGDALE NEWS

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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SUN	7 th] NO SERVICE @ ST ANDREW'S	
	14 th		<i>Check Notice board for other Services in the Group</i>
WED	17 th	Christingle	6.00pm
SUN	21 st	Carol Service	6.00pm
WED	24 th	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
SUN	28 th	NO SERVICE @ ST ANDREW'S	

JANUARY 2015

SUN	4 th	BCP Eucharist	6.00pm
	11 th	Eucharist	9.15am
	18 th	PLOUGH SUNDAY	10.30am

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

FROM PAM BAYLIS [Churchwarden]

Remembrance Sunday: A very sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to our memorable Sunday. In no particular order: Angela Martin, who has continued her mother's tradition of making beautiful arrangements. John MacMillan who arranged for the Piper and to John, Neil & Mary Morgan for the sponsoring. The Bunting Babes for their Knitted poppies. Steve Bond's poppy collection. Jim Latham's Exhibition. Marjke Harris for her organ music and lastly, but by no means least, Sue Atkinson and Gordon Ball for the readings at the War Memorial during the Act of Remembrance.

Coffee Mornings: These continue to be well supported. The next event will be on Tuesday 2nd December @ 10.30am in the church, and will continue next year on 6th January.

200 CLUB – Winners for November:

£20	Mrs A Gray [1]	
£10	Mrs S Atkinson [71]	Rev Dr L Pugh [159]
£ 5	Mrs J Tarrant [21]	Mr P Mylchreest [138]
	Master Billy MacLaren [162]	Mrs S Charlton [10]

GAS HEATERS FOR SALE

Rippingdale PCC have 4 Industrial type Gas Burners for Sale [Gemini Heaters with own trolley and stand]. This offer includes Gas bottles [49Kg which are ideal for workshop or garage heating etc.] Any sensible offers are encouraged and proceeds will go towards a new heating system for the church. First come will be first served. Please contact Jonathan Newell [Churchwarden] on 441211 or 07771 825 422.

RIPPINGDALE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club met on Wednesday 12th November to hear a talk given by Colin Ward of Swinesmeadow Nursery, Market Deeping. Colin had brought with him an amazing array of plants and, as usual, spoke with great authority, confident in his own knowledge. Colin considers himself, first and foremost, a plantsman. His criteria for judging a plant are through foliage, then form, and if it flowers it is a bonus. Specimens discussed were good garden favourites, hardy exotics and unusual and desirable plants, which you tend only to see in botanic gardens, and with which members were unfamiliar. The talk was enjoyed by all present and was well attended with both returning members and new ones. The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th December @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall, which takes the form of a "Gardens Question Time" when a panel of experts will be happy to answer questions posed to them. This will be followed by Christmas Drinks and Canapés. We welcome both current and new members on this our social evening. *Elizabeth Forman*



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: Clerk - Sheila Scholes, 440200; clerk@rpcouncil.co.uk

The Parish Council did not meet in November. Next year – May 2015 – is the date for four-yearly ‘ordinary’ elections, when all seats on the Council will be available. Existing councillors come to the end of their term of office and will need to apply again if they wish to continue to serve. Attracting more candidates than seats is true democracy.

The world of local councils is often confusing to, or misunderstood by those who are not involved on a regular basis, and Rippingale Parish Council hopes that it takes every opportunity to raise the Council’s profile and inform residents about what it is the Council actually does (or might do if it has sufficient funds in the bank).

There are formal processes to be followed because the Council is governed by law in the way it does things and spends money – but these rules are not to stifle enthusiasm and community initiatives. People – even serving councillors – sometimes remark that Parish Councils can do very little. This is not the case at all – Councils have a wide range of powers that can be used; too often the stumbling block is finance. However, a pro-active Council in a well-informed community can always make a good case for any precept increase, and even in these hard-pressed times, and there is grant funding available for those who actively pursue it.

Councillors are encouraging you to think about joining the Parish Council in May 2015. For those so inclined, the “Good Councillor’s Guide” is available on-line: http://www.nalc.gov.uk/Publications/Booklets_and_Resources.aspx (Or from the Clerk!).

With acknowledgements, and thanks to the executive of L.A.L.C. (Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils), below are some of the reasons given **NOT** to get involved. We much hope that Rippingale residents are of a different mind!

13 EXCUSES FOR NOT JOINING THE PARISH COUNCIL



1. “I’m too young.”
If you are eighteen (the age limit dropped from 21 to 18 way back in 2007) you are old enough (and see point 5 below.)
2. “What’s the point of just joining a talking shop, they don’t do anything.”
Have you ever been to a meeting? Basing your judgement on watching ‘The Vicar of Dibley’ is definitely not valid.
3. “I haven’t got any planning applications in at the moment.”
Putting in for planning permission has got nothing to do with sitting on the council, whatever may have happened years ago. In fact, if your own application is discussed by the council, you would have to follow the council’s Code of Conduct and national ethical standards, and the restrictions on participating in such circumstances.
4. “I’m too busy, and couldn’t commit to attending every single meeting.”
Meetings are rarely more frequent than one evening a month, and missing the occasional one is acceptable. Most meetings only take a couple of hours.
5. “I’m concentrating on finding a job or furthering my career.”
Being a local councillor is a definite plus point to add to a CV – it shows you can make decisions, work in a team, are community minded and proactive. Prospective employers will be impressed.
6. “I haven’t lived here very long and don’t know the area well.”
If you are a Commonwealth/EU citizen and have lived or worked in the parish for a year or already have your name on the electoral roll, you are eligible..... Your views as an ‘incomer’ should be welcomed, as you will probably see things more objectively.
7. “I’m worried that I won’t get many votes, and look silly.”
Even if you are not voted on this time, you may well be approached if a vacancy occurs in the

future and have to opportunity to be co-opted to the council.

8. "Our parish council is full of old fogeys."
Join up and change it then.
 9. "I'd look a fool because I won't know what's going on."
You will be eased in gently; there is help, advice and training available. The clerk is the officer of the council, and he or she will be able to explain the rules.
 10. "I'll have to sign that code of conduct thing that the press keep on about."
The code of conduct is nowhere near as onerous as made out in the press - and is there to protect you – i.e. the code stops situations like the planning one above.
 11. "I'll have to let everyone know all about my business and personal affairs."
The declaration of interest form completed at the outset asks you to list business interests within the parish area, to guard against bias when parish issues are debated. As for personal affairs, get real, everyone knows about those already!
 12. "I'm too lazy, and not interested in my community."
An excellent reason for not joining.
 13. "I prefer to let others do the work, and then criticize from the sidelines afterwards".
Also a valid reason for not joining, but do bear in mind, that expounding your views in the pub, rather than the council chamber, will not change a thing in your parish – and if you can't be bothered, does that mean it's fair game to criticize those who do make the effort?
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Planning Applications and Decisions:

1. (2711) Side, front & rear extensions, 12 High Street, Rippingale. No objections raised, SKDC advised accordingly.



The police have connected recent burglaries in the area with Door-to-Door Salesmen/Pedlars who were working locally a few months' previously. Please **contact the police (101) to report** unauthorised Doorstep Salesmen. Many are previously known to the police and the "scam" is that they are gathering information (empty property, easy access, etc) which is then sold on to other thieves. Similarly, there are those going from house to house trying to sign up householders as Charity donors. DON'T give your bank details to anyone; DO contact the police and/or Charity if you have any concerns.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND THANK YOU:

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity of sending good wishes to all in Rippingale for a happy and peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year. Thanks go all in the village who provide and support the many community events, services and amenities making Rippingale a welcoming and caring place to live. In particular, please join the Parish Council in thanking Mary Morgan and her volunteers and Bev Machin who ensure that this newsletter is delivered- without fail – to every house in the village. John Warman and his helpers Carol and Di are also thanked for their efforts in providing and maintaining website news and information.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Open Office	5 th December, 10.00 – 12.00noon, The Bull.
Full Council Meeting	11 th December, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.

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WAR MEMORIAL

You will have seen that the War Memorial was cleaned just in time for Remembrance Day – and how much better it looks. That was the first part of the planned refurbishment operation and cost £1,410. The next stage will be replacement of the worst damaged stonework – the "mantle shelf" ledge round the pedestal and two of the blocks below it. This will require further negotiation with English Heritage, Lincoln Diocese, The War Memorial Trust, SKDC and probably others. The report from the cleaning Contractor was very useful, revealing further problems, not least staining in the stonework left by moss and which is impossible to remove completely – though sunny weather may bleach it further! The worst of this is on the stonework to be replaced anyway, so less of a worry. The Contractor said we shouldn't attempt any further cleaning for

at least four years and that parts of the Memorial have suffered weathering, some parts worse than others – like the carved shields in the base.

So now we move on to the second stage – the damaged stonework replacement – and getting a Grant towards the cost. There seems to be no reason why we shouldn't win a Grant covering at least a proportion of the cost – so watch this space. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to place on record our gratitude for the support we have received from the village for this project, both verbal and financial. Individuals and village groups, including the Beer Festival organisers, and local Gardening Club, have made donations towards the ongoing cost of keeping the Memorial looking good and honouring our local lads who died in two World Wars. Thank you all – we should never forget these former Rippingdale men, nor that maintaining the Memorial will be a continuing cost. (Cllr Jim Latham)

BUNTING BABES

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made and sold the knitted poppies. We sold £267.00 worth in the village and also sold 220 from the Royal British Legion outlets – a total of £487. We also made three wreaths which were displayed in the church, and which will be displayed every Armistice Day to enhance the lovely wreaths already displayed. The Babes would like to especially thank Eric Jessop for entrepreneurial salesmanship. The Babes will not be meeting in December but will resume again on 26th January at 1.00pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, please call in and have a cup of coffee, tea, biscuits and a chat to help decide next year's projects. *Judith Tyler and Chris Bladon*

DO YOU RUN YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

Would you like the opportunity of reaching every household in our village? Our Newsletter could open these doors for you. With our recent new look Newsletter, from next year there could be opportunities to do just that. If you would like to know more, please contact Beverley Machin

RIPPINGDALE & DISTRICT WI

Goldsmith, Matt Powell of Crown Jewellers, Bourne, gave a fascinating talk on how he was trained by the Designer in Glasgow, after visiting London, showing his designs and asking for an Apprenticeship, then helping launch the family business. He now makes many pieces for top celebrities. During November members enjoyed visits to the Poppies at the Tower of London, a conducted tour of the BBC Studios in London and the Ballet in Nottingham. Due to much interest, a second Ipad class is being held. Christmas celebrations will be with the Ringstone Ringers at the December meeting. For further information, please contact Rebecca

RIPPINGDALE OIL CONSORTIUM

Oil price comparisons are usually posted on the village website the same day that Chandlers publish them, sometimes [but not always] within minutes of them being sent out. Chandlers E-mail out to subscribing customers the delivery price a day or so before the start of the group deliveries, and the members who have placed an order with Chandlers can cancel and place an 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 late EXCLUDING VAT:

Chandlers ROC	46.15	500+ ltrs	Delivered	5 November 2014
Chandlers [Web]	49.59	2000	Quote	“
Boiler Juice	46.45	1000	“	“
Fuel Fighter	46.49	1000	“	“
Home Fuels Direct	48.99	1000	“	“
Direct Oil	47.60	1000	“	“
Value Oils	55.00	1000	“	“

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

Useful telephone numbers: Chandlers Oil – 0845 20 20 10

Boiler Juice – 800 321 3275

Fuel Fighter – Online only

Home Fuels Direct – 01642 700 725

Direct Oil – 01666 511 245

Value Oils – 09058 890 100

VILLAGE WALKS

The next one will be on Sunday 21st December starting @ 10.15am at the Church in Sapperton. From Folkingham go to Pickworth, turn left in Pickworth and Sapperton is the next village. *Mike Exton*

WARTIME REMEMBRANCE IIN RIPPINGALE

A special evening on Saturday 1st November, told the stories of the 10 names on the Rippingale War Memorial [and two who should be, but aren't]. The stories, photographs and records were simply fascinating and showed how lives and names, simply carved in stone, can be rekindled. The evening featured a walk around an exhibition, followed by a talk from Jim Latham giving an update about our War Memorial, some of the problems we're having cleaning and refurbishing it with the individual stories about the lads on it – then some amazing new material like the German Prisoner of War camp in Rippingale. Villagers were then shown two stunning short documentary films from WW2 – a Spitfire PR9 crash-landing and the follow-up story, plus a German Me109 pilot refusing to shoot down a damaged Flying Fortress, instead escorting it safely back to England.

FEAST NEWS

THE MAGIC OF GLEN MULLER – A Great Night

The amazing sound of Glenn Miller's music, which echoed around Britain and the USA seventy years ago, was brought back to life on Saturday 8th November in Rippingale Village Hall, with the brilliant Miller Magic Band. The sound of this 15 piece band provided first class entertainment for a full hall of dancers and listeners – many of whom decided to come dressed in costume of the period. The "icing on the cake" was the delicious Wartime Supper of Victory Pie and Churchill's Crumble, prepared and served by the ladies from Rippingale & District WI. Definitely a night to remember! Proceeds from the evening will go towards funding Rippingale Feast 2015.

BURNS SUPPER & DANCE

Arrangements are well in hand for the Rippingale Burns Supper and Dance to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th January 2015. Doors open @ 7.00pm and the haggis will be piped in at 7.30pm. The traditional speeches and recitations will be followed by a full Highland Supper. A licensed bar is provided and the evening will be completed with dancing to a live Ceilidh Band. Formal or Highland Dress is required for this grand night and, once again, any proceeds from the evening will go towards financing next year's Feast. Tickets are £25 and can be booked by contacting Feast Chairman, Chris Petz. Tel: 440444 / 0793 711746 or chrissetz@aol.com

PROGRAMME DESIGNER REQUIRED

One of the features of Rippingale's Feast is the Annual, full colour programme delivered, free, to every household in the village. Preparation of the programme is not difficult as guidance from the printing company is provided, but it does take time. If there is someone out there who is a confident computer user and would be keen to spend some spare time designing the pages, please contact Chris Petz. Sadly, there is no payment but there will be immense satisfaction and pride in knowing you have made a contribution towards community life which will have been seen by every single householder!

AND FINALLY

A bit THANK YOU to the Distributors of the Newsletter who post it through your letter Box every month.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas with good health and happiness in 2015.

Mary Morgan, Editor

DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER MONDAY 15th DECEMBER 2015

Any items for the Group Magazine "Village Life"
As soon as possible please
mary-morgan@sky.com



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RIPPINGALE FEAST GROUP

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TO BE HELD ON

**SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2015
RIPPINGALE VILLAGE HALL**



7:00pm for 7:30pm

Dress Formal or Highland

Carriages 12:30am

Piping in the Haggis ❖ Full Supper

Live Band ❖ Licensed Bar

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